

U.S.-Russian Relations: From Tehran to Yalta and Beyond

A Symposium Marking the 75th Anniversary of the Tehran Conference

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Olin Hall, Bard College

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9:00-10:00 a.m. Conference Opening: Understanding Tehran and Yalta

- *A Moment in U.S.-Russian Relations* - Jonathan Becker, Bard College
- *What Tehran 1943 and Tehran 2018 Tell Us about Russian-American Relations* - Darya Pushkina, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg State University, Russian Federation [via video-feed]
- *New Documentary Evidence Regarding the Organization of the Tehran and Yalta Conferences* – Olga Golovina, Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library, Russian Federation [via video-feed]

10:00–11:00 a.m. Keynote Address

- *The Soviet Union in U.S. Strategic Planning during World War II* – Mark Stoler, University of Vermont

11:00–11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15–12:45 p.m. Tehran in Retrospect: The Turning Point of the Second World War?

- Chair and Discussant – Yana Skorobogatov, Williams College
- *Tehran and Stalin's Grand Strategy* - Sean McMeekin, Bard College
- *At the Peak of Friendship: Soviet-American Perceptions from Tehran to Yalta* – Ivan Kurilla, European University at St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
- *Tehran as the Foundation of the Postwar World* – Andrew Buchanan, University of Vermont

12:45–2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00–3:30 p.m. Yalta in Retrospect: Start of the Cold War?

- Chair - Richard Aldous, Bard College
- *Looking Beyond Victory: FDR and the Russians at Yalta* – David Woolner, Roosevelt Institute/Marist College/Bard College
- *“I don’t think I’m Wrong about Stalin:” Churchill’s Strategic and Diplomatic Assumptions at Yalta* - Richard Toye, University of Exeter, United Kingdom
- *Stalin’s Victory at Yalta* – Harold Goldberg, Sewanee–The University of the South
- Discussant – Yuri Rogoulev, Moscow State University, Russian Federation

3:30–4:00 p.m. The Student Perspective

- Presentation of the Bard College Student-Curated Digital Exhibition on the Tehran and Yalta Conferences

4:00–4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

4:15–5:45 p.m. The State of U.S.-Russian Relations Today

- Chair and Discussant – Robert Person, United States Military Academy, West Point
- *The Puffer Fish and the Eagle: Russia and the United States since the End of World War II* – Timothy Naftali, New York University
- *A New Yalta? Is There an Affirmative Project in Russian Foreign Policy and Are We to Take It Seriously?* – Artemy Magun, European University at St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
- *Putin and America: U.S.-Russian Relations Today* - Nina Khrushcheva, The New School

5:45 p.m. Closing Remarks – David Woolner