

## 5TH ANNUAL HELSINKI SUMMER SESSION

# US AND RUSSIA: CONFLICTING OR CONVERGING VIEWS ON THE NEW GLOBAL ORDER?

On Tuesday 21 August, 2018 at 9:00–11:00  
At the Seminar Hall  
Arkadiankatu 23, entrance H (inner courtyard), Helsinki

Before the election of Donald Trump, the views of the US and Russia seemed to be permanently in conflict concerning the post-Cold War international order. Russia wanted to replace the US-led system with a more equal balance of power between the great powers. Due to the lack of recognition for its demands, Russia acted destructively and violated systematically key international norms and agreements. Trump's presidency has seen increasing similarities in Moscow's and Washington's (or at least Putin's and Trump's) views on the global order. Power politics and national interests now take a key role at the expense of multilateral structures and cooperative security. At the same time, the domestic controversies in the US on Russia weaken Trump's ability to deepen this strategic relationship.

What are now the possibilities of utilizing the degree of consensus that exists between Trump and Putin, and what are the key terms of a possible deal or compromise between them? What are the implications of the changing US-Russia relationship for Europe, and how is Trump's policy seen from the Russian point-of-view?

This year's Helsinki Summer Session is organized in conjunction with FIIA's ongoing research project entitled '*Changing great power politics and its implications for Finland*'. The project is part of the implementation of the Finnish **Government Plan for Analysis, Assessment and Research** activities for 2018.

*Speakers:* **Andrey Kortunov**, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

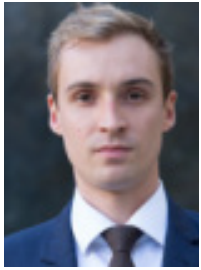
**Heather A. Conley**, Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic; and Director, Europe Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)

**Mark N. Katz**, Professor, George Mason University; and Visiting Senior Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

**David Cadier**, Researcher, Centre De Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po

*Chair:* **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

## Biographies



**David Cadier** is a researcher in EU foreign policy at CERI-Sciences Po since March 2018. He is also an Associate at London School of Economics IDEAS and a Future World Fellow at the Centre for the Governance of Change (IE University). His research focuses mainly on EU-Russia relations and EU member states' foreign policies (especially Poland, Czech Republic and France). From 2012 to 2015, he was a Teaching Fellow at the London School of Economics. Cadier has also taught as Adjunct Lecturer at IE University in Madrid (2018), Sciences Po Lille (2012) and Charles University in Prague (2009). From November 2015 to November 2017, Cadier was awarded a TAPIR Fellowship for his research project analyzing comparatively EU member states' policies towards Russia. In this capacity and, prior, during his doctoral studies, he has held visiting positions at various universities and policy research centers. He obtained his Phd in Political Science and International Relations from Sciences Po (CERI) in 2012.



**Heather A. Conley** is senior vice president for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and director of the Europe Program at CSIS. Prior to joining CSIS in 2009, she served as executive director of the Office of the Chairman of the Board at the American National Red Cross. From 2001 to 2005, she served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for U.S. bilateral relations with the countries of northern and central Europe. From 1994 to 2001, she was a senior associate with an international consulting firm led by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard L. Armitage. Ms. Conley began her career in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She was selected to serve as special assistant to the coordinator of U.S. assistance to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Ms. Conley is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arctic and is frequently featured as a foreign policy analyst in the media.



**Mark N. Katz** is a professor of government and politics at the George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government. He was as a Senior Visiting Fellow at FIIA in April-September 2017. He has previously been a visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution, the Wilson Center's Kennan Institute, the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (Riyadh), the Hokkaido University Slavic Research Center, the Higher School of Economics (Moscow), the Middle East Policy Council, and the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington. He writes mainly on American and on Russian foreign policy, especially toward the Middle East. He has a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs.



**Andrey Kortunov** is the Director General of RIAC since 2011. He is a member of expert and supervisory committees and boards of trustees of several Russian and international organizations. His academic interests include contemporary international relations and Russian foreign policy. Kortunov graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and completed his postgraduate studies at the Institute for U.S. and Canada Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences. He holds a PhD in History. In 1982-1995, Dr Kortunov held various positions in the Institute for U.S. and Canada Studies, including Deputy Director. He has taught at universities around the world, and led several public organizations involved in higher education, social sciences and social development.



**Teija Tiilikainen** is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). Previously, Dr. Tiilikainen was the Director of the Network of European Studies at the University of Helsinki (2003-2009). She has also served as Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. Dr. Tiilikainen was the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Finland in the Convention on the Future of Europe in 2002-2003. Currently, she is also Editor-in-Chief of *Ulkopolitiikka* - the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs.