

RUSSIAN ECONOMIC CHALLENGE 2018

Global Inequality, Implications for Russia, and Ways Forward

Moscow, September 19 and 20, 2018

Wednesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

Speakers:

Andrei Sharonov, president of the Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO

Boris Kim, chairman of the board of QIWI Group

11:00 a.m. Session 1. Inequality: an Issue or an Advantage?

- Economic disparity: challenges and questions
- How much inequality will people tolerate? The Arab Spring case study
- Inequality in developed countries: how good is “a good state”?

Speakers:

Andrey Movchan, CEO and partner of Movchan’s Group, nonresident scholar at the Carnegie Moscow Center

Marianna Belenkaya, columnist at the *Kommersant* Publishing House

Ruben Enikolopov, rector of the New Economic School in Moscow

Moderator:

Andrey Movchan, CEO and partner of Movchan’s Group, nonresident scholar at the Carnegie Moscow Center

1:00 p.m. Coffee Break

1:30 p.m. Session 2. Inequality: Objective Factors

- Distance to markets and other objective disadvantages, and ways to overcome them
- Inequality in global currency markets
- Inequality in access to healthcare and education
- The efficiency vs. equity and equality trade-off

Speakers:

Hervé Boulhol, senior economist in the Directorate for Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs of the OECD

Christopher Smart, head of macroeconomic & geopolitical research at Barings, non-resident scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for the International Peace

Albert Park, senior fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Sergei Guriev, chief economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (via video)

Moderator:

Elena Chirkova, associate professor of the School of Finance of the Higher School of Economics (Moscow), freelance financial advisor

3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. Session 3. Fighting Disparity

- How contemporary markets can fight inequality
- How not-for-profit investments and socially responsible entrepreneurship can fight inequality
- Improving education through not-for-profit organizations

Speakers:

Bill Conerly, business consultant

Igor Rybakov, co-owner of TechnoNICOL Corporation, founder of Rybakov Foundation

Fedor Sheberstov, cofounder of “Teacher for Russia” program

Moderator:

Marat Atnashev, dean of the Moscow School of Management Skolkovo

Thursday, September 20

9:30 a.m. **Registration**

10:00 a.m. **Session 1. Inequality: Intentional Inequality**

- Populism and inequality
- Inequality and political regimes: how do democratic, hybrid, and authoritarian regimes deal with and impact inequality?
- Inequality in developed countries—how good is a “good state”? (the challenges of fighting inequality in the EU and the drawbacks of such efforts)
- Inequality and diversity

Speakers:

Konstantin Sonin, professor of economics at the Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago (via video)

Filip Novokmet, postdoctoral researcher at the World Inequality Lab at the Paris School of Economics

Asa Hansson, senior lecturer at the Department of Economics and at the Department of Technology and Society at the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University

Shlomo Weber, president of the New Economic School in Moscow (TBD)

Moderator:

Andrey Movchan, CEO and partner of Movchan’s Group, nonresident scholar at the Carnegie Moscow Center

12:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**

1:00 p.m. **Session 2. Russian Score in the Inequality Contest**

- How unequal is Russia?
- Russia vs. China—bad disparity and good disparity
- Growth of global economic inequality, changes in representative democracy, and Rise of the Populist Movements
- Economic “leveling” in Russia: the example of the Far East

Speakers:

Kristina Butaeva, research fellow at the Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interaction (CSDSI), New Economic School, PhD student at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Mikhail Korostikov, journalist at *Kommersant* Publishing House responsible for covering Russian politics in the Asia-Pacific region

Gregory Yudin, senior research fellow at the Laboratory for Studies in Economic sociology at the Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Anton Tabakh, managing director for economic analysis and prognosis at Expert RA

Moderator:

Vita Spivak, program coordinator at the Carnegie Moscow Center

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3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30 p.m. Session 3. Power and People

- Russian state current management principles and inequality: how bureaucratic “vertical” and micromanagement produce inequality
- Political inequality and economic development—in search of a compromise
- Nonpolitical reforms and nonpolitical actions: making business more equal

Speakers:

Konstantin Gaaze, nonresident scholar at the Carnegie Moscow Center

Kirill Rogov, member of the supervisory board of the Liberal Mission Foundation and the Levada Center, and a member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy

Denis Volkov, sociologist, head of applied sociological research in Levada Center

Moderator:

Andrei Kolesnikov, senior fellow and the chair of the Russian Domestic Politics and Political Institutions Program at the Carnegie Moscow Center