

RUSSIA, NORTHERN EUROPE, AND GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS
Wednesday 13 October 2021 12:00-16:30 EEST
PROGRAM

Timing	Session	Moderator
13 October 2021		
12:00-12:05	Introduction	
12:05-12:20	Introductory note Dmitry Lanko: "Too many neighbours? Russia looking for a coordinated approach to relations with its one-and-a-half dozen neighbour nations".	Sirke Mäkinen
12:20-12:35	Introductory note Kati Parppe: "Borders and 'pragmatic neighbourhood' – a historical viewpoint"	
12:35-13:00	Discussion	
13:00-13:10	Break	
13:10-14:50	<p>Discussion in three working groups Participants will be divided into three working groups, with a balanced representation of Finnish and Russian researchers. The composition of the working groups will be decided after the full list of participants is known. Each group will have a chair who directs discussion based on the guidelines outlined below.</p> <p>Group 1: Analysis of Russian concepts, approaches and research associated with "neighbourhood". Russia's foreign policy practice tends to categorise both foreign countries and bilateral relations with them using various concepts such as good-neighbourly, friendly, unfriendly. What kind of research has been conducted on the logic Russia applies these categories in its foreign policy rhetoric? How does Russia define 'good-neighbourly' relations in the geopolitical context of Northern Europe? Which Nordic states are neighbours, which are border states; are some countries buffer states or does Russia have privileged interests in them? How does the good-neighbourly policy of a small state differ from the same policy of a large state? (Moderator: Pentti Forsström)</p> <p>Group 2: Analysis of practical foreign policy. How does Russia expect Nordic countries to promote good neighbourliness? How does Russia build good neighbourly relations with individual Nordic countries? What is the role of the EU and regional organisations with good-neighbourly policies? What kind of interdependencies does Russia have with individual Nordic countries and what concrete benefits does good neighbourhood provide to Nordic countries and Russia? (Moderator: Katri Pynnöniemi)</p> <p>Group 3: Analysis of future trends and possible paradigmatic changes. What are the future prospects of neutrality and good-neighbourliness in Northern Europe? Can we identify drives of change that could result in paradigmatic changes or substantially different approach to good neighbourhood? What are the underlining factors sustaining good-neighbourly relations? Can these factors be sustained in the future? (Moderator: Sinikukka Saari)</p>	FIIA technical staff; One moderator in each working group
14:00-14:10	Break	
14:50-15:00	Break	
15:00-16:30	Groups present their findings Discussion	One moderator in each working group

Agenda for Group 2: Analysis of practical foreign policy.

Participants:

Finland:

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1 On practical foreign policy

- What kind of practical foreign policy does Russia expect from Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark to promote goodneighbourliness?
- Are these policies always the same, are do Russia's expectations vary with regard to different states?
- How does Russia promote good-neighbourly relations? Are Russia's efforts similar to what it expects from Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark?
- What is the role of the EU, the Arctic Council, the Euro-Barents Council, and the Council of Baltic Sea states in cooperation between Russia and the countries of Northern Europe?
- Are there other important formats of cooperation in the field of practical foreign policy? If there are, what are they?
- What are Finland's expectations from Russia in promoting good-neighbourly relations? What are the differences between Finnish and Russian expectations?

BREAK

2 Interdependencies

- Analysis of interdependencies between Russia and different Northern European countries. Are interdependencies between Finland and Russia different from those, between Russia and Norway, between Russia and Sweden and between Russia and Denmark?
- Cost/Benefit analysis of good-neighbourhood in all of these cases. What does each country gain and/or lose by pursuing goodneighbourly relations? How vital are these gains and losses, and can we rank gains and losses by the order of importance?

Full list of participants:

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