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Below you will find a listing and access links to a wide range of the Institute's scholarly work including our featured article in this issue: [Company Towns: Definition, Characteristic Features, and Decline](#) (Ukrainian Historical Journal) (in Ukrainian) April 15, 2017 Volodymyr Kulikov examined the characteristic features of company towns based on case studies from Ukraine and the United States in the period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Kennan Current: April Lead Story [The Hundred-Year Legacy of the Russian Revolution and the World Today: How the Revolution Divided, Unified, and Shaped a Continent](#) April 3-5, 2017 The Russian revolution played a critical role in defining the twentieth century in the processes it launched, the entities it created, and the reactions it inspired. This conference brought together leading thinkers in Central and East European Studies, Russian, and Jewish studies to understand how the challenges posed by the revolution defined the 20th century and continue to influence our world today. It was the first in a series of three events planned in 2017 in partnership with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the POLIN Museum of Jewish history. **Concert: The Songs They Carried** The Russian revolution unleashed waves of migration that continued throughout the 20th century, with emigrants reaching such faraway places as New York, Paris, Buenos Aires, Palestine, Israel, and Harbin. Besides their suitcases, the emigrants carried with them their favorite songs. As they settled into their new homes, they adapted those songs to their new environments, creating new musical fusions. In this special concert organized as part of the Hundred-Year Legacy of the Russian Revolution conference, the Kennan Institute presented a musical exploration of migration as one of the key trends unleashed by the revolution. **Kennan Blog: The Russia File** The Kennan Institute's blog, [The Russia File](#), features weekly posts by Kennan Senior Fellow [Maxim Trudolyubov](#). Guest bloggers include George F. Kennan Expert [Yuri Teper](#) and independent political analyst [Rahim Rahimov](#), among others. To receive an email when a new post is available, please subscribe [here](#), and follow us on Twitter [@russiafiles](#). [Two Domestic-Driven Foreign Policies on a Collision Course](#) By Maxim Trudolyubov April 7, 2017 [The Eurasian Union: A Political Project in an Economic Guise](#) By Rahim Rahimov April 13, 2017 [The Middle East after Trump's Syria Strike: Shifts, Expectations, and Uncertainty](#) By Yuri Teper April 24, 2017 [Russia's Imaginary Stalin](#) (reprinted by [The Moscow Times](#)) By Maxim Trudolyubov April 27, 2017 **Event Highlights** [The Hundred-Year Legacy of the Russian Revolution and the World Today: How the Revolution Divided, Unified, and Shaped a Continent](#) April 5, 2017 The 1917 Russian Revolution stands out as one of the 20th century's defining moments. This event was part of an international project aimed at exploring the Revolution's many legacies that continue to impact the world today. [Russophobia in America: A Genealogy](#) April 11, 2017 American political discourse is full of fears of Russian machinations. Dr. Sean Guillory discussed how American fears of Russia can muddle our understanding of the country and displace crises in the American body politic. [Re-conceptualizing the Russian Legal Tradition: Imperial Roots and Modern Reality](#) April 13, 2017 This panel addressed such longstanding issues as citizenship, the everyday practice of law, sovereignty, the adversarial process, and legal pluralism from historical and modern-day perspectives. [Who are the New Standard-Bearers of the Liberal Idea?](#) April 19, 2017 Will new

generations in Europe and the US continue to champion the ideals of the liberal order? This panel analyzed recent political events and changes, and discussed the waning strength of the 'liberal idea'. [Book Talk: Does Democracy Matter? The United States and Global Democracy Support](#) April 20, 2017 Although most would agree that US interests are better served in the long run by the spread of democracy abroad, some argue that 'hard' security interests must always take precedence, at least in the short term. These are the issues that guided discussions between several of the book's authors and participants. To check for upcoming events, and to access the audio recordings of our past public events, please click [here](#). **Publications**

