

In Search of Lost Universalism

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Two things are important in life – purpose and meaning; however, citizenship and public welfare simply provide the necessary conditions for them. If one thinks about this properly, a modern civic society isn't the worst place we can live our lives in, as long as the will to improve our way of life has not been extinguished.

Ralf Dahrendorf

About the Forum

The Association of Schools of Political Studies, at the initiative of the Moscow School of Civic Education, is organizing a major civic forum in Berlin on the 28th – 29th of October. It marks the beginning of a mission: to spread the ideals and practice of the Moscow School – the ideals of a civic society, the practice of discussing and teaching them, so that what Jean Monnet called “a civilized state of mind” is made more possible.

The Moscow School of Political Studies was founded in 1992, the idea of two people: Lena Nemirovskaya and her husband Yury Senokossov. Launched as the Soviet Union collapsed, and with the support of (among others) the Council of Europe, it has for nearly a quarter of a century built a centre for learning, debate and publication.

In that time, thousands of Russian and other former Soviet citizens have attended seminars in Moscow, Russian regions, countries of Europe and the USA; hundreds of experts, Russian and foreign, have come to the school to speak and learn; and the School has been recognised internationally – with awards from the Council of Europe, France, Germany, Poland, Russia, Sweden and the UK – both to the School, and personally to Lena Nemirovskaya.

In that past quarter of a century, over twenty schools modeled on the MSCE have been established in different countries.

The Moscow School has – with many other civic organizations in Russia since the end of the Soviet Union – sought to help embed civic values and concepts into the Russian society. Its experience should now be tested in the larger world: a world in which both authoritarian rule, and a fading belief in the public virtues of human civilization, call for the active intervention of citizens.

The Berlin forum starts from the presumption that there are many cultures – but one civilization based on human rights, freedom, the rule of law and democracy. That civilization needs to be constantly refreshed by conscious action and projects.

After the destruction of the Second World War, citizens in Europe and around the world initiated the creation of important new international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. A universal perception of justice emerged, reflected in key international documents such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Charter of the Council of Europe, and the European Convention on Human Rights.

In the following decade, this universal energy and civic spirit became embodied in the 1955 Russell-Einstein Manifesto, which laid the foundation in 1957 for the Pugwash movement. The Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs is still active today as a forum for scientists working for peace. The Manifesto also led to the Non-Aligned Movement (1961) and to the formation in 1968 of the Club of Rome, also concerned with global problems. Its ethos underpins the Helsinki Final Act at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (1975), the signing of the Maastricht Treaty (1992) and the establishment of the Council of Europe’s Commissioner for Human Rights in 1999.

The Berlin forum is designed to rejuvenate the spirit of global civics. Russia is today increasingly seen by many in the world through the lens of the cold war. But it is more than that. It is a different and proud culture; but millions of Russians yearn to be part of a common civilization.

We invite you to be part of that project.



Wednesday, October 28th

Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Straße 32

9.45–10.30 Opening

Atje Drexler
Matjaž Gruden
Lena Nemirovskaya

10.30–11.00 Keynote address: Catherine Lalumière

11.00–11.30 Keynote address: Yury Senokossov
“Many cultures, one civilization”

11.30–12.00 Keynote address: Frank-Walter Steinmeier

12.00–12.30 Coffee-break

12.30–14.30 Opening panels: Ivan Krastev

Panel 1. Civilization: universal values
Hakan Altınay, Sonja Licht, Michael Mertes,
Sergei Lagodinsky, John Lloyd, Kirill Rogov
Moderators: Yulia Taratuta, Mikhail Fishman

14.30–16.00 Lunch

16.00–18.00 Panel 2. Civilization: global interests

Emil Pain, Bobo Lo, Christopher Coker,
Vladislav Inozemtsev, Thomas Gomart, Quentin Peel
Moderator: Sylke Tempel

18.00 Press-conference for journalists

Moderator: Vitaly Dymarsky

Thursday, October 29th

Robert Bosch Stiftung, Französische Straße 32

10.00–12.00 Round tables

Panel: How the world is changing

Alexander Arkhangelsky, Sylvie Kauffmann,
Pilar Bonet, Andrzej Szeptycki

Panel: History and memory

Sylke Tempel, Irina Scherbakova, Jutta Scherrer
Maxim Trudolyubov, Diana Pinto

Panel: Media and propaganda

John Lloyd, Kirill Rogov, Andrey Kolesnikov,
Floriana Fossato

Panel: Democracy and civic education

Alexander Sogomonov, Nikolay Petrov,
Daniel Dettling, Jack Hanning

12.00–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.00 Round tables resume

15.00–16.00 Closing

16.30 Musical performance and dinner

Ethno-jazz band “Iriao”
Hotel Titanic Deluxe, Französische Straße 30

Key speakers

Hakan Altınay (Turkey) President of the Global Civics Academy

Alexander Arkhangelsky (Russia) Journalist, writer

Pilar Bonet (Spain) Correspondent, *El País*

Christopher Coker (United Kingdom) Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Head of Department

Daniel Dettling (Germany) Head, *Zukunftspolitik*

Atje Drexler (Germany) Head of Department of International Relations Europe and its Neighbours, Robert Bosch Stiftung

Vitaly Dymarsky (Russia) Lead editor of Echo of Petersburg

Mikhail Fishman (Russia) Journalist, Internet TV “Rain” anchor

Floriana Fossato (United Kingdom) Independent Russian media expert, School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (SSEES) at University College London

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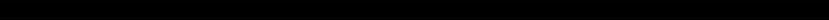
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Notes



Enlightenment is man's emergence from his self-imposed nonage. Nonage is the inability to use one's own understanding without another's guidance. This nonage is self-imposed if its cause lies not in lack of understanding but in indecision and lack of courage to use one's own mind without another's guidance. *Sapere aude!* "Have the courage to use your own understanding", is therefore the motto of the enlightenment.

Immanuel Kant "Answering the Question: What Is Enlightenment?"

