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What is Russia up to?

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Russia is back. Few would disagree with this statement, but what is this Russia like? What does it imply for the European security architecture and the global order? In March 2018, Russia will hold new presidential elections and it is likely that Vladimir Putin will renew his mandate for 6 more years until 2024. However, noticeable signals of mounting problems, growing social discontent, uncertain economic prospects, military interventions abroad and tensions with some neighbors and the West trigger important questions on whether and how the Kremlin will be able to face these challenges and what international implications it will entail.

09.30 Opening

Laura Pérez Castaño, Councillor for International Relations, Barcelona City Council

09.45 Introduction

Antoni Segura, Chairman of the Board, CIDOB

Javier Solana, Honorary Chairman of the Board, CIDOB; Former EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy

10.00 Understanding today's Russia

Chair Marc Marginedas, Moscow correspondent, *El Periódico*

Konstantin Von Eggert, Journalist and political commentator, Moscow

Arkady Ostrovsky, Russia and Eastern Europe Editor, *The Economist*, London

Marie Mendras, Professor, Sciences Po University's School of International Affairs and Research Fellow, CNRS, Paris

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 What is the "rightful place" of Russia in the world order?

Chair Cristina Gallach, Former Under Secretary General for the Department of Public Information, UN

Andrey Kortunov, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow

Judy Dempsey, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe; Editor in Chief, Strategic Europe, Brussels

12.30 Debate amongst speakers

13.15 Debate with the audience

13.45 Closing Remarks

Jordi Bacaria, Director, CIDOB



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