

Salt Lake Committee on Foreign Relations

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Tuesday – February 7, 2017

6PM Social – 7PM Dinner – 8PM Presentation

The Alta Club – 100 East South Temple

Complementary parking is available on north side of South Temple, east of the Eagle Gate apartments. Valet service available after 6pm

The Future of U.S.-Russian Relations: Thinking beyond Trump/Putin



Sergey Parkhomenko is a Russian journalist, publisher, and founder of several projects aimed at developing civic activism and promoting liberal values in Russia. He founded and was first editor-in-chief (1995-2001) of *Itogi* (Results), Russia's first current affairs weekly, published in cooperation with *Newsweek*; was editor-in-chief of several publishing houses producing translated fiction and non-fiction literature; and was editor-in-chief of *Vokrug Sveta* (Around the World), Russia's oldest monthly magazine. Since August 2003, Parkhomenko has been presenting *Sut' Sobytyi* (Crux of the Matter) on Radio Echo of Moscow, a weekly program making sense of the events of the past week. Parkhomenko was instrumental in organizing mass rallies in Moscow through the winter and spring of 2011-12. He organized the "Vse v sud!" (Go to court!), a civic campaign helping people to file lawsuits against widespread election rigging. He was also one of the founders of Dissernet (DissertationWeb), a network community dedicated to exposure of dissertation plagiarism, and *Posledny Adres* (Last Address), a civil campaign dedicated to creating a collective memorial to the victims of political repression in the Soviet Union and Russia.



Dr. Stacy Closson is a Global Fellow at the Kennan Institute and former Assistant Professor at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky. She received her PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science in International Relations. She came to Patterson from the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington, D.C. where she was a Kennan fellow. Dr. Closson was also a Transatlantic Post-Doctoral Fellow in think tanks in Switzerland and Germany. From 1996-2002 she worked in the US Department of Defense as a political-military analyst, entering as a Presidential Management Fellow. Dr. Closson has been named an "Emerging Leader in Environmental and Energy Policy" by the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C. Last year, she was a Fulbright Fellow at National Chengchi University, Department of Diplomacy in Taipei, Taiwan. Her most recent book with MIT Press is *Energy, Economics, and Geopolitical Futures: Eight Long-Range Scenarios*.

Please RSVP by 3pm Monday, February 6, by one of the following; reply to this email; phone Kathryn Horvat (801) 502-0708, or email at kbhorvat@comcast.net. Reservations made after deadline will be taken for speaker only. Please leave your name and the number in your party. Vegetarian meal is available, advise with RSVP. **Please cancel reservations by 3pm on Monday, February 6 if you know you will not be attending the meeting.** You are responsible for your own and guests fees if you do not attend after making reservations.

Dinner fees; Member \$35, Guests \$40

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