[No Plan? No Strategy? No Problem! Syria and Why Trump's Russia Policy Is Off to a Rough Start](#) (War on the Rocks) April 11, 2017 Michael Kofman explained that even though the missile strike was praised domestically, President Trump lacks the cooperative policy agenda with Russia that establishes coercive credibility. [Ivan Ilyin: A Fashionable Fascist](#) (Intersection) April 13, 2017 Anton Barbashin wrote that by approving of Ivan Ilyin's philosophy, the Russian state is effectively sugar coating a fascist ideology. [Company Towns: Definition, Characteristic Features, and Decline](#) (Ukrainian Historical Journal) (in Ukrainian) April 15, 2017 Volodymyr Kulikov examined the characteristic features of company towns based on case studies from Ukraine and the United States in the period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. [Crowdsourcing in Cultural Heritage Preservation and Research \(???????\)](#) (in Russian) April 15, 2017 Volodymyr Kulikov offered an overview on crowdsourcing projects aimed to preserve and study cultural heritage. It explains what crowdsourcing is, and how galleries, libraries, archives, and museums can apply it. [Why Protests Keep Putin Up at Night](#) (Foreign Affairs) April 19, 2017 Stephen Crowley wrote about the three challenges to Putin's authoritarian regime. **Kennan in the Media** [Russian Military Unveils Most Powerful Nuclear Submarine Yet, With Kalibr Cruise Missiles \(Newsweek\)](#) April 3, 2017 Michael Kofman said that Russia's new nuclear-powered submarine is probably the most capable high-tech vessel fielded by a potential adversary. [Terror Attack on Russian Metro \(Wilson Center\)](#) April 3, 2017 Matthew Rojansky commented on the recent terrorist attack in a St. Petersburg metro station. [The Arctic Circle and America's Relationship with Russia \(The Dakota Student\)](#) April 4, 2017 During a Kennan Conversation held at the University of North Dakota, Matthew Rojansky stated that the US should maintain an open dialogue with Russia. [Russian Supreme Court Considers Outlawing Jehovah's Witness Worship \(TIME\)](#) April 4, 2017 Roman Lunkin spoke about church-state relations in Russia and how targeting minority religions as 'extremists' is a Russian effort to marginalize organizations with suspected pro-western sympathies. [Chemical Weapons Attack Kill Dozens, Sickens Hundreds in Idlib, Syria \(Fox News\)](#) April 4, 2017 Matthew Rojansky said that the recent chemical attack on a rebel-held Syrian town puts the Kremlin in a very difficult position. [11 Killed in St. Petersburg Metro Explosion \(CNN\)](#) April 4, 2017 Jill Dougherty spoke about the possibility that the St. Petersburg metro explosion was a hybrid Chechen rebel-ISIS attack. [U.S. Needs "Strategic and Moral Clarity" for Russia Reset \(Real Clear Defense\)](#) April 4, 2017 Alexander Golts said that the main goal of the Russian operation in Syria is to overcome isolation as a result of the Crimean crisis. [Russia "Furious" with Assad over Gas Attack \(Al-Monitor\)](#) April 5, 2017 Michael Kofman said that Russia will never forgive the Assad regime for using chemical weapons on the rebel-held town in Idlib. [Why are Russia and Turkey Holding Joint Naval Exercises in the Black Sea \(The National Interest\)](#) April 5, 2017 Michael Kofman argued that Ankara's budding relationship with the Kremlin might be a means to pressure the Alliance and show that Turkey has geopolitical options. [Roots of Russia's War in Ukraine \(UkeTube\)](#) April 5, 2017 Elizabeth Wood and William Pomeranz talked about the roots of war in Ukraine. [After Chemical Weapons Attack, Trump Weighs Strikes on Assad Regime \(Foreign Policy\)](#) April 6, 2017 Michael Kofman argued that Washington and Moscow could end up in a very tense standoff in Syria following a military strike on a Syrian airbase. [Russia Has Been Assad's Greatest Ally - As It Was to His Father Before Him \(LA Times\)](#) April

6, 2017 Matthew Rojansky explained that Russian bilateral and military assistance have been critical to ensuring Assad's political survival. [After U.S. Strikes Syrian Air Base, Russians Ask: 'Where Were Our Air Defense Systems?'](#) (Radio Free Europe) April 7, 2017 Aleksandr Golts said it is unclear whether the Russian military was unable to intercept American missiles directed at Syria or if it did not want to. [Moscow Reacts to Syria Strikes with Furious Words But Few Actions So Far \(Daily Beast\)](#) April 7, 2017 Aleksandr Golts said that the Trump administration notified Moscow about the military strike two hours before its execution, but President Putin did nothing to protect Assad's military base. [Trump's Syria Assault Threatens His Dream of Warmer US-Russia Relations \(BuzzFeed News\)](#) April 7, 2017 Matthew Rojansky argued that the Trump administration needs to demonstrate that the latest strike is part of a serious commitment to managing the crisis in Syria. [Russia's Suspension of US Cooperation on Syrian Airspace Elevates Risk of Clash \(VOA\)](#) April 7, 2017 Aleksandr Golts explained that Russia's suspension of the airspace safety memorandum with the US amplifies potential conflict between the two countries. [Russia's S-300, S-400 and S-500 vs. America's F-35 and F-22: Who Wins? \(The National Interest\)](#) April 9, 2017 Michael Kofman noted that defeating stealth technology is one of Moscow's top priorities and the Kremlin has dedicated a lot of resources to that end. [Tillerson Heads to Moscow Days after US Missile