In his talk “Russian Approaches to International Economic Law”, Professor Mälksoo will address some conceptual underpinnings of international economic law in Russia, especially the importance of state sovereignty and the view that whatever is not agreed strictly between states cannot be international law. The impact of cases like Yukos will be discussed but also the significance of constitutional changes recently proposed by President Putin.

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