



Should we be afraid of Russia?

**International conference organised by
the Civic Institute and the EU-Russia Centre in Prague
with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

Date: Friday, November 28th, 2008

Venue: Cerninsky Palace (premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic)

List of speakers:

- **Mart Laar**, former Prime Minister of Estonia, historian and expert on Russia
- **Adam Eberhardt**, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland
- **John O'Sullivan**, former advisor to Margaret Thatcher, Executive Director of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
- **Fraser Cameron**, Director, EU-Russia Centre
- **Alexander Duleba**, Director of Research Centre, Slovak Foreign Policy Association
- **Libor Dvorak**, journalist and expert on Russia, Czech Radio
- **Lawrence Sheets**, International Crisis Group
- **Vaclav Bartuska**, Special envoy of the Czech Republic for Energy Diplomacy
- **Irina Lagunina**, RFE/RL Russian service
- **David Kakabadze**, RFE/RL Georgian service

Discussion blocks:

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| Invitation: | 09:30 - 10:00 |
| Roman Joch | CI Director |
| Tomas Pojar | Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs |
| Daniel Kostoval | Head of the Russian and East-European section of the Minister of Foreign Affairs |

1. Russia on its way to authoritarianism?

- Irina **Lagunina** 10:00 - 10:15
- Libor **Dvorak** 10:15 - 10:30
- Panel discussion 10:30 - 11:00
- Break 10 min.**

2. Russia and "Near Abroad"

- Mart **Laar** 11:10 - 11:25
- Lawrence **Sheets** 11:25 - 11:40
- David **Kakabadze** 11:40 - 11:55
- Panel discussion 11:55 - 12:10
- Lunch** 12:10 - 13:30

3. Russia and EU's energy policy

- Vaclav **Bartuska** 13:30 - 13:45
- Fraser **Cameron** 13:45 - 14:00
- Panel discussion 14:00 - 14:15
- Break 10 min**

4. How should the West's policy towards Russia look like?

- Adam **Eberhardt** 14:25 - 14:40
- Alexander **Duleba** 14:40 - 14:55
- John **O'Sullivan** 14:55 - 15:10
- Panel discussion 15:10 - 16:00