Strikes in Syria Anger Russia \(VOA\)](#) April 9, 2017 Michael Kofman explained that US military airstrikes have changed the tone of the conversation between the US and Russia following Russian suspension of the de-confliction mechanism in Syria. [US Defense Secretary on Syria \(Sky News\)](#) April 11, 2017 Matthew Rojansky discussed Defense Secretary Mattis's stance on Syria and whether there's still common ground between the US and Russia. [The Syrian Air Force: What Is Left? \(The National Interest\)](#) April 11, 2017 Michael Kofman's analysis of US missile strikes in Syria was mentioned in this article. [Trump's White House Takes Combative Posture toward Putin \(Politico\)](#) April 11, 2017 Matthew Rojansky emphasized that the most important strategic factor for Putin is not loyalty to Assad but the regional stability of the Syrian regime to hold a critical geopolitical position in the Middle East. [White House Accusing Russia of Covering Up Syria Chemical Attack \(MSNBC\)](#) April 11, 2017 Matthew Rojansky explained that Secretary Tillerson's summit meeting with Putin is desirable to restore basic dialogue between the US and Russia. [Russian Relations with Assad \(CBS Radio\)](#) April 11, 2017 William Pomeranz asserted that Secretary Tillerson must voice strong Western dissatisfaction with Russia's continued assistance to Assad in his meeting with Sergey Lavrov. [What to Expect When You're Expecting \(Rex Tillerson in Moscow\) \(Foreign Policy\)](#) April 11, 2017 Matthew Rojansky said that Russians have long signaled an openness to move away from Assad personally. [Russia's Tu-160M2: A Cruise Missile Carrier? \(The National Interest\)](#) April 12, 2017 Michael Kofman explained that the Tu-160M2 shows that Russia is committed to maintaining the air leg of its nuclear triad. [Moscow Unlikely to Back Down from Trump's Pressure, says U.S. Expert \(VnExpress\)](#) April 12, 2017 Michael Kofman noted that Moscow is unlikely to back down from US pressure since the Trump administration doesn't seem to have a clear strategy. [?? ??? : ??? ????? ???? ????? ?????????????? ????????? \(Apostrophe\) \(in Russian\)](#) April 13, 2017 Anton Barbashin noted the recent disappointment of Russian authorities in Trump's policy. [???????? : ????????? ? ? ?????? ?????? ?????? ????? ? ?????? ???? ?????? \(RIA\) \(in Russian\)](#) April 13, 2017 William Pomeranz said he does not anticipate any tangible results to emerge from the meeting between Secretary Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov. [Three Things You Need to Know about the U.S.-Russia Relationship \(Marketplace\)](#) April 13, 2017 Matthew Rojansky described how we should think about the US-Russia relationship. [Russian Foreign Policy \(C-SPAN\)](#) April 17, 2017 Michael Kofman discussed Russia's policy objectives in Europe, the Middle East, and around the globe. [What Does Russia Want? What Does America Need? \(The National Interest\)](#) April 19, 2017 Michael Kofman participated in a panel discussion at the Center for the National Interest about

the future of US-Russia relations. [Russia Flies Bombers off Alaskan Coast \(Fox News\)](#) April 20, 2017 Matthew Rojansky gave his analysis on what's happening off of the coast of Alaska. [???????????????? ???? ???? ???? ???? ? ? ?????????? ?????? \(VOA\)](#) (in Macedonian) April 20, 2017 William Pomeranz and Anton Barbashin were quoted by the Macedonian branch of the Voice of America discussing the future of liberal ideas. [Russian Foreign Minister Reflects on Promises, Failure of Post-Soviet Russia \(The Cornell Daily Sun\)](#) April 20, 2017 Andrei Kozyrev reflected on the obstacles and the ultimate failure of post-Soviet diplomacy during his post as the first foreign minister of the Russian Federation. [Russian Hackers Reportedly Target Emmanuel Macron's Campaign in French Election \(Mic\)](#) April 25, 2017 William Pomeranz stated that Le Pen has expressed a desire to improve relations with the Russian government. [French Presidential Candidate Macron Targeted by Hackers, Cyber Firm Says \(CNN\)](#) April 25, 2017 William Pomeranz explained that Marine Le Pen has a populist right-wing message that plays to Putin's narratives and undermines Western institutions. [In His Own Words: Vladimir Putin's Foreign Policy \(War on the Rocks\)](#) April 26, 2017 Michael Kofman argued that President Putin is playing a weak hand – as the leader of a regional power in structural decline – with some skill. [US Officials Allege Sprawling Russian Cover-up \(CNN\)](#) April 27, 2017 William Pomeranz explained that Nikolai Gorokhov's case may prove the dangers of speaking out against the Russian state. [Fears of Russian Meddling as France Prepares to Go to the Polls \(CNN\)](#) April 28, 2017 William Pomeranz explained that Marine Le Pen has been an outspoken opponent of sanctions against Russia and is interested in taking France outside of NATO. **Connect with Kennan** Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and sign up for Kennan emails [here](#).