

## CREES scholars discuss Eurasian Integration at a high-profile seminar at Chatham House in London

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Several CREES scholars, including Professor Julian Cooper, Dr, Richard Connolly, Dr Matt Frear and Dr Kataryna Wolczuk, as well as Dr Rilka Dragneva from the School of Law presented at the Seminar entitled Eurasian Economic Integration: Rhetoric and Reality. The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Russian and Eurasian programme of Chatham House, which is a leading think-tank on international security.



The Eurasian Customs Union, a new integration regime in the post-Soviet space, has grown in ambition and there are plans to expand it to a Single Economic Space and an Economic Union by 2015. The seminar focused on the rapid development, the institutional architecture and the key driving forces. The speakers took stock of this new regional integration regime, considered its external implications as well as its challenges and limitations.

**[Please see the seminar agenda \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/crees/news-events/eurasian-integration-ch-agenda.pdf\)](#)**

The keynote speech was delivered by Tatiana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC). Ms Valovaya outlined the current priorities of EEC work, further development of economic integration aimed at creating the Eurasian Economic Union by 2015, as well as interaction with third countries.

Ms Valovaya's presentation is available at the website of the Russian Embassy in London: [www.rusemb.org.uk/press/1420](http://www.rusemb.org.uk/press/1420) (<http://www.rusemb.org.uk/press/1420>)

The presentations by the scholars from CREES and the School of Law were based on their contributions to the forthcoming volume **[Eurasian Economic Integration: Law, Politics and Policy](#)** ([http://www.e-elgar.com/bookentry\\_main.lasso?id=15316](http://www.e-elgar.com/bookentry_main.lasso?id=15316)) edited by R. Dragneva and K. Wolczuk to be published by Edward Elgar in October 2013.

The summary of the event is available here.

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