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The Kremlin's attack on the rule of law in the West

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13:30-15:30

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The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and the Free Russia Foundation invite you to join us for an expert discussion on the coordinated efforts of the Russian regime to undermine key Western institutions.

The Free Russia Foundation has released a report highlighting Russia's escalating manipulation of Western legal systems and its win-at-all-costs agenda. The case studies in the report demonstrate that the Kremlin has been successful in its attempts to undermine the rule of law throughout different branches of government in Western countries, corporations, law and audit firms, law enforcement and even international anti-terror agencies.

But just how sophisticated are the tactics employed by Russian agents against Western institutions and private stakeholders? What can be done to mitigate these alarming trends? Join us for the presentation of the report and an in-depth discussion on how Europe can respond.

PROGRAMME

13:30	Registration and light lunch
14:00	Welcome remarks: Tomi Huhtanen , Executive Director, Martens Centre Natalia Arno , President of the Free Russia Foundation
14:10	Panel Discussion Rumena Filipova , Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Democracy Jakub Janda , Executive Director, European Values Michael Weiss , Journalist, Senior Fellow, Institute for Strategic Dialogue Ilya Zaslavskiy , Head of Research, Free Russia Foundation Moderated by: Roland Freudenstein , Policy Director, Martens Centre
15:00	Q&A



Tomi Huhtanen is the Executive Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies. He was a Political Adviser and subsequently a Senior Adviser for the EPP, focusing on economic and social policies. In 2007, he was put in charge of launching the political foundation of the European People's Party, the Centre for European Studies (renamed the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies in 2014); in the same year, he was nominated as the Centre's Director.



Natalia Arno Since December 2014, Ms. Arno is the founder and president of Free Russia Foundation (FRF), a non-partisan non-profit think tank headquartered in Washington, DC with affiliate offices in the Silicon Valley, CA, Kyiv, Ukraine and Tbilisi, Georgia. Prior to creating FRF (in 2004-2014), Ms. Arno worked for the Moscow office of the International Republican Institute (IRI). She was IRI Russia country director from 2008 until 2014.



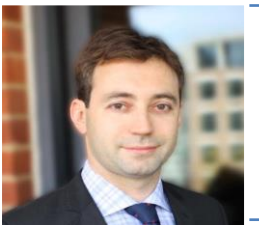
Rumena Filipova is a research fellow at the Centre for the Study of Democracy. Her primary research is related to Russian domestic and foreign policy as well as the Kremlin's media, political and economic influence in Central and Eastern Europe. She holds an MPhil and DPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford. She has been a visiting fellow at the Carnegie Moscow Center, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, and Chatham House.



Jakub Janda is the Executive Director and member of the executive board of the European Values Think Tank headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic. Previously, he worked in the management of the Czech office of humanitarian agency ADRA International, and for a Member of Czech Parliament. He was educated at Charles University and University of Public and International Relations in Prague.



Michael Weiss is an American journalist and author of the New York Times Bestseller *Isis: Inside the Army of Terror*. He is currently a senior fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue as well as an executive consulting editor at Coda Story. Mr. Weiss's second book will be a reported history of the GRU, Russia's military intelligence agency.



Ilya Zaslavskiy is Head of Research for Free Russia Foundation (FRF) and Head of Underminers.info, a research project exposing kleptocrats from Eurasia in the West. He has written reports on Eurasian energy and kleptocracy for the Atlantic Council, Council on Foreign Relations, Martens Centre and other think tanks.



Roland Freudenstein is the Policy Director of the Martens Centre. He was previously director of the Warsaw office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and its Head for Foreign and European Affairs in Berlin. Prior to that, he represented the German city state of Hamburg to the EU. He has contributed to debates and published extensively on international security, European integration and the EU's Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods.