

Russia and China in the Global World



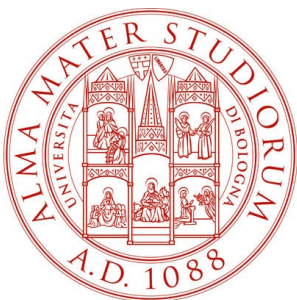
State and Society: Between Internal Dynamics and External Projections

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The Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna, based in Forlì, launched the 3-years (2015-17) project “Russia and China in the Global World. State and Society: Between internal dynamics and external projections”.

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The research is focused on the evolution of the contemporary political debates and courses in the Russian Federation and China. By means of a dynamic and culturally oriented approach, the researchers dealt with the processes which have led to political transformation and consensus-

building strategies put in place in the recent years. The researchers analysed the patterns and origins of the currently dominating political orientations in Russia and China through the lens of the main cultural parameters and geopolitics. The analysis gave rise to a new understanding of the phenomenon, bringing together the elements of different fields of research. Through the results of the research, it is possible to highlight the effects of the contemporary Russian and Chinese political discourses on the national, regional and international political systems. The first results of the research are going to be officially presented in a preliminary meeting which will be held in Forlì on January 23-24, 2017.

Programme:

January 23

10.00 am

Introduction

Prof. Stefano Bianchini and Prof. Antonio Fiori

Reshaping Power in a Global World. Hybrid Systems and Dynamics of Change in Russia and China

I. First Session: Values and Identities in Hybrid Systems

- Privitera – *From the USSR Dismemberment to the Ukrainian Crisis: Self-Determination and Sovereignty in the post-Soviet Space*
- Balboni – *Framing Human Rights in Russia and ‘Asian Values’ in China*
- Puleri – *In Search of “New Roots”: Neo-Conservatorism, Modernization and Benchmark Values under Putin*
- Passeri – *State Nationalism, Identities under Transformation and Foreign Policy Choices in China*
- Dian – *China’s Evolving Approach towards Regionalization Processes*

II. *Second Session: 'Strong States' and the Rise of Hybrid Systems*

- Brizzi – *Between Eltsin and Putin: Towards a 'Sovereign Democracy'. A Diachronic Study of Political Reforms in Russia*
- Zaznaev – *Presidential Powers and Strong State Perspectives in Russia*
- Fiori – *A Diachronic Study of Political Reforms in China*
- Mingjiang Li – *Building a New Leadership. Strong State Perspectives in China*

III. *Third Session: Managing Hybrid Systems*

- Mulè – *Envisioning the Russian Welfare State Model: Gender and Job Market Perspectives*
- Natali – *Education Policies in Russia and China as examples of investment in human capital*
- Sakaev – *Migration flows between Russia and China and their Legal and Social Implications*
- Ekaterina Schulmann – *Imitating Civil Society. Fakes, Simulacrums and Surrogates as instruments of state control in Russia*
- Yongshun Cai – *State and Social conflicts in China*

January 24

10:00 am

Introduction

Prof. Stefano Bianchini and Prof. Antonio Fiori

Shifting Boundaries in a Global World. Russia and China at the Crossroads between Regional and International Projections

I. First Session: Globalization and Modernization: New Boundaries for Russia and China?

- Baroncelli – *Global Shocks, Regional Conflicts, and the Quest for the Stable Prosperity: Which Way Forward for China and Russia?*
- Tkachenko – *BRICS and Development Alternatives: Russia and China*
- Yarashevich – *Russia and the Eurasian Economic Union at the Continental Crossroads between Europe and China*
- Suisheng Zhao – *Modernization in China*
- Mironov – *Medvedev and the Modernization Process in Russia*
- Scotoni – *The Eurasian Alternative: The Russian-Chinese partnership in military politics and Russia's new defense doctrine*

II. Second Session: China and Russia in the Changing World: Opportunities and Sources of Competition

- Lucarelli – *China, Russia and the U.S. Foreign Policy*
- Pallotti – *Africa's Ties with Russia and China*
- Fiori – *China and Russia in Central Asia: Competition or Cooperation?*
- Passeri – *China, Russia and Southeast Asia*
- Trentin – *Russia and China in the Middle East.*

III. Third Session: China, Russia and the EU: Perspectives and Developments

- Laschi – *An Historical Approach to CEE/EU Relations with China and Russia*
- Puleri – *Post-Soviet Integration (or European Dis-integration). Russia in dialogue with Europe/s*
- Kozyrev - *Looking at EU from the Russian and Chinese Perspectives*
- Borraccetti – *Human Trafficking between EU, Russia and China*
- Bianchini – *Russia's Modernization, the Eastern Partnership and the Political Challenges of the Eurasian Union project*

Other participants and discussants: Dr. Mikhail Shulman, Prof. Guido Samarani.