



# *In Search of Lost Universalism*

*7th Anniversary  
30 years of Civic Education*

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Venue  
**Böll Stiftung**

**Wednesday, 7 December**

**8.30 - 9.00**      **Registration**

**9.00 - 10.00**      **Opening session:**

*Lena Nemirovskaya, Founder, Moscow School of Civic Education*

*Michael Sohlman, Co-Chairperson, School of Civic Education*

*John Lloyd, Contributing Editor, The Financial Times, Author*

*Ambassador Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven*

**10.00 - 10.30**      **Keynote Address by Jan Albrecht, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation**

**10.30 - 11.00**      **Coffee break**

**11.00 - 12.00**      **Address by Ralph Fücks, Founder and Managing Director of the  
Center for Liberal Modernity**

**Followed by discussion**

**Moderator:** *Barbara von Ow-Freytag, Political scientist, Board member,  
Prague Civil Society Centre*

**12.00 - 13.30**      **Lunch**

**13.30 - 15.00**      **Panel I: Axial time**

*In the midst of an ultimate crisis, it is time to defend a world order based on  
rule of law, moral principles and the power of universal values.*

**Panelists:**

*Yury Senokosov, Founder, School of Civic Education*

*Ambassador Piotr Switalski*

*Christopher Coker, Director, Ideas, LSE*

*Barbara von Ow-Freytag, Political scientist, Board member, Prague Civil  
Society Centre*

**Moderator:** *Mikhail Fishman, Author, Journalist, Anchor, TVRain*

**15.00 - 15.30**      **Coffee break**

**15.30 - 17.00**      **Panel II: Universalism, Interdependence, Deglobalization**

*Can Universalism fend off the threat of global authoritarianism  
pursuing a new world order based on geopolitics and spheres of  
influence? How can the weaponization of dependence be avoided to*

*defend peace and equality? What is the future of global interdependence in the wake of modern economic war and sanctions?*

**Panelists:**

Despina Syrri, *Founder of the Symbiosis-School of Political Studies in Greece*

Vasily Zharkov, *Dean of Political Studies faculty at the Moscow School of Social & Economic Sciences*

Robert Skidelsky, *Economist, Historian, House of Lords, UK Parliament*

Sylvie Kauffmann, *Journalist, Editorial Director, Le Monde*

**Moderator:**

Bobo Lo, *Independent analyst, Associate Fellow with IFRI, Non-Resident Fellow with the Lowy Institute*

**17.00 - 17.30**      **Coffee break**

**17.30 - 18.15**      **Panel III: *We, The People***

*We The Peoples campaign for inclusive global governance as an opportunity to discuss an inclusive effort of civil society and international organizations like the UN to confront the challenges of today's world.*

**Panelists:**

Andreas Bummel, *Co-founder and Director, Democracy Without Borders*

Yury Senokosov, *Founder, School of Civic Education*

**Moderator:**

Inna Berezkina, *School of Civic Education*

**19.00**              **Gala Dinner**

**Thursday, 8 December**

**9.00 - 10.30**      **Panel IV: Universality of Human Rights**

*How to defend the principle of universal human rights enshrined in the UDHR against claims that they are a "Western" invention which do not suit other cultures?*

