

Carl Schurz German-American Club and Dickinson College  
cordially invite you to attend the

## Fourth Dickinson College Public Lecture on

# “Trumped-up Good Relations? A Russian Perspective on the USA Today”

with

*Irina Filippova*

When Donald Trump was elected as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, many were shocked – but others may have harbored faint hopes as well. Since Trump had already announced his intention to improve American relations with the Russian Federation, many Russian citizens might have expected a new thaw between the two nuclear powers. But events and debates in the USA over the last few months have left an ambivalent impression: Amid allegations that Russia attempted to influence the US presidential election, President Trump’s team is also under attack from his own party for its members’ relationships with Russian contacts, and with his recent decision to order an air strike in Syria, Trump appears to be adding to the chill.

This raises the question of what Russians think of and expect from the USA right now. And more importantly, will future generations improve relations or further entrench the *status quo*? Irina Filippova, Director of the Dickinson-in-Russia Program at the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow (RGGU), will provide us with some answers. She has collected statements from colleagues at the RGGU, from the press, from Muscovites, and from Dickinson students currently studying in Moscow. Rather than presenting a political analysis of what can only be described as an uncertain *status quo*, she will give us a first-hand insight into public opinion in Russia, and the mindset and sentiments of so-called “ordinary people” there.

## Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Gästehaus der Universität Bremen  
Auf dem Teerhof 58, 28195 Bremen

Introductory words: Neil van Sicen  
(President of the Carl Schurz German-American Club, Bremen)

Presenter and Respondent: Dr. Janine Ludwig  
(Academic Director of the Dickinson-in-Bremen Program at the University of Bremen)

A reception with refreshments will be held after the lecture.



Irina Filippova

**IRINA FILIPPOVA** is a Professor of Russian as a Foreign Language at the Russian State University for Humanities, Russia, Moscow and she is the Resident Director of the Dickinson-in-Moscow program, which is also held in RGGU. Filippova’s position connects her professional interests in the sphere of Second Language Acquisition and her passion for the Russian History and Culture with the interest in working with diverse students.

**JANINE LUDWIG** is the Academic Director of the Durden Dickinson Program at the University of Bremen. She was awarded a guest lectureship at Dickinson College in 2013/2014. As Academic Director, she mentors American students and is regularly engaged in transatlantic topics and issues. She currently serves as President of the International Heiner Müller Society and Vice Head of the *Institut für kulturwissenschaftliche Deutschlandstudien* at the University of Bremen. As a literary scholar, she received her Ph.D. from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in 2008 and has published books on GDR literature and Heiner Müller.



Janine Ludwig