

Title: The Tolstoy Effect: Olga Sedakova in Public
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Abstract:

In a recent interview Irina Prokhorova, publisher and one of Russia's key contemporary public intellectuals, described Olga Sedakova's importance in the Russian public space, pointing above all to her ethical impulse. This paper will explore three decades of interviews with Sedakova as a way of understanding how she views her public role. Within these interviews her references to Tolstoy and his writings will comprise the focal lens.