

THE RETURN OF GLOBAL RUSSIA: MOSCOW'S APPROACH TO MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS

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The end of the Cold War did not bring with it the end of history. Despite Russia's brief retreat from the world stage, the country has recently bounced back with vengeance. The Russo-Georgian War, annexation of Crimea and mobilization in the Middle East have eroded Europe's post-Cold War security order. Russia's more assertive presence is also reflected in its approach to global governance. Russia uses multilateral institutions to further its objective of creating a multipolar world with a more prominent role for itself. Moscow seeks to undermine the Western-led international order by exploiting its divisions and by prioritizing state sovereignty over liberal institutions and human rights. Russia is likely to chip away at the liberal, rules-based international system and reshape the global order to better suit its interests.

How does Russia's long-standing drive towards multi-polarity impact its approach to multilateral international institutions, such as OSCE and the United Nations? How are Russia and China shaping the agendas of multilateral institutions as the Western leadership falters? How does Russia exert its influence in these organizations to limit the scope for Western action on key security or humanitarian issues? What implications does Russia's approach to global governance have for Finland, Europe, and the trans-Atlantic Community?

Welcoming remarks: **Mika Aaltola**, Director, FIIA

Speakers: **Andrew S. Weiss**, Vice President for studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Philip Remler, Nonresident Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Maxim Samorukov, Fellow, Carnegie Moscow Center

Comments: **Hiski Haukkala**, Professor of International Relations, Tampere University

Hannu Kyröläinen, Senior Specialist on Security Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Chair: **Jussi Lassila**, Senior Research Fellow, FIIA

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Mika Aaltola is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and Editor-in-Chief of *Ulkopolitiikka* – the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs. Previously, Dr Aaltola worked as the Programme Director of the Global Security research programme at FIIA (2011–2019). His areas of expertise include US foreign and domestic policies as well as the international system and major-power relations. Aaltola is a professor (part-time) at the Tallinn University since 2012 and holds the rank of docent at the University of Tampere. He acted as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota (2006–2008) and as visiting fellow at Cambridge University in 1997. Aaltola has also been a visiting researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (fall 2013) and at the CERI Sciences Po (fall 2010). He obtained his PhD in social sciences from the University of Tampere in 1999.



Andrew S. Weiss is the James Family Chair and vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment, where he oversees research in Washington and Moscow on Russia and Eurasia. Prior to joining Carnegie, he was director of the RAND Corporation's Center for Russia and Eurasia and executive director of the RAND Business Leaders Forum. He previously served as director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs on the National Security Council staff, as a member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, and as a policy assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy during the administrations of Presidents Bill Clinton and George H. W. Bush.



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Jussi Lassila works as a Senior Research Fellow in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme of the FIIA. His recent publications include *After the election of no alternatives: The Kremlin's domestic political challenges from 2018 onwards* (FIIA Working paper 101) and a co-edited and co-authored volume *War and memory in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus* (Palgrave Macmillan 2017). He has published widely on issues related to Russian domestic politics, in particular identity politics, nationalism, populism and political communication. Lassila has published, for instance, the monograph *The Quest for an Ideal Youth in Putin's Russia II: The Search for Distinctive Conformism in the Political Communication of Nashi, 2005–2009* (2012; 2nd revised ed. 2014) and contributed to numerous journals and collected volumes.