

The fear of the Soviet Union and of communism in the EU Member States has historically represented a powerful factor of aggregation and acceleration of the process of European integration in those early beginnings of the first phase of the Cold War. Nevertheless, historiography is slow in exploring the more specific aspects of the Eastern part, still favouring a Western reading. The conference aims above all to fill this historiography gap, but is also meant to overcome the disciplinary limits, creating an interdisciplinary synergy that, by using different methodologies, helps to return a three-dimensional picture of a long-term historical process that still generates crises and conflicts.



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## **FEARS OF EUROPE: USSR, RUSSIA AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

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**30 May 2018**  
*(in Italian)*

**h. 10.00 – Openings**

Realino MARRA, Dean of the School of Social Sciences of the University of Genoa

Gian Marco UGOLINI, Head of the Department of Political Science (DISPO) of the University of Genoa

Serghei CERNEGA, Consular Attaché, Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Genoa

Umberto MORELLI, University of Turin

Lara PICCARDO, University of Genoa, DISPO

h. 10.45 – Coffee break

**h. 11.00 – First Session**  
***A Needed Fear:***  
***USSR and European Integration***

Chair: Umberto MORELLI (University of Turin)

Lara PICCARDO (University of Genoa), *The Soviet View of the European Integration Process*

Daniela PREDÀ (University of Genoa), *The Fears of Jean Monnet and Wolfgang Schäuble*

Maria Eleonora GUASCONI (University of Genoa), *Keeping Détente Alive: European Political Cooperation and East-West Relations during the 1980's*

Massimiliano GUDERZO (University of Siena), *Through Military Force if Necessary: The US Perception of the Soviet Threat to Eastern Europe in the Carter Years, 1977-80*

Debate

h. 13.00 – Lunch

**h. 15.00 – Second Session**  
***Feeding Fears***

Chair: Giampiero CAMA (University of Genoa)

Elena DUNDOVICH (University of Pisa), *The Age of Hopes: Brussels and Moscow in the 1990s*

Sara TAVANI (University of Perugia), *Euro-Russian Relations and the Regional Security*

Mara MORINI (University of Genoa), *What European Countries Think about Russia: No Longer Fears or Permanent Threat?*

Debate

h. 16.30 – Coffee break

h. 20.00 – Dinner

**31 May 2018**  
*(in English)*

**h. 10.00 – Third Session**  
***The Fear of Russia Nowadays***

Chair: Mara MORINI (University of Genoa)

Neil ROBINSON (University of Limerick), *The Politics of Fear: How Russia's Rulers Counter Their Rivals*

Tetiana MALIARENKO (National University "Odessa Law Academy"), *The Logic of Competitive Influence Seeking: Russia, the West and the Conflict in Ukraine*

h. 11.00 – Coffee break

Francesco PIERINI (University of Genoa), *British Fears of Russian Spies: Analysis of Theresa May's Statement to the House of Commons, March 2018*

Diana SPULBER (University of Genoa), *Russians and Europe: Perceptions and Fears*

Debate

Conclusions

h. 13.00 – Lunch