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Having divided her time between Moscow and the US during the past year, Nina Khrushcheva has observed the changes in Russian society from within. How is Russian society developing in the shadow of war and political oppression? How secure is Putin's power and are their oppositional protagonists and structures apart from the Kremlin elite and the oligarchs? Is a change of power in Russia a plausible prospect, and what will Russia look like after the war, and after Putin? How much has been destroyed already by the loss of countless people who left the country, by the tightening of dictatorship and the breakdown of trade and political relations with Western countries? What will the future hold for Russia and for European and global power politics and global alliances?

Philipp Blom speaks with Nina Khrushcheva about a society in meltdown and its future in the context of both its historical and political path, and of international security.

The debate series *Dialogues for Tomorrow* critically examines the present from multiple perspectives in order to create a better understanding of tomorrow. Together with the Bruno Kreisky Forum and the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), the University of Applied Arts hosts experts from different disciplines to discuss future challenges.

In spring 2023 historian, journalist and author Philipp Blom will be in conversation with renowned, innovative, intelligent and provocative international guests to talk about transformation, reasonable change, necessary steps and new conceptual spaces.

Nina Khrushcheva is Professor in the Julien J. Studley Graduate Programs of International Affairs at The New School in New York. She is an editor of and a contributor to the Project Syndicate: Association of Newspaper Around the World. Her articles have appeared in *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, and other publications. She has commented widely on Russian politics for MSNBC, CNN, BBC, and other international media outlets. Khrushcheva's latest co-authored book is *In Putin's Footsteps: Searching for the Soul of an Empire Across Russia's Eleven Time Zones* (St. Martin's Press, 2019). She is currently working on a biography of her great-grandfather, Nikita Khrushchev.

Philipp Blom was born in Hamburg in 1970. After living and working in Oxford, London, and Paris, he is now based in Vienna. His historical works, essays, and novels have been translated into 16 languages and have received numerous awards, including a scholarship at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles and the German Non-Fiction Book Prize. Blom is also a prolific radio journalist and public speaker.

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