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THE STRATEGIC AUTONOMY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION: OBJECTIVES AND MEANS, PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS

10 DECEMBER 2018

Conference hall (second floor), Institute of Europe, Mokhovaya Street 11-3, Moscow

The Conference aims to contribute to elaboration of the common understandings of the content of the EU Global Strategy's main ambitious goal – to obtain a strategic autonomy to answer increasing challenges to European security, to be able «to promote peace and security within and beyond its borders». The EU Global Strategy insists the European foreign and security policy to be “outward- and forward-looking” and focused on strengthening partnerships while coping with super-powers as well as with increasingly fractured identities.

These issues, related to the EU “strategic autonomy”, require a comprehensive academic and expert examination in the context of evolving international relations and unstable European security landscape. The conference will bring together experts and officials from EU member-states and Russia, as well as their partner-countries. The conference will focus on political agenda priorities and critical points in reaching the EU's strategic autonomy goals, especially by raising dilemmas of their compatibility with strategic interests and motivations of other international players, notably Russia. The discussion on EU-Russia relations will be one of the key objectives, it will be aimed at exploring the ways and modalities to overcome the current European security crisis and decline of EU-Russia political relations.

PROGRAMME

10:00-10:30 **Registration & welcoming coffee**

10:30-13:00 **Welcoming remarks and introduction**

Session I: EU's Strategic autonomy objectives and prospects: impacts for European security and architecture

Moderator: **Alexey Gromyko**, RAS Corresponding Member; Director, Institute of Europe, RAS; President, AES

Speakers:

Andrey Kelin, Director, Department of European Cooperation, MFA of Russia

Sylvie Bermann, Ambassador of France to Russia

Rüdiger von Fritsch, Ambassador of Germany to Russia

Pasquale Q. Terracciano, Ambassador of Italy to Russia

Sergey Rogov, Academician, RAS; Head of Research, Institute for US and Canadian Studies, RAS

Fyodor Voytlovsky, RAS Corresponding Member, Director of IMEMO RAS

Andrea Margelletti, Chair, Ce.S.I. - Centre for International Studies, Rome

Vladimir Baranovskiy, Academician, RAS; Head of Research, Center for Situational Analysis Member of the Directorate, IMEMO RAS

Mikhail Rykhtik, Head, Theory of Politics and Communications Chair; Director, Institute of International Relations and World History, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod; Chair, AES Nizhny Novgorod Branch

First discussants: theses, interventions:

Vitaly Zhurkin, Elena Ananieva, Alexey Salomatin, Alexander Shumilin

13:00-14:00 **Buffet lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Session II: EU's integrated approach to conflicts: crisis management policy and practice**

Moderator: **Ville Brummer**, Programme Director, CMI, Helsinki

Speakers:

Miroslavs Mitrofanovs, Member of the European Parliament from Latvia, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Valery Garbuzov, Director, Institute for US and Canadian Studies, RAS

Alexander Nikitin, Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Security, MGIMO-University

Arkady Moshes, Programme Director, The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Arsen Kharatyan, Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Aliq Media, Yerevan

Andrii Yermolaiev, Director, Institute of Strategic Studies "New Ukraine", Kiev

Andrei Zagorski, Head of Department, Center for International Security, IMEMO RAS

Alla Akulshina, Director, Centre of International Projects and Programmes of International Cooperation Department, Voronezh State University; Chair, AES Voronezh Branch; AES Board Member

First discussants: theses, interventions:

Nataliya Maroz, Irina Kobrinskaya, Anna Arutunan, Igor Kruchkov, Lubov Fadeeva, Rustem Davletgildev, Vadim Karasyov, Igor Sherbak

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-18:00 **Session III: EU's partnerships and EU-Russia relations**

Moderator: **Dmitry Danilov**, Head, European Security Department, Institute of Europe, RAS; Professor, Chair of Integration Processes, MGIMO-University; AES Vice-President

Speakers:

Andrey Klimov, Deputy Chair, Federation Council Committee on Foreign Affairs

Antti Helanterä, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland in Russia

Nadezhda Arbatova, Head, European Political Studies Department, IMEMO RAS

Stanislav Secrieru, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

Petra Erler, Executive Managing Director, European Experience Company, Berlin

Tatiana Romanova; Assistant Professor, European Studies Chair, Saint Petersburg State University; Chair, AES Saint Petersburg Branch

Marek Menkiszak, Head, Russian Department, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw

Irina Abramova, RAS Corresponding Member; Director, Institute for African Studies, RAS

Mark Entin, Head of the Chair of European Law, MGIMO-University; Ambassador of Russia to Luxembourg (2012-2016)

First discussants: theses, interventions:

Galina Kaninskaya, Valery Mikhaylenko, Evgeny Pashentsev, Nicu Popescu

Concluding remarks

Cocktail reception

Working languages – English, Russian