



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI GENOVA
DISPO

Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche

The Department of Political Science (DISPO) of the University of Genoa, in cooperation with the SISP's Standing Group on "Russia e spazio post-Sovietico", is pleased to announce the following

Call for Papers - International Conference

Making Russia Great Again: Patterns of Russian Foreign and Domestic Policies under Putin

The International Conference will hold a two-day scientific debate on the development of Russian and Post-Soviet politics on **15-16 June** at the **University of Genoa**.

Political analysts are divided about what role Mr. Putin could take after his fourth – and final – term will expire in 2024, while discussing how he will seek to extend his *de facto* reign. In analysts' views, the Russian President is seeking to establish a management structure for the country's affairs without his direct involvement.

Recently, he has officially proposed the most significant package of constitutional reforms since 1993, suggesting seven constitutional amendments. Some of them are characterized by a democratizing edge, while others undoubtedly pursue the objective of defining a set of institutions to perpetuate Putinism without Putin.

The *keynote speech* will be delivered by Prof. **Richard Sakwa** (University of Kent), a leading International scholar on Russian politics, who recently published his last book "The Putin Paradox" (Bloomsbury 2020).

The event will gather researchers and scholars working on Russia and Post-Soviet space with an interdisciplinary approach in different panels in order to facilitate the knowledge sharing and a better understanding of their political, social and economic phenomena.

Papers can address any of the following topics including, but not limited to:

- 1) Stability/legitimacy of the Russian domestic regime;
- 2) Russia's role in the crisis of the unipolar system;
- 3) Russian relationship with its former Republics;
- 4) The concept of "Putinism";
- 5) The parties of power in the Post-Soviet countries;
- 6) Russian Petrostate as a tool in foreign policy;
- 7) Economic and social reforms;
- 8) Russian/Ukrainian conflict.

Deadline

Paper givers must send an *abstract* (no more than 500 words) to the SG chairs (mara.morini@unige.it gabriele.natalizia@uniroma1.it) by **april 30, 2020** and should include name, surname, affiliation, e-mail, title of the paper, three keywords.

Notification of acceptance: **May 10, 2020**.

The final programme will be uploaded to the SG SISP and DISPO websites. Twitter: @sg_post