



1917 to 2017: Russia's unfinished revolution?

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Call for papers: BISA WG ON RUSSIAN & EURASIAN SECURITY

In the centenary year of the Russian revolutions, this workshop considers the legacy of revolutionary thought and action in Russia on its domestic and foreign policy. The two 1917 revolutions in Russia brought an end to Tsarism and its empire, a fleeting chance of democracy on the 'liberal' model, and the advent of Communism, Bolshevik-style. The October Revolution set Russia against the West and in the following years, Russia was set on a counter-international course, a revisionist power intent on exporting its own normative ideas about the international system, challenging those of the West. 100 years after these revolutions, Russia's relationship with its neighbours and the West remains no less problematic or undefined.

As the continuer state of the USSR, Russia occupies a unique position among the former republics. Yet this legacy is an ambivalent one: Russia's inherited a nuclear arsenal, a seat on the UN Security Council, Soviet-era debts, and a profile as the West's significant 'other'. These continue to influence Russia's domestic and foreign policy 100 years on.

We invite papers that deal with some of the following themes:

- Continuities and discontinuities in Russian security thinking;
- Ideas of revolution and counter-revolution at home and abroad, then and now;
- Russian foreign policy and norms in the international system, then and now;
- The role of international (dis-)information – then and now.

The conference is open to all post-graduate research students and academics, and some attendance bursaries are available for post-graduate members of the BISA Working Group on Russian and Eurasian Security to present papers. Please indicate in your submission if you would like to be considered for one.

Abstracts of 250 words should be submitted to Natasha.Kuhrt@kcl.ac.uk by FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2017.

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