



## EUREN-RIAC Cooperation

# Engaging Policy Makers with the Academia:

## Roundtable on The Routledge Handbook of EU – Russia Relations

**14:30-17:10 (Moscow time)/**

**12:30-15:10 (Brussels time) via Zoom**

In July 2021, the “Routledge Handbook of EU-Russia Relations” was published, a comprehensive academic publication edited by EUREN members Tatiana Romanova and Maxine David. The book brings together Russian and Western scholars, many of whom are also EUREN members, who cover the multifaceted relationship between Moscow and Brussels in 40 chapters. It aims to promote dialogue between the different research agendas in EU-Russia relations as well as between Russian and Western scholars and, hopefully, also between civil societies.

The link between academic research and the foreign policy practice is not straightforward. Practitioners have to make decisions under time constraints and often in reaction to ongoing developments. At the

same time, academic work can provide a crucial foundation for foreign policy, e.g. by guiding longer-term strategizing and for the reflection of day-to-day decision-making. This makes the exchange between academia, think tanks and policy-makers crucial.

Which role can the “Handbook on EU-Russia relations” play for foreign policy practitioners? How can the discourse between policy-makers and academia be fostered? How can academic input facilitate dialogue and cooperation between Russia and EU in fields such as energy, security policy and regional relations? During this event, these questions will be discussed with the authors of selected chapters of the Handbook.

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## 14:30 Welcoming remarks

**Ivan Timofeev:** RIAC, Moscow

**Tatiana Romanova:** St. Petersburg State University

**Janis Kluge:** SWP, Berlin

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## 14:45 From Theory to Practice

**Petr Kratochvil:** Institute of International Relations, Prague

*Author of "Constructivism in the Study of the EU – Russia Relations"*

**Larisa Deriglasova:** Tomsk State University

*Author of "Building Trust through Academic Cooperation?"*

**Discussant: Alexander Gusarov:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

**Chair: Tatiana Romanova:** St. Petersburg State University

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## 15:15 Q&A and discussion

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## 15:30 Looking for Areas of Constructive Relations

**Irina Kustova:** CEPS, Brussels

*Author of "EU – Russia energy relations"*

**Dmitry Danilov:** RAS, MGIMO, Moscow

*Author of "The political and security relationship"*

**Discussant: Michael Siebert:** European External Action Service, Brussels

**Chair: Janis Kluge:** SWP, Berlin

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## 16:00 Q&A and discussion

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## 16:15 Going Global, Going Regional.

**Sergey Utkin:** IMEMO, Moscow

*Author of "Unrealized Potential: the EU and Russia in Regional Multilateral Institutions"*

**Larisa Deriglasova:** Tomsk State University

*Author of "From a Common to a Contested Neighborhood: Connecting Levels of Analysis in EU – Russia Relations?"*

**Discussant: Elena Danilova:** Eurasian Economic Commission, Moscow

**Chair: Ivan Timofeev:** RIAC, Moscow

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## 16:45 Q&A and discussion

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## 17:00 Closing remarks

**Ivan Timofeev:** RIAC, Moscow

**Tatiana Romanova:** St. Petersburg State University

**Janis Kluge:** SWP, Berlin

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