



In Search of Lost Universalism

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30 year of Civic Education***

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Wednesday, 7 December

- 9.00 - 10.00** **Opening session:**
Lena Nemirovskaya, Founder, Moscow School of Civic Education
John Lloyd, Contributing Editor, The Financial Times, Author
Michael Sohlman, Co-chairperson, School of Civic Education
Ambassador Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven
- 10.00 - 10.30** **Keynote Address by** Jan Albrecht, *Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation*
- 10.30 - 11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.00 - 12.00** **Address by** Ralph Fücks, *Founder and Managing Director of the Center for Liberal Modernity*
Followed by discussion
Moderator: Barbara von Ow-Freytag, *Political scientist, International Relations Advisor for the Prague Civil Society Centre*
- 12.00 - 13.00** **Lunch**
- 13.00 - 14.30** **Panel I: Axial time**
In the midst of an ultimate crisis, it is time to defend a world order based on rule of law, moral principles and the power of universal values.
Panelists:
Yury Senokosov, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
Ambassador Piotr Switalski
Christopher Coker, *Director, Ideas, LSE*
Sylvie Kauffmann, *Journalist, Editorial Director, Le Monde*
Barbara von Ow-Freytag, *Political scientist, International Relations Advisor for the Prague Civil Society Centre*
Moderator: Mikhail Fishman
- 14.30 - 15.00** **Coffee break**
- 15.00 - 15.30** **Keynote Address by** Dominique Moisi, *Political Scientist, Writer, Co-founder and a Senior Advisor, IFRI*
- 15.30 - 17.00** **Panel II: Universalism vs. Geopolitics.**
Interdependence vs. Deglobalization.

Can Universalism fend off the threat of global authoritarianism pursuing a new world order based on geopolitics and spheres of influence? How can the weaponization of dependence be avoided to defend peace and equality? What is the future of global interdependence in the wake of modern economic war and sanctions?

Panelists:

Kadri Liik, *Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations*
Vasily Zharkov, *Dean of Political Studies faculty at the Moscow School of Social & Economic Sciences*

Robert Skidelsky, *Economist, Historian, House of Lords, UK Parliament*
Torbjörn Becker, *Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics TBC*

Moderator:

Bobo Lo, *Independent analyst, Associate Fellow with IFRI, Non-Resident Fellow with the Lowy Institute*

17.00 - 17.30 Coffee break

17.30 - 19.00 Panel III: Universality of Human Rights

How to defend the principle of universal human rights enshrined in the UDHR against claims that they are a “Western” invention which do not suit other cultures?

Panelists:

Nils Muižnieks, *Regional Director for Europe, Amnesty International TBC*
Irina Scherbakowa, *Historian, Founding Member of Memorial*

Elena Zhemkova, *Executive Director, Memorial Human Rights Center*
Sergey Lukashevsky, *Director of the Sakharov Center in Moscow, Member, Moscow Helsinki Group TBC*

Mikhail Savva, *Center for Civic Liberties*

Moderator:

Walter Kaufmann, *Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung*

19.30 Gala Dinner

Thursday, 8 December

9.00 - 9.45 On the *We, The People's* Campaign

***We The Peoples* campaign for inclusive global governance initiated by Democracy Without Borders in collaboration with the Coalition for the UN**

We Need and Democracy International as an opportunity to discuss an inclusive effort of civil society and international organizations like the UN to confront the challenges of today's world.

Andreas Bummel, *Co-founder and Director, Democracy Without Borders*

Moderator:

Inna Berezkina, *School of Civic Education*

9.45 - 10.00 Break

10.00 - 11.30 Panel IV: Journalism vs. Tyranny

"I am convinced that international confidence, disarmament, and international security are inconceivable without an open society with freedom of information, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech", - Andrei Sakharov, a citizen of the world, in new times of war and repression.

Panelists:

Andrey Soldatov, *Investigative Journalist, Co-founder, www.agentura.ru*

Irina Borogan, *Investigative Journalist, Co-founder, www.agentura.ru*

Daniel Broessler, *Political Editor, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Berlin*

Pilar Bonet, *Journalist, El País*

Natalie Nougayrède, *Columnist, Leader Writer and Editor, The Guardian*

Moderator:

Kirill Martynov, *Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta Europe*

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 Panel VI: Universalism vs. Relativism

Can universal values be defended against the deeper threat of relativism and denial of historical truth? Are there only "narratives" instead of truths? Can basic values be upheld amid the complex realities shaping social awareness in the 21st century?

Panelists:

Michael Mertes, *German Chief Officer, Author*

Sergey Lagodinsky, *MEP*

Shelby Coffey, *Senior Fellow of the Freedom Forum, Trustee Newseum in Washington, D.C.*

Ekaterina Schulmann, *Political Scientist*

Moderator:

Mikhail Minakov, *Senior Fellow, Kennan Institute*

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

- 14.30 - 16.00** **Voices of the School I - Russian Civil Society Making a Difference amid War and Repression**
Anti-War Projects by School's Alumni
- 16.00 - 16.30** **Coffee break**
- 16.30 - 17.30** **Voices of the School II**
30 Years of Civic Education
Panelists:
Matjaž Gruden, *Director of Democratic Participation at the CoE TBC*
Sonja Licht, *President of the Foreign Policy Council at the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
Armaz Akhvlediani, *MP, Director, Tbilisi School of Political Studies*
Despina Syrri, *Founder of the Symβiosis-School of Political Studies in Greece*
Armen Zakharyan, *Founder, Armenian School of Political Studies*
Moderator:
Vladimir Ryzhkov *TBC*
- 17.30 - 18.00** **Address by** Klaus Mertes, *SJ, School Leader and Author*
- 18.00 - 18.30** **Closing Remarks:**
Yury Senokosov, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
Lena Nemirovskaya, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
- 19.00** **Dinner**

