
Russia's courting of the Global South and its wider implications

Thursday 9 May 2024

13:30 – 14:00 **Coffee and networking**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 1: Russia's objectives in the Global South**

- How have Russia's goals in the Global South been re-shaped by its war in Ukraine?
- What is Russia's capacity to achieve its objectives?
- How is Russia using 'anti-imperialist' rhetoric to build its legitimacy?
- To what extent are Russia and China competing in the Global South?
- How are the sanctions shaping military cooperation between Russia and North Korea?

Speakers:

Dr Neil Melvin, Director, International Security, RUSI

Dr Edward Howell, Korea Foundation Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House (online)

Natalie Sabanadze, Senior Research Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Chair: Dr Christopher Sabatini, Senior Research Fellow for Latin America, US and the Americas Programme, Chatham House

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Session 2: How is Russia being perceived in the Global South?**

- What are countries looking to gain through cooperation with Russia, and what makes it attractive?
- Is the 'anti-imperialist' agenda effective?
- How does Russia tailor its 'offerings' to different regions – and why does it work?
- Perspectives from South America, Iran, Saudi Arabia and India – what's Russia's image there?
- What is the relationship between Russia and India – is it one of partnership or rivalry?

Speakers:

Dr Diana Galeeva, Assistant Professor, Mohammed Bin Zayed University for Humanities, Academic Visitor, Oxford University.

Dr Hamidreza Azizi, Visiting Fellow for Africa and Middle East Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP (online)

Dr Chietigj Bajpae, Senior Research Fellow for South Asia, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House

Dr Ryan C. Berg, Director of the Americas Program, CSIS (online)

Steven Gruz, Head of African Governance and Diplomacy Programme and the Russia-Africa Project, SAIIA (online)

Chair: Natalie Sabanadze, Senior Research Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House