



‘Understanding Russian Strategic Behavior’ Workshop

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Patch Barracks, Rogers Center (Building 2307)

19 March 2020

0845-0900: **Introduction/Welcome** Col. Phil Forbes (RSI) and Dr. Graeme P. Herd (GCMC)

0900-1045: **Russian Strategic Behavior in the Arctic, Baltic Nordic, Ukraine and Syria**

Chair: Dr. David Lewis (University of Exeter)

Presenters:

- **Arctic** - Dr. Pavel Baev (PRIO)
- **Baltic-Nordic** - Dr. Dmitry Gorenburg (CNA)
- **Ukraine** - Dr. Samuel Charap (RAND)
- **Syria** - Dr. Dima Adamsky (IDC Herzliya)

1045-1115: Coffee Break

1115-1245: **Grey Zone Conflict and Discordant Signals: Illicit and Proxy Forces**

Chair: Dr. Graeme P. Herd (GCMC)

Presenters:

- **Russia and the Rebels: Anti-Government Entities in Russian Strategic Thinking** – Dr. David Lewis (University of Exeter)
- **Gangsterising Geopolitics: Russian Organized Crime as a Hybrid Warfighting Tool** – Dr. Mark Galeotti (RUSI)
- **The Role of Private Military Companies within a Larger Russian Influence Strategy in Africa** – Dr. Dmitry Gorenburg (CNA)

1245-1400: Lunch

1400-1545: **US-Russian Great Power Competition Short of War: Key Considerations?**

Chair: Dr. Dmitry Gorenburg (CNA)

Presenters:

- **Russian Redlines and Escalatory Thresholds?** – Dr. Samuel Charap (RAND).
- **Russian Thinking on Deterring ‘Hybrid War’** – Dr. Mark Galeotti (RUSI)
- **Nuclear Dimension and Russian Strategic Behavior** – Dr. Pavel Baev (PRIO)
- **How does Russia View Partnership with China?** - Dr. Michael Kofman (CNA)

1545-1615: Coffee

1615-1700: **Conclusions – *Tour de Table***

Chair: Dr. Graeme P. Herd (GCMC)