



Round Table

„Change in Russia: Tectonic Slide or Tempest in a Teapot?“

The world around Russia is in turmoil. The combined tsunami of popular revolutions and the financial crisis has put established order systems into question and threatens to engulf the last strongholds of authoritarianism. The question, whether Russia's present system will weather the storm and how must be analyzed from the vantage point of both domestic and foreign policy.

Time:

Wednesday, 25 January 2012

17:45 – 20:30

Venue:

Renner Institute

Bruno Kreisky Saal

Entrance: Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf

Hoffingergasse 26, 1120 Vienna

Program:

Language: Englisch

17:45 Welcome

- **Erich Fröschl**, Renner Institut
- **Hans-Georg Heinrich**, ICEUR Vienna

18:00 Panelists

- **Georgiy Mirskiy** (1926) will be speaking about “The Arab Spring, conflicts in the Greater Middle East and Russian foreign policy”. He is professor and senior researcher at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) in Moscow, as well as member of the board of editors of the prestigious journal “Russia in Global Affairs”. Between 1991 and 1993 he lectured at US universities. Prof. Mirskiy is Russia's most outstanding expert in Near East Affairs and political Islam.
- **Andrey Ryabov** (1956) is editor-in-chief of the journal “The World Economy and International Relations” and senior researcher at the Moscow Carnegie Center, specializing in post-Communist transformation. Prof. Ryabov is an expert of the Gorbachev Foundation, has worked as a political analyst and advisor since 1992 and since 2009, he has been active in the “East-East Program”. 2010 he became chairman of the Russian side of the Black Sea Peace Building Network.

Questions & Answers

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