

Annual Summer School in Russian Politics
St. Petersburg State University
Political Science Faculty

Dear applicants,

You will find below the program for the 2014 Summer School in Contemporary Russian Politics. Further details will soon be available at <http://www.politology.spbu.ru>.

1. Political and Business Elites in the Russian Federation: anti-corruption policy as a political tool.
2. Friends or Foes: overview of the Russo-American relationship.
3. The withdrawal of NATO troops from Afghanistan and the future of the Central Asian region. Is a new Russo-Afghan conflict possible?
4. Russia in the United Nations: the troubles of peacemaking.
5. Post-Soviet Integration Problems: from “Mineral Resources Imperialism” to Eurasian Union.
6. Russian politics and ecological activism: conflict of interaction.
7. Russian Quest: Elections, Laws and Street Protests. Inner politics in contemporary Russia: facts, trends, conclusions.
8. Demography, Migration and Identity Crisis in Russia.
9. St. Petersburg: is a new revolution ever possible? Political Mobilization in the city: target groups, agendas and perspectives.
10. New Faces of Russian politics: Volodin, Navalny, Sobyanin, Roizman and others.
11. Russian Civil Society resurgence: NGOs, Foreign Agents, Religious Feelings violation and other trends.
12. City-Management in Russia: challenges and social unrest.
13. Contemporary Russian Elite: journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow.

Discussions

1. Islam as a political Challenge. Radical Islam in Russia. Discussion at Political Science Department, St. Petersburg State University.
2. City-Management in St. Petersburg: mini-conference in St. Petersburg city parliament with participation of the representatives of Russian leading political parties
3. Election Campaigns Management: Practical Experience and Political Reality. Discussion at Political Science Department, St. Petersburg State University.
4. “My Russia”: Young Russian Adults on their opportunities and problems.
5. Panel Discussion

Excursions:

1. Bus Tour over St.-Petersburg (first day of the program)
2. The State Hermitage Museum
3. The State Russian Museum
4. Suburbs of St.-Petersburg (Peterhof, Pavlovsk)
5. The State Museum of Political History of Russia
6. Smolny and Lenin's apartment