



CHATHAM HOUSE



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The Centre for Eastern European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS)

Agents of Russia's Modernisation

15 June 2010
Chatham House, London

13.30 – 14.00 Arrival, tea & coffee

SESSION 1 | Key Challenges of Russia's Modernisation

14.00 – 15.30

- What is the substance of Medvedev's modernisation agenda? Why have we seen little progress to date?
- What became of the Gref Plan? What structural reform has succeeded in Russia? Where are the main weaknesses?
- Vladislav Surkov: 'A Miracle is Possible' – will the top-down model of modernisation work?
- 'Nanotechnology in the Byzantine Empire', does modernisation presuppose a liberal political environment?

Philip Hanson, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House
Alena Ledeneva, SSEES, University College London
Julian Cooper, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee

SESSION 2 | Drivers of Russia's Future Modernisation

16.00 – 17.30

- Push- and Pull-factors: Corruption, Property Rights, Rule of Law
- Building from the bottom: the prospects for SMEs and entrepreneurship in Russia.
- Brain Drain, Human Capital and Medvedev's 'Golden 500+'.

Andrei Yakovlev, Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Stanislav Shekshnia, INSEAD and Howell Zest Talent Equity Consultancy
Alena Ledeneva, SSEES, University College London
Alexander Landia, Siberian Coal Energy Company (SUEK)

17.30 Drinks at a local bar

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

Location

Chatham House is located at 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE. The nearest Underground stations are Piccadilly Circus (three minutes' walk) and Green Park (five minutes' walk) – see map below.



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Coffee, tea, lunch and a drinks reception will be provided at the points indicated in the agenda.

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