

Reflections on a Life in Russian, International and Imperial History



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Prof. Dominic Lieven is giving his lecture "Reflections on a Life in Russian, International and Imperial History" in the framework of the research seminar in Eastern European History. Guests are welcome!

Professor Dominic Lieven is a leading expert in the field of Russian, international and imperial history. He graduated first in the class of 1973 in history from Cambridge University and was a Kennedy Scholar at Harvard in 1973/4. Subsequently, he has been inter alia a Humboldt Fellow in Germany, and a visiting professor at Tokyo University and Harvard. From 1978-1991 he was a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Professor at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Head of LSE's Department of Government (2001-04) and the Department of International History (2011-19). In 2001 Prof. Lieven became a Fellow of the British Academy and in 2011 a Senior Research Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge. Since 2019 he has been an Honorary Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge and a Visiting Professor at LSE.

Prof. Lieven has published widely and won several academic prizes, including the Wolfson Prize (UK) for *Russia Against Napoleon* (2008) and the Ambassador of the New Europe Prize (Poland) for *Towards the Flame: Empire, War and the End of Tsarist Russia* (2015). His most important monographs include: *Russia's Rulers Under the Old Regime* (1989), *Empire: The Russian Empire and Its Rivals* (2002) and his most recent monograph *In the Shadow of the Gods: The Emperor in World History* (2022).

Alongside his academic career, Prof. Lieven served as an expert of Russian and Soviet affairs on Margaret Thatcher's foreign policy advisory committee.

