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An Exploration of Russia's Anticolonial Stance

Intellectual Genealogies, Institutional
Production, and Foreign Policy

LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-
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9.00–9.15

Welcome: **Martin Schulze Wessel** (Munich)
Introductory Remarks: **Marlene Laruelle**
(Washington DC)

PANEL 1

Anticolonialism at the Interplay
of Domestic and Foreign Policy

Chair: **Marlene Laruelle** (Washington DC)

9.15–11.00

Mikhail Suslov (Copenhagen)
Between Internationalism and Traditionalism:
Russia's Global Ideological Outreach and
the Soviet Legacy of Anti-Colonial Rhetoric

Ivan Grek (Washington DC)
Colonized by Liberalism: Anticolonial Discourse
of Russian Illiberalism

Jules Sergei Fediunin (Oslo)
Russia's 'Anticolonialism' and the Design
of an Illiberal International (Dis)Order

Gulnaz Sibgatullina (Amsterdam)
Russia and Religious Internationalism: Illiberal
Solidarities

PANEL 2

Reshaping the World Order and Its Values

Chair: **Gulnaz Sibgatullina** (Amsterdam)

11.30–13.00

Alexander Libman (Berlin)
Between a 'True West' and a Part of the 'Global
Majority': How Russian Propaganda Navigates
the Rhetorical Dilemma and Does It Undermine
Russia's Credibility?

Ivan U. Klyszcz (Tallinn)

Collective and Reactionary: The Notion of
'Democracy' in Russia's Idea of Multipolarity

Maxime Audinet (Paris)

"Down with Neocolonialism!" Strategic Narrative
Resurgence, Turn to the South and the Contes-
tation of Liberal International Order in Wartime
Russia

PANEL 3

International Outreach and Reception:
Africa, Latin America, India

Chair: **Alexander Libman** (Berlin)

14.00–15.30

Arsenio Cuenza (Paris)
Postcolonial Illiberalism and Its Role in Multipolar
Geopolitics

Diego Soliz (France)
Deciphering the Language of Russian Counter-
Hegemonic Dialogue in Latin America:
Colonialism After Sputnik Mundo

Adam Lenton (Winston-Salem)
Strategic Narratives and Public Opinion on
the Russia-Ukraine War: Evidence From India

PANEL 4

Book Discussion

Chair: **Ivan Grek** (Washington DC)

16.00–17.30

A Book Discussion on **Adam Lenton** et al.,
Decolonizing Russia? Disentangling Debates
(Cambridge, 2025)



* Participation is possible **online and in person**
(Historicum – Schellingstraße 12 – Room K 226).

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the panels they would like to participate in.

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