

UNDERSTANDING RUSSIA

A tryout for the European Union

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- 09.45 **WELCOME**
Michael Ehrke, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Jordi Bacaria, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona
Charles Powell, Director, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid
- 10.00 **THE NATURE OF THE RUSSIAN STATE: WHAT IS PUTIN'S REGIME ABOUT?**
Chair: **Nicolás de Pedro**, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona
Andrey Makarychev, Guest professor of International Relations, Institute of Government and Politics, University of Tartu
Irina Busygina, Professor of Political Science and Political Theory, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Moscow
Marie Mendras, Professor at PSIA-Sciences Po and Research Fellow with the National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris
- 10.30 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **IS RUSSIA UP TO ITS GOALS? ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND SOCIAL CONSENSUS**
Chair: **Gonzalo Escribano**, Senior Analyst, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid
Mikhail Dmitriev, Head of the New Economic Growth think tank, Moscow. Former First Deputy Minister of the Economic Development and Trade Ministry (2000-2004)
Pilar Bonet, Moscow correspondent for *El País*
Denis Volkov, Sociologist, Researcher at Levada Center, Moscow
- 12.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 12.30 **GREAT RUSSIA RISING FROM ITS KNEES**
Chair: **María Pallares**, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Madrid
Andrei Kortunov, President, New Eurasia Foundation and Director General, Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow
John Lough, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London
Nargis Kassenova, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Regional Studies, KIMEP University and director of KIMEP Central Asian Studies Center (CASC), Almaty
- 13.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 13.30 **CLOSING**

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