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# ***Perception of the Russian Federation in the “close neighbourhood”***

University of Warsaw, Kazimierzowski Palace, the Senate Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## **Conference Programme**

**9.00 – 9.30: Registration**

**9.30 – 9.40: Opening remarks**

- Prof. Jakub Zajączkowski, Acting Director of the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

**9.40 – 10.15: Introductory speech**

- Prof. Andreas Umland, National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”

**10.15 – 11.45: Panel I: Ukraine versus Russia**

Chair: Prof. Markian Malskyi, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Panelists:

- Prof. Hryhoryi Perepelytsia, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv  
***From the “older brother” to the main enemy: the perception of Russia in Ukraine***

- Vladimir Socor, Jamestown Foundation  
***Conserved Conflict: Russia's Model and its Innovations in Ukraine's East***
- Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, University of Warsaw  
***Russia and Ukraine: the end of soft power?***

**11.45 – 12.00 Coffee break**

**12.00 – 13.30: Panel II: The Baltic States versus Russia**

Chair: Dr. Maciej Raś, University of Warsaw

Panelists:

- Dr. Iivi Anna Masso, former advisor to the President of Estonia  
***To Fear or Not to Fear?***
- Dr. Nerijus Maliukevičius, Vilnius University  
***Baltics vs. Russia: battle in the media realm***
- Dr. Aleksander Gubrynowicz, Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Warsaw  
***Latvia Russia relations in the context of the Ukrainian crisis: between fear, despair and hope***

**13.30 – 14.30 Lunch**

**14.30 – 16.00: Panel III: South Caucasus and Central Asia versus Russia**

Chair: Dr. Alicja Curanović, University of Warsaw

Panelists:

- Prof. Sergi Kapanadze, Caucasus University  
***Russia's reinvented soft power in Georgia***
- Dr. Konrad Zasztowt, Polish Institute of International Affairs  
***Different perceptions of Russia among the political elites of South Caucasus states***
- Dr. Szymon Kardaś, University of Warsaw  
***True friend or uninvited guest: Russia's presence in South Caucasus and Central Asia***

**16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break**

**16.15 – 17.45: Panel IV: Russia, its “close neighbourhood” and the West**

Chair: Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, University of Warsaw

Panelists:

- Prof. Markian Malskyi, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv  
*A new modus vivendi in the "close neighbourhood"*
- Dr. Anaïs Marin, Collegium Civitas, Warsaw  
*EU-Russia relations in 2016: time to set the record straight*
- Dr. Maciej Raś, University of Warsaw  
*Perception of Russia in EU: between cooperation, rivalry and interdependence*

**17.45 – 18.00: Closing remarks**

- Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, University of Warsaw