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## **RUSSIA AND THE WEST: identity construction; disinformation and Western policy dilemmas.**

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This panel brings together a range of perspectives on Russian foreign policy, including Western reactions to different dimensions of Russian policies. From the role of state recognition discourse and narratives at the United Nations in constructing Russian identity, to an examination of the ways in which UK narratives around countering Russian disinformation contribute to UK foreign policy roles. Further, two papers focus on UK policy dilemmas, one on the neglect of the UK-Russia relationship in UK public discourse (including in academia and policy circles) and the consequences thereof, and the other on the dilemma posed by the Russia-China partnership: how the UK security is framed by its desire to work with the US, and the challenge of balancing between a perceived need for a tilt to the Indo-Pacific and the need to maintain security in Europe.

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