The seminar will provide an overview of what to expect from Russia as one of key partners of the US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) over the next five-six years.

ISAF has set a deadline to conclude the campaign in Afghanistan. After 2014, the level of foreign military presence will be considerably lower than current levels. Sustaining the effective operational capability of the ISAF now and beyond 2014 is a growing strategic imperative for Australia and its coalition partners.

An overlooking key to its success will be developing a constructive dialogue with key Eurasian players, notably Russia. Moscow’s approach to cooperation on Afghanistan has been constructive. With Russian support, the ISAF has moved over 170,000 personnel and about 25,000 containers, about one-fifth of a total 120,000 designated to reach the Afghan theatre.

There is a growing belief in Moscow that, should the coalition fail, it’s the Russia-led Collective security treaty organisation and the Shanghai Cooperation organisation that would have to manage the security fallouts.

Event details:
Tuesday 23 April, 2013
12:30pm -2:00pm
RMIT City campus,
RMIT Building 13, level 4, room 2 (Boardroom)
Corner Russell and Franklin Streets, Melbourne

Speaker: Dr Alexey D Muraviev,
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Free Event. All Welcome. A light lunch will be served.
Please RSVP to eucentre@rmit.edu.au for catering purposes.

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