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Towards Joint Western–Russian Crises Response and Conflict Resolution

Public lecture by Alexander Nikitin on Wednesday 4 June 2014

Date and time: **Wednesday 4 June 2014, 16:30–18:00 hrs**

Location: **Amsterdam**
VU University, De Boelelaan, Amsterdam room C-541/543, IVM – Institute for Environmental Studies, **Wis- en Natuurkunde-gebouw**, De Boelelaan 1087 (entrance 1085)
Followed by **drinks** (18:00–19:00 hrs): **Campus Café The Basket**, De Boelelaan 1111

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On 4 June 2014, Pugwash Netherlands is organising a public lecture at the VU University Amsterdam. This activity is open to anyone interested (please sign up by sending an email to bureau@pugwash.nl). The public lecture will deal with Western and Russian approaches to crises response and conflict resolution and will explore the possibilities for a joint approach, a very topical issue. The speaker is Professor Alexander Nikitin (Director, Center for Euro-Atlantic Security, MGIMO University Moscow and Vice-Chair, Pugwash Russia).

ABSTRACT



This lecture tackles the issues of methods, formats, legitimacy/illegitimacy of intervention and involvement of great powers (USA, Russia, etc.) and international organizations (UN, EU, NATO, OSCE, CIS, AU, etc.) into inter-state and intra-state conflicts. Cases of Afghanistan, Iraq, former Yugoslavia, Libya, Syria, Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Ukraine are compared. Russia and the West demonstrate sometimes diverging, sometimes similar attitudes towards conflict resolution. But what is needed is a coordinated crises response and conflict resolution approach of both Western countries, Russia and international organizations. Lecture analyses possible parameters and requirements for such a joint crises response.

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