

5TH ANNUAL HELSINKI SUMMER SESSION SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY AT THE CORE OF US–RUSSIAN RELATIONS

On Wednesday 22 August, 2018 at 14:00–16:00
At the Seminar Hall
Arkadiankatu 23, entrance H (inner courtyard), Helsinki

Tensions between the US and Russia have recently increased in several regional contexts from the Middle East to the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea. The US has been watching with growing concern Russian actions along its European border and in Syria. For its part, Russia has been critical of NATO's role in Moscow's neighbourhood. Disagreements over arms control treaties and direct violations of them have increased distrust in an environment where the significance of nuclear weapons is growing. What are the possibilities to relieve tensions and construct a common approach towards strategic issues? How do the changing great power constellations and the new military ambitiousness of China affect US–Russian relations?

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: **Viktoriya Zhuravleva**, Head of Center for North American Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO)

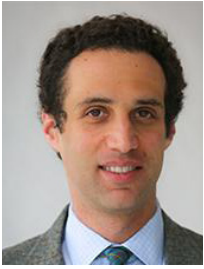
James Sherr, Associate Fellow, Russia & Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Jeffrey Mankoff, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Russia & Eurasia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Chair: **Mika Aaltola**, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

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Jeffrey Mankoff is deputy director and senior fellow with the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program. He is the author of *Russian Foreign Policy: The Return of Great Power Politics* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009) and a frequent commentator on international security, Russian foreign policy, regional security in the Caucasus and Central Asia, ethnic conflict, and energy security. Before coming to CSIS, he served as an adviser on U.S.-Russia relations at the U.S. Department of State as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow. From 2008 to 2010, he was associate director of International Security Studies at Yale University and an adjunct fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. In addition to his policy research, Dr Mankoff teaches courses on international security and Central Asia at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Dr Mankoff has held academic fellowships at Harvard, Yale, and Moscow State Universities. He holds dual B.A.s in international studies and Russian from the University of Oklahoma and an M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in diplomatic history from Yale.



James Sherr is an associate fellow and former head of the Russia and Eurasia programme (2008-11). His areas of expertise include foreign and security policy of the Russian Federation; Ukraine; NATO/EU Enlargement and the Black Sea Region; security sector reform in post-Communist states; and the energy relationship between Russia, Ukraine and the EU. He was a member of the Social Studies Faculty of Oxford University from 1993 to 2012; a fellow of the Conflict Studies Research Centre of the UK Ministry of Defence from 1995 to 2008; and director of studies of the Royal United Services Institute (1983-85). He has published extensively on Soviet and Russian military, security and foreign policy, as well as energy security, the Black Sea region and Ukraine's effort to deal with Russia, the West and its own domestic problems.



Viktoriya Zhuravleva is the Head of the Center for North American Studies at the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) in Moscow. She is also a Professor at the School of World Politics of the State Academic University for Humanities in Moscow. Her research focuses on US domestic policy and Russia-America relations, as well as ideologies, political cultures and global leadership. She received her Ph.D. from the Institute of USA and Canada, Russian Academy of Science in Moscow.



Mika Aaltola is the Programme Director of the Global Security research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His areas of expertise are US foreign and domestic policies as well as the international system and major-power relations. Dr Aaltola is a visiting professor at the Tallinn University since 2011 and he holds the rank of docent from the University of Tampere. He has been a visiting researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (fall 2013) and at the CERIS Po (fall 2011). He obtained his PhD in social sciences from the University of Tampere.