Sergei Adamovich Kovalev is the leading human-rights activist and a prominent pro-democracy political actor in Russia today. As a well-known Soviet-era dissident and post-Communist member of parliament, Kovalev has been a tireless fighter for civic and human rights and a public opponent of human-rights abuses, most visibly in conjunction with the Chechen war. As both a co-founder of Memorial, a civic organization devoted to the memorializing of the victims of political persecution, and the Moscow branch of Amnesty International, Kovalev has been an open critic of the Yeltsin and Putin administrations. A survivor of Soviet persecution, the author of Russia's present constitutional protections for human rights and one of the country's leading voices for democracy, Sergei Kovalev is President of the Moscow-based Human Rights Initiative and a leading member of Russia's democratic opposition.

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**7:30 - 9:30 p.m. ~ reception to follow**
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