
The Afghanistan Question and the U.S.-Russian Reset in Relations

On October 25, 2011, **Richard Krickus**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Mary Washington (USA), delivered a guest lecture for the Master's MIREES program at the Faculty of Political Science "Roberto Ruffilli" in Forlì.

The lecture was entitled "**The Afghanistan Question and the U.S.-Russian Reset in Relations**", the subject of a book by the same name recently published by Dr. Krickus.

In his lecture Dr. Krickus focused on prospects for cooperation between Russia and the United States in Afghanistan, considered by him a serious test of the U.S.-Russian reset in relations. In the initial part of his lecture, the speaker provided the audience with an historical background of Russian and American involvement in Afghanistan. Then he proceeded to current developments in Afghanistan. In relation to the Afghan war, the guest attempted to assess the success of Russian-American cooperation in Afghanistan.

Analyzing in detail the outcomes of the counterinsurgency strategy that accompanied the period of transition from the US military to local authorities, the author drew his conclusions on the situation in Afghanistan, also providing policy recommendations.

A lively discussion ensued, providing the audience with an opportunity to discuss the developments in Afghanistan as well as other places in the world that have experienced American intervention.

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