**Panelists:**

Nils Muižnieks, *Regional Director for Europe, Amnesty International*

Irina Scherbakova, *Historian, Founding Member of Memorial*

Elena Zhemkova, *Executive Director, International Memorial Society*

Sergey Lukashovsky, *Director of the Sakharov Center in Moscow*

Mikhail Savva, *Center for Civic Liberties*

**Moderator:**

Walter Kaufmann, *Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung*

- 10.30 - 11.00**      **Coffee break**
- 11.00 - 12.30**      **Panel V: Journalism vs. Tyranny**  
*“I am convinced that international confidence, disarmament, and international security are inconceivable without an open society with freedom of information, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech”, - Andrei Sakharov, a citizen of the world.*  
**Panelists:**  
Daniel Broessler, *Political Editor, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Berlin*  
Pilar Bonet, *Journalist, El País*  
Natalie Nougayrède, *Former Editor-in-chief, Le Monde, Editorial Board Member, The Guardian*  
Neil MacFarquhar, *writer, correspondent The New York Times*  
Maksim Kournikov, *Bild, former deputy chief-editor, Echo of Moscow*  
Dmitry Kolezev, *Chief-editor, Republic*  
**Moderator:**  
Kirill Martynov, *Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta Europe*
- 12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 14.30**      **Key Address by: Dominique Moisi**, Co-founder and a Senior Advisor, IFRI, Institut Français des Relations Internationales
- 14.30 - 16.00**      **Panel VI: Universalism vs. Relativism**  
*Can universal values be defended against the deeper threat of relativism and denial of historical truth? Are there only “narratives” instead of truths? Can basic values be upheld amid the complex realities shaping social awareness in the 21st century?*  
**Panelists:**  
Michael Mertes, *Senior Public Servant, Author*  
Sergey Lagodinsky, *MEP*  
Diana Pinto, *Historian, Writer*  
Shelby Coffey, *Former Editor Los Angeles Times, Former President CNN Financial News*  
Ekaterina Schulmann, *Political Scientist*  
**Moderator:**  
Mikhail Minakov, *Senior Fellow, Kennan Institute*
- 16.00 - 16.30**      **Coffee break**

- 16.30 - 17.30**     **Voices of the School I**  
**Russian Civil Society Making a Difference amid War and Repression**  
***Anti-War Projects by School's Alumni***  
**Panelists:**  
Lena Holosiy, *Creative Studios*  
Elena Sergeeva, *Demokrati-JA*  
Timofey Martynenko, *Vesna (Spring)*  
Maria Chaschilova, *Independent Bar Association*  
Svetlana and Alexander Shmelev, *Pristanište*  
**Moderator:**  
Agnieszka Kaniewska, *School of Civic Education*
- 17.30 - 18.00**     **Coffee break**
- 18.00 - 19.00**     **Voices of the School II**  
***30 Years of Civic Education***  
**Panelists:**  
Address by Catherine Lalumière  
Jack Hanning, *Secretary General, Association of Schools of Political Studies*  
Sonja Licht, *Founder and the President of Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society*  
Armaz Akhvlediani, *Member of Parliament of Georgia, Founder and Director, Tbilisi School of Political Studies*  
Armen Zakaryan, *Founder, Armenian School of Political Studies*  
**Moderator:**  
Igor Kovalev, *Alumni of the School of Civic Education, 2008*
- 19.00 - 19.30**     **Address by Klaus Mertes, SJ, School Leader and Author**
- 19.30 - 20.00**     **Closing Remarks:**  
Yury Senokosov, *Founder, School of Civic Education*  
Lena Nemirovskaya, *Founder, School of Civic Education*
- 20.30**             **Dinner at the hotel**

## Guests and Key Speakers:

<b>Armaz Akhvlediani</b> (Georgia)	Member of Parliament of Georgia, Founder and Director, Tbilisi School of Political Studies
<b>Jan Albrecht</b> (Germany)	Co-president, Heinrich Böll Foundation
<b>Amb. Günther Baechler</b> (Switzerland)	Former Special Representative of the OSCE, Chairman for the Southern Caucasus
<b>Helge Blakkisrud</b> (Norway)	NUPI, University of Oslo
<b>Gianpietro Borghini</b> (Italy)	Journalist, Mayor of Milano (1992-1993)
<b>Irina Borogan</b> (Russia)	Investigative Journalist, Co-founder, <a href="http://www.agentura.ru">www.agentura.ru</a> , Co-author of the book <i>The Compatriots: The Brutal and Chaotic History of Russia's Exiles, Émigrés, and Agents Abroad</i>
<b>Pilar Bonet</b> (Spain)	Correspondent, <i>El País</i>
<b>Daniel Brössler</b> (Germany)	Editor, <i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i>
<b>Pierre Bühler</b> (France)	President, <i>Institut Français</i>
<b>Andreas Bummel</b> (Germany)	Co-founder and Director, <i>Democracy Without Borders</i> and of the International Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly
<b>Maria Chaschilova</b> (Russia)	Independent Bar Association
<b>Christopher Coker</b> (United Kingdom)	Director, <i>Ideas, LSE</i>

