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## **How to engage Russia? Mindsets of Russian elites and Russia’s role in a European security regime**

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Bismarckallee 46/48, 14193 Berlin

The annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation and Russia’s military involvement in the Donbass pose a serious threat to security in Europe. They furthermore evoke the territorial thinking of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century and allegedly demonstrate Russia’s reconstitution as a great power. In a romanticizing fashion, political representatives assume Russian culture to harbor and cherish traditional values that are deemed to be threatened by neglect and relativism in the West.

The panel discussion seeks to analyze how political actors experiment with references of the past to interpret and justify Russia’s foreign and security policy and to draw conclusions for Western approaches towards the Russian elites in order to integrate Russia into a European security regime.

### **Discussants**

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### **Chair**

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The discussion will be held in English. You are cordially invited to a reception afterwards. We kindly ask you to **register** before October 16<sup>th</sup> at **office@dgo-online.org**.