

ERDAM Conference

Emerging Russian Diasporas: Exploring New Dynamics and (Im)Mobilisation Patterns

25–26 September 2025

Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS)

Anton-Wilhelm-Amo-Straße 60, 10117 Berlin

Programme

Day 1. Thursday, 25 September 2025

**16:00–17:30 “In-Conversation with...” Russia’s Wartime Migrants: Solidarity,
Disengagement and Internal Divisions**

Semi-closed session, conference room 1-2

Susanne Bygnes (University of Bergen), Joanna Fomina (Polish Academy
of Sciences), Tatiana Golova (ERDAM), Margarita Zavadskaya (Finnish
Institute of International Affairs)

Moderation: Tsypylma Darieva (ZOiS)

17:30–18:00 Coffee break

18:00–19:30 ZOiS Forum “Political Repressions in Russia”

Public event, ZOiS library

In Russian, with simultaneous German interpretation

Denis Shedov (OVD-Info), Evi Chayka (EQUAL PostOst), Stephan Dudeck
(University of Tartu)

Moderation: Tatiana Golova (ERDAM)

19:30 Reception
ZOiS lobby

Day 2. Friday, 26 September 2025

9:30–11:10 Panel 1. Diasporic Mobilities and Ambivalent Agency

Conference room 1-2

Susanne Bygnes (University of Bergen)

Russian Migrants Between Democratic Ideals and Avoiding Politics

Bahar Baser (Durham University)

Precarious Mobilities: Russian Diaspora Politics in Turkey

Tsypylma Darieva (ZOiS)

(Im)mobilising in Transnational Space: Migrants' Activism and Disengagement in Georgia

'OutRush' researchers

Reversing Brain Drain from Autocracies: How Autocratic Incentives, Regime Change, and Hostland Conditions Shape the Return of Political Emigrants

Chair: Félix Krawatzek (ZOiS)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

ZOiS lobby

11:30–13:00 Panel 2. Migrant Interactions in Host Countries

Conference room 1-2

Yuliana Melkumyan (Yerevan State University)

Integration of Russian Immigrants in Armenia: The Impact of Relocation in Host Society

Vadim Romashov (University of Eastern Finland)

In-Visibilized Minority and Societal Militarization: Everyday Insecurities and Political Mobilization of Russian Speakers in Finland

Tatiana Golova (ERDAM) and Galina Selivanova (FernUni Hagen)

Generations of Migrant Activists from Russia: The Impact of War-Induced Migration

Chair: Inta Mieriņa (University of Latvia)

13:00–14:00 Lunch

ZOiS lobby

14:00–15:30 Panel 3. Comparative Perspectives: Russia and Belarus

Conference room 1-2

Olga Bronnikova and Tatyana Shukan (Bordeaux Montaigne University)
Facing Repression in Exile. A Comparative Perspective on the Trajectories and Experiences of Belarusian and Russian Exiles in Georgia

Olga Gille-Belova (Bordeaux Montaigne University)
The Educational Strategies of Belarusian Parents in Exile

Christian Fröhlich (Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg)
Negotiating the “Other”: Identity Construction and Intergroup Interaction after Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine

Chair: Diana Rafailova (SCRIPTS)

15:30–16:00 Coffee break

ZOiS lobby

16:00–17:30 Roundtable. What Comes Next?

Conference room 1-2

Margarita Zavadskaya (Finnish Institute of International Affairs), Inta Mieriņa (University of Latvia), Guri Tyldum (Fafo Foundation, Oslo), Vlada Baranova (University of Hamburg), ‘OutRush’ researcher, Gwendolyn Sasse (ZOiS)

Moderation: Tsypylma Darieva (ZOiS)

18:30 Dinner

*Restaurant „Augustiner am Gendarmenmarkt“,
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