

James Sherr

Biographical Note

James Sherr is an Associate Fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Programme of Chatham House (having been Head of Programme 2008-11), a Senior Associate Fellow of the Institute of Statecraft and a Visiting Fellow of the Razumkov Centre (Kyiv). Between 1993-2012, he was a member of the Social Studies Faculty of the University of Oxford. From 1995-2008, he was a Fellow of the Conflict Studies Research Centre of the UK Defence Academy. During part of that time (1998-2000), he served as a Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Defence Committee, and some years previously (1983-85), Director of Studies of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies.

Mr Sherr is the author of *Hard Diplomacy and Soft Coercion: Russia's Influence Abroad* (Chatham House, 2013). He has produced over 100 publications on Russia, Ukraine and European security, most recently 'A War of Narratives and Arms' (in the Chatham House report, *The Russia Challenge*, June 2013).

Since 1995, Mr Sherr has had an intensive advisory role in Ukraine and has worked closely with official bodies and centres of independent expertise in the country. He has also been engaged with wider policy discussions associated with NATO and EU enlargement, the Black Sea region and energy security. He has a long-standing relationship with the Institute of Eastern Studies (OSW) and other centres in Poland, the Institute of Defence Studies (Tallinn) and the Harvard JFK School's Black Sea and Russia security programmes, and the German Marshall Fund of the USA. He has spoken, *inter alia*, at the NATO-Russia Council, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the College of Europe. He has been a member of the Valdai Club since 2008.