

**THE INFLUENCE OF CIS REVOLUTIONS
ON THE POLITICAL CRISIS OF RUSSIA: POSSIBLE OUTCOMES AND PROSPECTS**

International Round Table,
Forlì, November 18th-19th, 2005

The International Round Table «*The influence of CIS revolutions on the political crisis of Russia: possible outcomes and prospects*» will take place in **Forlì on November 18th-19th** in the big hall of the Garzanti Foundation, Hotel della Città, Corso della Repubblica 117.

The conference is jointly promoted by the United Democratic Center and the “Istituto per l’Europa Centro-Orientale Balcanica”, University of Bologna-Forlì Campus. The event is also sponsored by the Italian Association of Slavists and the Garzanti Foundation.

The Round Table is aimed at discussing the impact of recent radical events that, while changing the geopolitical balance in Ukraine, Georgia, and other Central Asian countries, affected the domestic policy of Russia, President Putin’s role and policy, as well as the Russian policy towards the “near abroad”.

In this framework, the discussion will also examine how the European Union is looking at the State building process in post-Soviet Russia and its relations with the newly independent states; most of them, being part of the New Neighborhood policy, are involved in a set of agreements promoted by the European Commission.

The Round Table will last one day and a half and aims to offer prominent Russian scholars, journalists and policy makers an opportunity to get together with well-known experts and scholars from Italy and other EU member-states, as well as with officials of the European Commission.

Among the Russian experts, the following have already announced their participation: Ilja Roytman (UDC Chairman), Victor Kuvardin (Gorbachev-Foundation), Olga Krishtanovskaya (Director of the Institute for Applied Politics), Sergei Markov (Director of the Institute for Political Research, Chairman of the National Civic Committee for International Affairs), Vitaliy Tretiyakov (Editor-in-chief of the magazine Political Class), Aleksei Salmin (President of the Russian Public Policy Center), Alina Radchenko (Adviser of the Home Policy Department in the President’s Administration), Vladimir Zgarihin (Deputy Director of the Institute for CIS countries) Michail Odesskiy (Russian State University for the Humanities, Head of the Department), Aleksei Venediktov (Radio Echo Moskvi), Fiodor Luk’yanov (Editor-in-chief of the magazine Russia in the Global World), Tatiana Alekseeva (MGIMO Head of the Department for Political Theory). There will be an English-Russian simultaneous translation service available.