<b>Shelby Coffey</b> (USA)	Former Editor Los Angeles Times, Former President CNN Financial News, Senior Fellow of the Freedom Forum, Trustee of the Newseum in Washington, D.C.
<b>Daniel Dettling</b> (Germany)	Head, <i>Berlin office of the Zukunftsinstitut</i> , Managing Partner, Institute for Future Policy
<b>Mikhail Fishman</b> (Russia)	Journalist, Author, Producer of the film <i>The Man Who Was Too Free</i>
<b>Ambassador Rüdiger von Fritsch</b> (Germany)	Ambassador of Germany to Russia (2014-2019)
<b>Ralph Fücks</b> (Germany)	Founder and Managing Director of the Center for Liberal Modernity
<b>Boris Grozovsky</b> (Russia)	Political Analyst
<b>Jack Hanning</b> (Council of Europe)	Secretary General, Association of Schools of Political Studies
<b>Nina Happe</b> (Germany)	Project manager, Southeastern and Eastern Europe, HBF
<b>Lena Holosiy</b> (Ukraine)	<i>Creative Studios</i>
<b>Lev Kadik</b> (Russia)	Journalist, Spektr.Press
<b>Sylvie Kauffmann</b> (France)	Journalist, Editorial Director, <i>Le Monde</i>
<b>Walter Kaufmann</b> (Germany)	Head of East & Southeast Europe Division, <i>The Heinrich Böll Foundation</i>
<b>Fedor Krasheninnikov</b> (Russia)	Political analyst

<b>Sergei Lagodinsky</b> (Germany)	MEP, Chair, Delegation to the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee, Vice-Chair, Committee on Legal Affairs, Member, Conference of Delegation Chairs, Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly
<b>Catherine Lalumière</b> (France)	Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1989 - 1994), Member of the European Parliament (1994, 1999 - 2004)
<b>Paulina Lavrova</b> (Russia - Ukraine)	Founder and Head, Publishing House <i>Laurus</i>
<b>Marcia Levy</b> (United Kingdom)	Judge
<b>Sonja Licht</b> (Serbia)	Founder and the President of Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society
<b>John Lloyd</b> (United Kingdom)	Contributing Editor, <i>The Financial Times</i>
<b>Bobo Lo</b> (United Kingdom)	Independent analyst, Associate Fellow with <i>IFRI</i> , Non-Resident Fellow with the Lowy Institute
<b>Ambassador Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven</b> (Germany)	Germany Ambassador to Poland (2020-2022), Germany Ambassador to Czech Republic (2014-2018)
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<b>Neil MacFarquhar</b> (USA)	Writer, National correspondent, <i>New York Times</i>
<b>Timofey Martynenko</b> (Russia)	Vesna (Spring)



<b>Kirill Martynov</b> (Russia)	Editor-in-Chief, Novaya Gazeta Europe
<b>Klaus Mertes</b> (Germany)	Priest, Author
<b>Michael Mertes</b> (Germany)	Author, Political advisor to Chancellor Helmut Kohl (1987 -1998)
<b>Mikhail Minakov</b> (Ukraine)	Senior Fellow, Kennan Institute; Editor-in-chief, <i>Kennan Focus Ukraine</i> , Author
<b>Jeremy Moakes TBC</b> (Council of Europe)	Head of Web and Audio-Visual communication Division, Directorate of Communication, Council of Europe
<b>Dominique Moïsi</b> (France)	Political Scientist, Writer, Co-founder and a Senior Advisor of the Paris-based IFRI, Institut Français des Relations Internationales
<b>Alexander Morozov</b> (Russia)	Researcher, <i>Boris Nemtsov Academic Center in Prague</i>
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