

course



11—12 September

An Attempt at Democracy: Russia 1989–1999 Economics and Politics of Russia at home and abroad

Among speakers:

Nina Khrushcheva
Irina Busygina

Anatoly Chubais
Sergey Petrov



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Registration obligatory: <https://forms.gle/TajoSyH3t9Gs5k5V7>.

COURSE – Lecture Series Program 2026 at Leiden University/Campus The Hague

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This European lecture series explores politics, society, economics, history, culture, and media in Russia during the transformative decade of the 1990s. Through a series of public lectures, it examines the key developments that shaped post-Soviet Russia, the processes that drove its transition, and the consequences of these changes. The series provides an opportunity to look beyond the events themselves and to understand how and why the transformation unfolded, how different aspects of Russian society were affected, and how the legacies of the 1990s continue to shape Russia today. **NB All lectures are in Russian language without translation.**

September 11, Friday

Leiden University, Campus The Hague, Spui building, room 3B.38

13:30–13:45 — Introduction & Welcome

13:45–15:15 — **Anatoly Chubais** — economist and politician

Topic: The Russian Economy of the 1990s

15:15–15:45 — Coffee break

15:45–17:15 — **Sergey Petrov** — founder of Rolf, businessman

Topic: Ethics and Business

17:15–17:30 — Coffee break

17:30–19:00 — **Irina Busygina** — professor, research scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University

Topic: The Collapse of the Soviet Union: Origins, Consequences, and Aftermath

September 12, Saturday

Leiden University, Campus The Hague, Spui building, room 3B.38

10:00–10:15 — Introduction & Welcome

10:15–11:45 — **Nina Khrushcheva** — professor of International Affairs at New School University in New York

Topic: Lifting the “Iron Curtain”: Ten Years of Illusions — Russia, the West, and the Turnaround Over the Atlantic (1989–1999)

11:45–12.00 — Coffee break

12:00–13:30 — **Sergey Vakulenko** - Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center in Berlin

Topic: Formation of the oil and gas trading system and its consequences for relations with the West

13:30–14:30 — Lunch

14:30–16:00 — Lecture 6, TBC