



**FACULTY  
OF HUMANITIES AND  
SOCIAL SCIENCES**



# **REGIONAL STUDIES**

**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM WITH  
THE SHANDONG UNIVERSITY (SDU)**

**M.A. IN AREA STUDIES**



## PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✔ Knowledge of the specifics of economic and political processes in China and the CIS allows graduates to work in any public institution in their respective countries or globally.
- ✔ First year program is done in Chinese at a partner university – the Shandong University (PRC), which allows Russian students to improve their level of knowledge of the Chinese language; second year program is done in Russian at RUDN University, which allows foreign students to deepen their understanding of the Russian language and Russian academic culture.
- ✔ Thanks to the international composition of the study group, students are building their own network of professional international contacts already at the university.
- ✔ A large number of individual and group creative projects is organized.
- ✔ Scientific and expert conferences are regularly held at the interuniversity, national and international level.



# STUDYING PROCESS

**120 ECTS credits.**

**Lectures, practical exercises and several types of internship.**



## **ACTUAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF RUSSIA AND NEIGHBORING STATES (CIS)**

- A comprehensive study of the current socio-economic problems of Russia and neighboring states in the context of globalization and regionalization; the formation of skills for research of the current socio-economic situation in the post-Soviet space; the formation of a comprehensive view on the current socio-economic status and development prospects of Russia in cooperation with other CIS countries; consideration of the risks that Russia is facing in its development in the 21st century and the possibility of minimizing them.



## **POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND CULTURES IN THE CIS / EAST ASIA**

- Institutional and legal structure of the CIS / East Asia.
- Economic interaction of the CIS / East Asia countries.
- Cooperation of the CIS / East Asia states in defense and security sphere.
- Multi-speed and multi-format integration processes in the CIS / East Asia.
- Territorial conflicts in the post-Soviet space / East Asia and the problems of their settlement.



## **RUSSIAN POLITICS IN THE CIS / EAST ASIA**

- The evolution of the Russian foreign policy strategy in 1991–2019.
- The main stages of the development of Russian policy in the CIS / East Asia.
- Vision of the place and role of the CIS / East Asia countries in the foreign policy of Russia.
- The main components of Russia's interest in the CIS / East Asia.
- Interest groups in Russian foreign policy and their understanding of interaction with the CIS / East Asia countries.
- Ensuring political, military, economic, humanitarian and legal stability in the CIS / East Asia.



## **INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS A CHALLENGE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- The course aims to give a holistic view of international terrorism as a threat to international security; to study the origins and essence of terrorism; to consider the main trends in modern terrorism; to explore the role of Russia in countering international terrorism; to study foreign experience in countering terrorism.



## **ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY OF RUSSIA AND NEIGHBORING REGIONS (CIS)**

- Introduction to Ethnology.
- Basic ethnological theories.
- Fundamentals of Ethnic Psychology.
- Ethnic identity and ethnonyms.
- Classifications of ethnic processes.
- Classifications of the peoples of the world.
- The peoples of Russia and the CIS.
- Slavic peoples.
- Non-Slavic peoples of European Russia.
- The peoples of the North Caucasus and Transcaucasia.
- The peoples of Siberia and the Far East.
- The peoples of Central Asia.



# STUDENTS FEEDBACK



 **LI FUCHEN, CHINA**

“ I had the honor to study at the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia in 2018. In my opinion it was the best time. Firstly, the atmosphere of the university is very favorable for study. Secondly, the teachers are really experts in their field and it was clear how important it was for them to explain the material to absolutely all students, both Russians and foreigners. Thirdly, I am happy to meet new friends both from Russia and other countries. I will recommend this program to my colleagues in China. Thanks to RUDN and Russia for the opportunity to undergo training within the walls of my alma mater in Russia – RUDN. ”

 **SHAO MINGJIAN, CHINA**

“ I graduated from a dual program together with Shandong University and RUDN University. As a result of the training, I would like to note a number of positive aspects: I got acquainted with the culture, traditions and customs of Russia and looked at the situation in Russia in a new way; I have made many friends in Russia and plan to return more than once; I got acquainted with the culture and customs of other countries and met many students from other countries who became my faithful friends; I liked the high level of teaching, as well as the fact that teachers speak foreign languages, including Chinese, so it was possible to solve all the necessary questions at any time; The attitude towards foreign students was also very pleasing, I did not have to feel that we were here on our own, it felt like we were at home. Also during his studies, he took part in many conferences, including in other Moscow universities. ”



# ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

## KURYLEV KONSTANTIN PETROVICH



Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Department of Theory and History of International Relations. Member of The University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) (United Kingdom) (since 2011); Member of EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network (United Kingdom) (since 2011). Member of International Studies Association (since 2017). Member of Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), USA (since 2018).

### **Theme of the doctoral dissertation:**

“The foreign policy concept of Ukraine in the context of the formation of the European security system (1991–2014)”.

### **FIELDS OF SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:**

modern international relations, modern foreign policy of Russia, foreign policy of Ukraine, terrorism, political, economic and integration processes in the CIS.

The author of more than 70 scientific papers, including scientific articles in peer-reviewed Russian and foreign scientific journals (Higher Attestation Commission, SCOPUS, Web of Science), regularly gives speeches at international conferences on foreign policy of Russia and the CIS countries. Co-author of the textbook “Foreign Policy of the CIS Countries”, monograph “Foreign Policy of Georgia in the South Caucasus: 1991–2016”.

Author of monographs “Ukrainian Crisis and International Security”, “Political Portrait of A.I. Konovalov”, “Conceptual foundations of the foreign policy of Russian liberals in the early twentieth century.”

Deputy editor-in-chief of the scientific journal “Bulletin of the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia. Series: International Relations”.

He regularly takes part as a representative of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN University in the annual Sessions of the Council of FUMO of Russian universities on education in the field of international relations at MGIMO (U) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Recipient of grants from Russian and foreign scientific foundations for conducting research and organizing scientific events.