

International Conference

Ukraine, Russia and the EU

Europe one year after the annexation of Crimea

Monday, 2 March 2015, 3.30 – 9.30 pm
Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, Berlin

The annexation of Crimea in March 2014 and the hybrid war against Ukraine was Russia's response to the revolution triggered by Euromaidan; for the European Union (EU) this presents a fundamental challenge. Today, the EU has not only to give an adequate response to the challenge Russia poses to Europe's model for lasting peace, it also raises the question whether a free and united Europe will continue its commitment towards the political and economic consolidation of those of its eastern neighbours that have chosen to embrace the rule of law and democracy.

One year after the annexation of Crimea, this international conference offers European and US experts the opportunity to analyse and discuss Europe's response to Russia's intervention in Ukraine. How do we view this conflict? What can be done in order to support Ukraine on its rocky path towards Europe? What are the EU's policy options towards Russia? We will also focus on domestic developments in Ukraine one year after Yanukovich fled Kiev: What progress has been made towards political and economic renewal? And what is the import of Ukraine's reform movement for Europe and Russia?

Program

- 3.30 Registration
- 4.00 Welcoming address
Ralf Fücks – President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 4.15 Panel 1
A world apart
What's at stake – and why is the aggression against Ukraine also an attack on Europe?
What were the reasons behind the annexation of Crimea in March 2014 – and what challenge does Russia's approach present for Europe and the EU?
- Keynote:
Timothy Snyder – Professor of History, Yale University, New Haven
- Comments by:
Bernard Kouchner – Former French Foreign Minister, Paris
Mykhaylo Minakov – Associate Professor at the University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Chief-editor, Krytyka, Kiev
Lilia Shevtsova – Political Scientist, Brookings Institution, Moscow
Chair: **Ralf Fücks** – President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 6.30 Break
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7.00

Panel 2

Towards a new country

Why is it so important for Ukraine, Russia, and Europe that the Ukrainian reform movement prevails? What can we do to support it?

Marieluise Beck – German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Evgeny Gontmakher – Member, Citizen Initiatives' Committee, Deputy Director,
Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow

Svitlana Zalishchuk – Member of the Rada, Kiev

Jacek Kucharczyk – Director, Institute for Public Affairs, Warsaw

Chair: **Manfred Sapper** – Chief-editor, Osteuropa, Berlin

8.30

Buffet