



Seminar on Russia's Role in the Crisis in Ukraine

The crisis in Ukraine has developed into a conflict with devastating consequences. In this seminar we discuss Russia's role in the conflict. The historical background is analyzed and the current crisis is debated. Experts on Russian history and foreign policy assist us in the quest to understand the conflict, its causes and possible solutions.

The seminar begins with a presentation in Swedish by Tone Tingsgård with the title "The Historical Background of Russia's Role in the Conflict in Ukraine, Focusing on the Past 150 Years". Tone Tingsgård is a former parliamentarian who has worked for many years with international politics focusing on Russia. This is followed by a presentation in English by Dr. Greg Simons, Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Originally from New Zealand, Dr. Simons has written extensively on Russian public diplomacy, crisis management, mass media and armed conflict. He has been involved with the OSCE and the Council of Europe in addition to academia. His presentation is titled "An Attempt at Understanding the Official Russian Response to the Ukraine Crisis".

Professor Dmitry Strovsky gives a presentation in English after the break regarding the pro and contra debate on Russian involvement in Ukraine. Strovsky is a Professor at Ural Federal University in the Faculty of Journalism. He specialises in the history of journalism in Russia. Professor Strovsky also is an occasional writer for Novaya Gazeta Ural Edition. His talk is entitled "The Pro and Contra Debate on Russian Involvement in the Ukraine Crisis in Russian Society".

A warm welcome!

Place: Medborgarskolan, Hammesplanaden 1, Uppsala

Date and time: 4 November 2014, 19.00-21.00 hrs

Program:

19.00-19:20 Presentation by Tone Tingsgård (in Swedish)

19:20-19:40 Presentation by Dr. Greg Simons (in English)

19:40-20:00 Break for coffee and cake

20:00-20:20 Presentation by Professor Dmitry Strovsky (in English)

20:20-21:00 Q & A. Moderator is Lena Jonson, Senior Research Fellow, Associate Professor, and Head of the Russia Research Program at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs

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