

RUSSIA and U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS

**The YUKOS and Khodorkovsky Cases
Threats to Civil Society
Russia's Actions in the Near Abroad
Russian Oil as a Weapon?**

**Conference Co-sponsored
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**Conference Location:
New York University School of Law
245 Sullivan Street
Furman Hall
9th Floor
Washington Square
New York**

PROGRAM

- 9.00-9.05 **Welcome and Introduction:**
Professor Norman Dorsen, Frederick and Grace Stokes Professor of Law,
NYU School of Law
- 9.10-10.15 **The YUKOS/Khodorkovsky Cases and Rule of Law in Russia:**
Setting the Scene
Speakers:
Yuri Schmidt, Counsel, Khodorkovsky case
John Pappalardo, Counsel to Mikhail Khodorkovsky
Karinna Moskalenko, Counsel, Khodorkovsky case
Moderator:
Professor Norman Dorsen, NYU School of Law
- 10.15-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-11.45 **Threats to Civil Society: The Human Rights Perspective**
Speakers:
Sergey Kovalev, Memorial
Lev Ponomarev, All Russia Movement for Human Rights
Ludmila Alexeyeva, Moscow Helsinki Group
Tatyana Lokshina, Chair, Demos Center for Information and Research;
Rachel Denber, Acting Executive Director, Human Rights Watch
Moderator:
Mary Holland, Research Scholar, NYU School of Law
- 11.45-12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00-1.00 **Russia's Actions in the Near Abroad: Back in the USSR?**
Speakers:
Yevhen Bystrytsky, Executive Director, International Renaissance
Foundation, Ukraine
Ari Vatanen, Member of European Parliament
Michael McFaul, Carnegie Endowment and Stanford University
Ethan Burger, Scholar-in-Residence, American University School of Law
Moderator:
Professor Stephen Holmes, Meyer Professor of Law, NYU School of Law
- 1.00-2.00 Lunch:

Luncheon Speaker:
Malcolm Bruce, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom

2.00-3.15

Russian Oil as a Weapon? Challenges to Business and International Investment

Speakers:

Jonas Čekuolis, Member of Parliament, Lithuania

Ian Bremmer, President, Eurasia Group

Edward Chow, Energy Consultant, Washington, DC

Sanford Saunders, Counsel to Mikhail Khodorkovsky

Moderator:

Scott Horton, President, International League for Human Rights and Partner, Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP

3:30 – 5:00

Looking into Putin's Soul: Choices for U.S. Policymakers

Discussion among speakers from previous sessions

Moderator:

Clifford D. May, President, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies