



WORLD POLITICS CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS AND INTERCULTURAL INTERACTION

M.A. IN IR



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✔ Knowledge of agenda of the current global politics, international security, global governance, world order and interstate competition, applied analytics of international political profile helps to form necessary skills and meet the needs for specialists of both public authorities and private sector, engaged in international activities.
- ✔ Regular lectures and master classes by leading experts and analysts in international relations, meetings with Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors of foreign missions in Russia, practical work and internships.
- ✔ Thanks to the international composition of the study group, the students build up their own network of professional international contacts already at the university.
- ✔ The possibility of participation in grants of Russian scientific foundations for research in international relations.



STUDYING PROCESS

120 ECTS credits.

Lectures, workshops and self-study, several internships.



MEGATRENDS AND GLOBAL ISSUES

- New system of international relations and world order: actors, agenda, challenges, management.
- Globalization and de-globalization in the XXI century.
- Regionalization as a key trend.
- Democratization and its effects.
- Actors of global politics and possibilities of cooperation between state and non-state actors.
- Traditional and new power centers.
- Alternative scenarios of world political structure.
- Intergovernmental organisations and club institutions.



REGIONAL SUBSYSTEMS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE XXI CENTURY

- Theory and methodology of international relations analysis at the regional level.
- European subsystem of international relations.
- Eurasian subsystem of international relations.
- American subsystem of international relations.
- Asian subsystem of international relations.
- African subsystem of international relations.
- Leaders in regional subsystems: advantages, interests, influence.
- International intergovernmental organizations in the international subsystem.
- Globalization and regionalization in perspective.



CONTEMPORARY FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

- Peculiarities of the development of the world order in the late XX – early XXI century.
- Russia's role and place in the modern world order.
- Inter-ethnic conflicts on the territory of the former USSR and peacekeeping activities of the Russian Federation.
- Russia and North-East Asia (Japan, Mongolia, Korea).
- Russia and the Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan).
- Russia and conflict situations in Africa.
- Russia and the Balkans.
- Conflict situation in the south-east of Ukraine and Russia's role in its resolution.



APPLIED QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND MODELING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

- Relevance of quantitative methods of analysis in international relations.
- Quantitative analysis in the system of international political research methods.
- Databases on international relations.
- International rankings and coefficients of rank correlation, country ratings and their preparation.
- Application of game theory to the analysis of international relations.
- Typical 2x2 games for modeling international relations.
- System modeling of international relations.
- Network analysis of international relations. Simulations.



MODELING AND FORECASTING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Principles of predictive knowledge and forecasting in world politics.
- Theories of Progress from J. Vico to K. Marx and its foreign policy implications.
- Causal and functional modeling and forecasting of foreign policy.
- Life Cycle Models.
- Wave models.
- Models of geopolitical dynamics.
- Content analysis.
- Correlation analysis.
- Regression analysis.
- Cluster analysis.
- Factor analysis.
- The method of system approach.
- Event Analysis. Situational analysis.
- SWOT-analysis.
- Delphi method.
- Brainstorming method.



DIPLOMATIC THEORY AND THE MODERN DIPLOMATIC SYSTEM

- The concept of diplomacy and its role in international relations.
- Diplomacy as an institution and instrument of foreign policy.
- System of bodies for foreign relations of states.
- Diplomacy at the present stage of development of international relations.
- Trends in the development of diplomatic relations.
- New areas of diplomacy: multilateral diplomacy, economic diplomacy, informal diplomacy.
- Practical aspects of diplomatic relations: negotiation process, protocol and etiquette.



FOREIGN POLICY PROCESS AND FORMATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S FOREIGN POLICY

- Levels of foreign policy process: state, international, individual.
- Foreign policy process in developed democracies, Asian democracies, non-liberal democracies, authoritarian states, totalitarian and transtotalitarian states, post-Soviet states.
- Priority of group and national interests over personal ones.
- Role of Presidential Administration, MFA of Russia and Russian Parliament in foreign policy process.
- The President of Russia in foreign policy process.
- Conceptualization of Russian foreign policy
- Human factor in foreign policy process.



