



On Friday, 27 October 2017, the European Liberal Forum (ELF), the dutch liberal thinktank TeldersStichting, the Haya van Someren Stichting/VVD International and the Thematic Network International of the liberal party VVD will organize a symposium on the Russian Revolution and the developments thereafter, especially in the world of today and against the background of the present relationship between the West and Russia. The meeting will take place at the Institute for Global Justice in The Hague from 13.30-17.30 h.

The symposium will start with an introduction to the Russian Revolution by historian Sean McMeekin, professor at Bard College and writer of the book *The Russian revolution, A new History*. After a tea break Tony van der Togt (Senior Research Fellow at the Clingendael Institute) will speak on 'the West and Russia' and Koert Debeuf (Director of TIMEP Europe (Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy) will give a view on the current relations with Russia from Europe and the Middle East. Chairman of the meeting will be Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged, former Netherlands Ambassador at Washington.

As noted, the symposium will take place at the Institute for Global Justice in The Hague (Sophialaan 10). Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible but no later than Sunday 22 October, by sending an e-mail to: info@teldersstichting.nl.

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PROGRAMME

Registration	<i>13:30 – 14:00 h</i>
Opening by Patrick van Schie, historian and director of the Telders Foundation	<i>14:00 – 14:10 h.</i>
Short introduction by the moderator, former Ambassador Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged	<i>14:10 – 14:15 h.</i>
Introduction to the Russian Revolution, by historian Sean McMeekin	<i>14:15 – 14:55 h.</i>

BREAK

Introduction on the West and Russia by Tony van der Togt, Senior Research Fellow at the Clingendael Institute	<i>15:20 – 15:50 h.</i>
Introduction on current relations Russia and the West by Koert Debeuf, Director of TIMEP Europe	<i>15.50 – 16.15 h.</i>
Q&A-session speakers and audience	<i>16:15 h – 17:15 h.</i>
Closure words by former Ambassador Ida van Veldhuizen, member of the Steering Committee of the VVD Thematic Network International	<i>17:15 – 17:30 h.</i>
Drinks	<i>17:30 – 18.30 h.</i>