

The School of Political Sciences at the University of Bologna (Forlì Campus) launched the 3-years (2015-17) project “Russia and China in the Global World. State and Society: Between Internal Dynamics and External Projections”.

The project is focused on the intense interaction between internal politics and external projections in Russia and China, aiming to understand the profound changes which affected the two countries. By means of a dynamic and culturally oriented approach, 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.

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.

*Cover Illustration:*

*John Tallis (1851), Tibet, Mongolia and Manchuria. The Map Drawn and Engraved by J. Rapkin*

The results of the project will be presented on the occasion of the final conference on December 14-15, 2017. The members of the international research group will gather together at the University of Bologna for a 2 days event to reflect upon new analytical approaches to the complex relationship between internal dynamics and external projections in Russia and China.

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# Russia and China in the Global World

State and Society: Between Internal  
Dynamics and External Projections

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**December 14, 2017**

*09:30 - Opening Remarks from invited authorities*

Stefano Bianchini  
Antonio Fiori

*10:00 - Keynote Speech*

Micheal Leigh - *Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund*

**10:50 First Session - Reshaping Power in a Global World. Values and Identities in Hybrid Systems**

Francesco Privitera – *From the USSR Dismemberment to the Ukrainian Crisis: Self-Determination and Sovereignty in the post-Soviet Space*

Marco Puleri – *In Search of “New Roots”: Neo-Conservatorism and Ideological Benchmarks under Putin*

Andrea Passeri – *State Nationalism, Identities under Transformation and Foreign Policy Choices in China*

Marco Ballboni, Carmelo Danisi – *Human Rights in Russia and China*

Matteo Dian – *China’s Evolving Approach to Regionalism*

**14:30 Second Session - ‘Strong States’ and the Rise of Hybrid Systems**

Oleg Zaznaev – *Presidential Powers and Strong State Perspectives in Russia*

Antonio Fiori – *A Diachronic Study of Political Reforms in China*

Mingjiang Li – *Building a New Leadership. Strong State Perspectives in China*

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**16:30 Third Session - Managing Hybrid Systems**

Rosa Mulè, Olga Dubrovina – *Envisioning the Russian Welfare State Model: The New Political Economy of Gender and the Labour Market*

Vasil 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*

**December 15, 2017**

**09:30 First Session - Globalization and Development Alternatives: New Boundaries for Russia and China?**

Eugenia Baroncelli – *Global Shocks, Regional Conflicts, and the Quest for the Stable Prosperity: Which Way Forward for China and Russia?*

Stanislav Tkachenko – *BRICS and Development Alternatives: Russia and China*

Giorgio Scotoni – *The Eurasian Alternative: The Russian-Chinese partnership in military politics and Russia’s new defense doctrine*

**11:20 Second Session - China and Russia in the Changing World: Opportunities and Sources of Competition**

Sonia Lucarelli, Nicolò Fasola – *NATO-Russia relation through the prism of strategic culture*

Arrigo Pallotti – *Tanzania and China*

Antonio Fiori – *China and Russia in Central Asia: Competition or Cooperation?*

Andrea Passeri – *China, Russia and Southeast Asia*

Massimiliano Trentin – *The Convergence of Differences. Russia and China in the Middle and North Africa*

**15:00 Third Session - Modernization in Russia and China**

Viachaslau Yarashevich – *Russia and the Eurasian Economic Union at the Continental Crossroads between Europe and China*

Suisheng Zhao – *Modernization in China*

Evgeny Mironov – *Medvedev and the Modernization Process in Russia*

**16:50 Fourth Session - China, Russia and the EU: Perspectives and Developments**

Giuliana Laschi – *An Historical Approach to CEE/EU Relations with China and Russia*

Marco Puleri – *Post-Soviet Integration (or European Dis-integration). Russia in dialogue with Europe/s*

Vitaly Kozyrev - *Looking at EU from the Russian and Chinese Perspectives*

Marco Borraccetti – *Human Trafficking between EU, Russia and China*

Stefano Bianchini – *Avoiding the Trap of Marginalization. The Reshaping of the Russian Trajectory in a Fluid Global World*