



Freedom and Russian society: In conversation with Lyudmila Ulitskaya

DATE: Wednesday 20 April
TIME: 6.00 – 7.30pm (with drinks to follow)
VENUE: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room
off Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 2LW
(Use Cromwell Green Visitors' entrance)

Speaker: **Lyudmila Ulitskaya**
Acclaimed Russian author
(winner of the Russian Booker and an
International Booker nominee in 2009)



Chair: **Con Coughlin**, Executive Foreign Editor, Daily Telegraph
Respondent: **Dr Rachel Polonsky**, University of Cambridge and author
of *Molotov's Magic Lantern: A Journey in Russian History*

The Foreign Policy Centre is hosting an 'in conversation with'-style event with the acclaimed Russian author Lyudmila Ulitskaya (her many awards include the Russian Booker and she was an International Booker nominee in 2009). Her work covers a range of issues but has a major focus on identity, particularly gender and religion and the role of Russia's intelligentsia and elites. Her books include *Kukotsky Case*, *Daniel Stein*, *Translator and Medea's Children*. In 2009 she attracted both controversy and acclaim with the publication of her exchange of letters with Mikhail Khodorkovsky, *Dialogues with Lyudmila Ulitskaya*.

During this event, she will give her views on the current state of Russian society and politics, exploring the some of the undercurrents in Russian culture and how they shape the political environment and vice versa. She will also discuss the issues of political and personal freedom, with reference to the political situation in the lead up to the 2012 elections.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to:
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