Guests and Key Speakers:

Armaz Akhvlediani (Georgia)	MP, Director, Tbilisi School of Political Studies
Jan Albrecht (Germany)	Co-president, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Viktoras Bachmetjevas (Lithuania)	Associate Professor, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas
Torbjörn Becker (Sweden)	Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics
Helge Blakkisrud (Norway)	NUPI, University of Oslo
Gianpietro Borghini (Italy)	Journalist, Mayor of Milano (1992-1993)
Irina Borogan (Russia)	Investigative Journalist, Co-founder, www.agentura.ru , Co-author of the book <i>The Compatriots: The Brutal and Chaotic History of Russia's Exiles, Émigrés, and Agents Abroad</i>
Pilar Bonet (Spain)	Correspondent, <i>El País</i>
Daniel Brössler (Germany)	Editor, <i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i>
Andreas Bummel (Germany)	Co-founder and Director, <i>Democracy Without Borders</i> and of the International Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly.
Shelby Coffey (USA)	Senior fellow of the Freedom Forum and a trustee of the Newseum in Washington, D.C.
Daniel Dettling (Germany)	Head, <i>Berlin office of the Zukunftsinstitut</i> , Managing Partner, Institute for Future Policy
Ivana Dragicevic (Serbia)	Executive Producer International News, N1 News Channel, Alumna, Moscow School of Political Studies

Mikhail Fishman (Russia)	Journalist, Author, Producer of the film <i>The Man Who Was Too Free</i>
Ralph Fücks (Germany)	Founder and Managing Director of the Center for Liberal Modernity
Toby Trister Gati (USA)	United States Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research (1993 to 1997), President of TTG Global LLC
Matjaž Gruden (Council of Europe)	Director of Democratic Participation at the Council of Europe
Jack Hanning (Council of Europe)	Secretary General, Association of Schools of Political Studies
Stefanie Harter (Council of Europe)	Head, Wien Büro, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
Sylvie Kauffmann (France)	Journalist, Editorial Director, <i>Le Monde</i>
Walter Kaufmann (Germany)	Head of East & Southeast Europe Division, <i>The Heinrich Böll Foundation</i>
Sergei Koshman TBC (Ukraine)	Political analyst
Fedor Krasheninnikov (Russia)	Political analyst
Sergei Lagodinsky (Germany)	MEP, Chair, Delegation to the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee, Vice-Chair, Committee on Legal Affairs, Member, Conference of Delegation Chairs, Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly
Paulina Lavrova (Ukraine)	Founder and Head, Publishing House <i>Laurus</i>
Marcia Levy	Judge

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(Germany) Germany Ambassador to Poland (2020-2022), Germany Ambassador to Czech Republic (2014-2018)

Sergey Lukashevsky
(Russia) TBC Director of the Sakharov Center in Moscow, Member, Moscow Helsinki Group

Klaus Mertes
(Germany) Priest, Author

Michael Mertes
(Germany) Author, Political advisor to Chancellor Helmut Kohl (1987 -1998)

Mikhail Minakov
(Ukraine) Senior Fellow, Kennan Institute; Editor-in-chief, *Kennan Focus Ukraine*, Author

Dominique Moisi
(France) Political Scientist, Writer, Co-founder and a Senior Advisor of the Paris-based IFRI, Institut Français des Relations Internationales

Alexander Morozov
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Natalie Nougayrède (France)	Columnist, Leader Writer and Editor, <i>The Guardian</i>
Barbara von Ow-Freytag (Germany)	Political scientist, International Relations Advisor for the Prague Civil Society Centre
Diana Pinto (France)	Historian, Writer
Kirill Rogov (Russia)	Political Analyst, Vice-president of Liberal Mission Foundation, Director of Research and Expertise Program
Jacek Rostowski (Poland - UK)	Economist, Politician, Academic, Former Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland
Vladimir Ryzhkov (Russia) TBC	Politician, Alumni, Moscow School of Political Studies
Mikhail Savva (Russia-Ukraine)	Political Scientist, Specialist in the Examination of Political Motives of Criminal Prosecution and Project Evaluation
Irina Scherbakowa (Russia)	Historian, Founding Member of Memorial
Yury Senokosov (Russia)	Founder, <i>Moscow School of Civic Education</i>
Sławomir Sierakowski (Poland) TBC	Head, <i>Krytyka Polityczna</i> , Director, Institute for Advanced Study in Warsaw
Ekaterina Schulmann (Russia)	Political Scientist
Robert Skidelsky	Economist, Historian, House of Lords, UK Parliament

(United Kingdom)

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(Sweden)

Chairman, *Swedish Institute for Foreign Policy*;
Member, *Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences*; Executive Director,
Nobel Foundation (1992 to 2011)

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Diplomat, Permanent Representative of Poland to the Council of Europe (2005–2010), Ambassador of the European Union to Armenia (2015–2019)

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