



Andrei Illarionov, former advisor to Vladimir Putin, to speak at W&L

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Andrei Illarionov, former economic policy advisor to **Russian President** Vladimir Putin, will speak at Washington and [Lee University](#) on Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. in **Northern Auditorium**.

The title of Illarionov's talk is "Russo-Ukrainian War." It is free and open to the public and sponsored by the **Russian Area Studies Department**.

Illarionov is a [senior](#) fellow in the Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

On April 12, 2000, Illarionov assumed the office of Putin's [senior](#) economic adviser within the Russian presidential administration, and, in May 2000, he became the personal representative of the Russian [president](#) in the G8. He played an important role in introducing the low 13 percent flat- [income tax](#) in Russia, in repaying the Russian foreign debt, in creating the petroleum revenues-based Stabilization Fund of the Russian Federation and in bringing Russia's full-fledged membership in the political G8.

In 2005, Illarionov offered his [resignation](#) in protest against the government, saying that [Russia](#) was no longer politically free. "It is one thing to work in a country that is partly free. It is another thing when the political system has changed, and the country has stopped being free and democratic," Illarionov said, according to the **BBC News**.

Illarionov coauthored several economic programs for Russian governments and has written three books and more than 300 articles on Russian economic and social policies.

He received his Ph.D. from St. Petersburg University.