NON-STATE ACTORS IN WORLD POLITICS

- Global governance.
- The problem of coordination between state and non-state actors.
- Non-state actors in international relations: non-governmental organizations (NGOs), transnational corporations (TNCs).
- National liberation movements and problems of separatism in the modern world.
- Interest groups as non-state political institutions.
- International NGOs and universal intergovernmental organizations: possibilities of cooperation.
- Radical movements and their role in global politics (anti-globalists, terrorist organizations).



GLOBAL SECURITY

- Principles of international security.
- Basic ways of ensuring international security.
- Development of the concept of international security.
- Operational models of international security.
- New parameters of modern global security.
- Legal aspects of global security.
- Arms control.
- Regional dimension of global security.
- Problems of security in the Near and Middle East, in the Asia-Pacific region.
- European security.
- Formation of regional security in the Eurasian post-Soviet space.



INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS A PROBLEM IN CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Terrorism and counter-terrorism: history and theory issues.
- Classification of terrorism.
- Social terrorism.
- Nationalist terrorism.
- World view (religious) terrorism.
- Terrorist organizations: formation and activity.
- Manifestations of terrorist activity.
- Foreign experience of counteraction to terrorism.
- Improvement of Russian legislation as an important component of counteraction to regional and international terrorism.



STUDENTS FEEDBACK



KHALAF SAAD, EGYPT

“ Why did I choose to study at the Department of Theory and History of IR at RUDN? Because it is a serious University with a high degree of quality education and training in various fields. I know that I will be able to apply the knowledge I received at the RUDN University in practice, and it will help me in my professional activity. RUDN occupies a leading position in the rankings and could be treated as one of the best Russian and world Universities. ”



DANYUK NIKITA SERGEYEVICH, RUSSIA

“ Master’s degree at the Department of Theory and History of IR was the final stage in obtaining fundamental education in international relations, which greatly helped in further professional activities. High qualification of teachers of the Department, innovative and creative approaches to the learning process, as well as the introduction of modern technologies in the educational process have become a guarantee of high-quality professional training, which is not inferior to the best domestic and foreign analogues. ”



MANDALICA TIARA, INDONESIA

“ RUDN is exactly the same Alma mater that teaches the main thing-to see people in people and life in life. Many thanks for the individual approach to each student. ”



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BATCHULUUN BATTLEMAN, MONGOLIA

“ High professionalism is combined with an amazing sensitivity and readiness to help at any time, and the personal example and love for their work of the Department employees motivate them to search for their own purpose and successful work in international relations. ”

SANDOVAL SEPULVEDA VALENTINA ISABEL, CHILE.

“ The knowledge gained at the master’s degree program “World politics: conceptual foundations and intercultural interaction” helps me in my further scientific and professional development. It obviously helped to deepen and systematize the skills that were obtained earlier. I would like to express special gratitude to the entire teaching staff of the Department for their professionalism and responsible attitude to the educational process. ”

VARDANEGA SIMONE, ITALY

“ RUDN is an amazing University where, in addition to the best education, I got a huge experience of interacting with people of various nationalities and cultures. There is every chance to learn from the best minds in the country and find real friends around the world. I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers and students who made my student life unforgettable! ”



ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

SHPAKOVSKAYA MARINA ANATOLIEVNA



Doctor of History, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations.

Theme of dissertation: “A.A. Kizewetter in Russian historiography”.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

history of international relations, history of diplomacy, modern problems of globalization, Italian diplomacy, Russian emigration and the role and significance of Russian diasporas, megatrends of modern international relations.

Author of scientific articles in peer-reviewed Russian and foreign scientific journals (HAC, SCOPUS, Web of Science). Author and co-author of several monographs (“A.A. Kizewetter in Russian Historiography”, “From the History of Negotiations on Disarmament Issues. The second half of XX century textbooks”), textbooks such as “The history of international relations and foreign policy of Russia (1648-2017)”, with the UMO in co-authorship, “Foreign policy of CIS countries” and a number of textbooks.

She regularly makes presentations at national and international conferences.

Recipient of grants from Russian scientific foundations to conduct research and organize scientific events.