



**Invitation to the roundtable<sup>1</sup>**  
**organized under the auspices of Mr. Ondřej Benešík,**  
**Chairman of Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of**  
**Deputies**

***“New Russian Diasporas outside the European Union:  
Policy Challenges for Czechia and other Member-states”***

**Date:** 13 July 2023, 9:00 -10:30 a.m.

**Venue:** Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Rep. Sněmovní 3,  
Room No. 6, Ground Floor

**Language:** English, without interpretation

Hundreds of thousands of individuals left Russia after February 24, 2022. Many feared prosecution after participating in protests against the Russian invasion of Ukraine; many fled possible mobilization and searched for new opportunities due to the risks of doing business in Russia.

What do we know about these people a year later? Is this picture sufficient for developing and implementing evidence-based policies regarding this wave of migrants? How do they see possible strategies for adaptation in their new residence countries? Are there missed opportunities and neglected humanitarian issues for Czechia and other EU member states?

During the roundtable, we will address and discuss these issues and questions and present exclusive results of a new research project implemented by a group of independent researchers and commissioned by the Ideas for Russia platform and the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom.

**Technical note:** Due to limited capacity of the room and in order to facilitate participants access to the Parliament premises, please confirm your participation at: [petricek@iir.cz](mailto:petricek@iir.cz) by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Looking forward for your participation.

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The roundtable is co-founded by the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom in partnership with the Faculty of Social Sciences (Charles University) and Institute for International Relations Prague

### **Roundtable agenda:**

9:00 *Opening and introductory remarks by **Tomáš Petříček** (moderator)*

9:10 *Presentation by **Maria Volkova**, Social Foresight Group:*

New Russian Diasporas in Armenia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Serbia: Adaptation, Economic and Entrepreneurial Strategies. Key Takeaways from Ongoing Research done by Social Foresight Group supported by the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

9:30 *Intervention by **Anna Kuleshova**, Social Foresight Group:*

Researching new Russian Diasporas: Plurality of Approaches, Growing Body of Knowledge

9:40 *Intervention by **Dmitry Kokorin**, Ideas for Russia, BNFF:*

Emergence of the New Russian Diasporas and Policy Responses of State Actors within and outside the EU: Challenges, Opportunities and Missing Instruments

9:50 *Closing remarks and Q&A*

10:30 *End of the roundtable*

### **Short bio of the speakers:**

**Tomáš Petříček** is a senior non-residential fellow at the Centre of Global Political Economy at the Institute of International Relations in Prague. He is also the director of Progressive Analytical Centre, the Prague-based think-tank. Since 2022 he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom. He received PhD in International Relations from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, and M.A. degree in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick. He used to serve as a Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic between 2018 and 2021. He previously worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the European Parliament. His research interests lie in the area of international political economy, new technologies and development, societal resilience and geoeconomics and geopolitics of green transition and energy.

**Maria Volkova** is a sociologist. Her research interests cover studies of migration management, using technologies in governance, and more general issues in the

sociology of knowledge. She worked as a lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology at the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences. She was a fellow of the Oxford-Russia fellowship with a project on religious policy in Russia. She has a profound experience in qualitative methods. Now she is doing a PhD in Sociology at the University of Exeter on using AI in migration management in the UK.

**Anna Kuleshova** is a candidate of sociological sciences based in Luxembourg. She is a project coordinator of *Social Foresight Group*. She was a scientific editor of *Monitoring of Public Opinion: Economic and Social Changes Journal* and the co-author of the books “*Open Question: Public Opinion Polls in the Modern History of Russia*”, “*Parenthood 2.0*”. Anna organized international scientific conferences. She has participated in international research projects with scientists from Hanguk University in Seoul. Her main research interests are comparative sociological studies, parenthood, scientific ethics. She has profound professional experience in the third sector, grassroots initiatives, educational and cultural institutions. She is a founder and Chairwoman of the *Russian Council on the Ethics of Scientific Publications*, and a founder of the association *Social Researchers Across Borders*, member of the commission of the Russian Academy of Sciences on countering the falsification of scientific research. Author of the lectures on the ethics of scientific publications.

**Dmitry Kokorin** is a sociologist now based in Prague. He heads *Ideas for Russia* — a new research initiative co-founded by the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom in partnership with the Faculty of Social Sciences (Charles University) and the Institute for International Relations, Prague. His primary fields of research are informality and corruption and their impact on urban governance and development in Russia. His professional background is also linked to the third sector as well as cultural and educational institutions and initiatives. He worked as a development director at International Memorial for several years (2008 — 2018); and participated in various projects run by Memorial thereafter. He also co-founded SMTB Inc. — an independent non-profit educational organization based in the US, which runs an annual international scientific summer school.