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The Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research, IFZO,  
University of Greifswald

Kickoff Workshop – International Relations and Security  
**“Russian foreign policy and its perception in the Baltic Sea region”**

May 9, 2019,

Workshop. Location: Rubenowstraße 2, Room 1.23

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome & Introduction of the Centre (IFZO) by Michael North

09:00 – 10:30

**PANEL I: HARD POWER**

Chair: Margit Bussmann (University of Greifswald, IFZO, Germany) Toms Rostoks (University of Latvia, Latvia) “Assessing state intentions: a framework of analysis”.

Margit Bussmann & Natalia Iost (University of Greifswald, IFZO, Germany) “Military interstate disputes in the Baltic Sea region”.

Andris Banka (University of Greifswald, IFZO, Germany) “Hedging or Hugging? Baltic coping strategies in ‘America First’ world”.

Valery Konyshov (St. Petersburg State University, Russia) “Hybrid war - myth or reality?”.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

**PANEL II: SOFT POWER**

Chair: Andris Banka (University of Greifswald, IFZO, Germany)

Piret Ehin (University of Tartu, Estonia) “Russian-speaking populations in the Baltic Sea region”.

Igor Okunev (MGIMO University, Russia) “Research opportunities to explore soft power and diasporas connectivity in Baltic States and Russia”.

Alexey Domanov (MGIMO University, Russia) “Shaping Transnational Regulatory Regimes: Identity Factor”.

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00

Roundtable Discussion (Please see file regarding roundtable)

Chair: Andris Banka (University of Greifswald, IFZO, Germany)

Discussants:

Piret Ehin (University of Tartu, Estonia),

Valery Konyshov (St. Petersburg State University, Russia),

Igor Okunev (MGIMO University, Russia),

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