



**RUSSIA
AND THE MIDDLE EAST:
THE MAIN AREAS
OF INTERACTION AND COOPERATION**

(with Lebanese State University)

M.A. IN AREA STUDIES



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ The first Double Master's degree program in Russia, which is implemented jointly by Russian and Arab universities in the national languages of the two countries (Russian and Arabic). During the first year of studies, classes are held in Arabic at Lebanese State University (Lebanon), during the second year in Russian at RUDN University (the Russian Federation). Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive two diplomas: RUDN University diploma in International Relations and Lebanese State University diploma in History.
- ✓ Due to the international student body and leading Russian and Libenese professors, graduates of the program get unique cross-cultural communication skills and a personal network of professional international contacts is built at the stage of university studies.
- ✓ In the context of Russia's return to the Middle East and the strengthening of Russian-Arab cooperation, the graduates of the program will be in demand both in the public service (Ministries of Foreign Affairs, news agencies, ministries of defense) and in private business.



STUDYING PROCCCESS

120 credits.

Lectures, practical training and independent work.
Several types of internship.

Arabic (for Russian students) / Russian (for foreign students)



MEGATRENDS AND GLOBAL ISSUES

- The formation of a new structure of international relations and a new international order.
- The features of globalization of the XXI century.
- Regionalization as a global development trend.
- The processes of democratization as a factor in the global present-day problems.
- The multiplicity of participants on the modern world stage.
- Alternative options for the political structure of the world.
- Legal instruments of world-system regulation.
- A new environment of international relations (the transition from industrial to post-industrial society).



REGIONAL SUBSYSTEMS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE XXI CENTURY

- Theory and methodology of the analysis of international relations at the regional level.
- The European subsystem of international relations.
- The Eurasian subsystem of international relations.
- The American subsystem of international relations.
- The Asian subsystem of international relations.
- The African subsystem of international relations.
- International intergovernmental organizations in the international subsystem.
- Globalization and regionalization in the long term.



MODERN FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

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



APPLIED QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND MODELING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The relevance of applying quantitative methods of analysis in international relations.
- Quantitative analysis in the system of methods of international political research.
- Databases on international relations.
- International ratings: ranking and coefficient of rank correlation, country ratings.
- 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.
- Simulation modeling.



THEORY OF DIPLOMACY AND THE MODERN DIPLOMATIC SYSTEM

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



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

- The levels of the foreign policy process: state, international, individual.
- The foreign policy process in developed democracies, in Asian democracies, in illiberal democracies, in authoritarian states, in totalitarian and trans-totalitarian states, in the post-Soviet states.
- Synthesis of cultural and religious features and formal democratic institutions.
- The specific role of informal pre-modern institutions.
- Rigorous hierarchy.
- The priority of group and national interests over personal ones.
- The patriarchal and clan structure of society.
- Authoritarian paternalism.
- The human factor in the foreign policy process.
- Lebanon in regional and international processes.



MODERN HISTORY OF LEBANON'S CIVILIZATION

- The domestic political situation in Lebanon.
- The example of multiculturalism and multi-faith.
- The intersection point of the conflicting interests of regional and global forces.
- The ethno-confessional nature of Lebanese politics.
- The features of the Lebanese political elite.
- 1975–1990 Civil War and its consequences.
- Syrian military presence and its opponents (1990–2005).
- The Hizbullah Movement as the dominant political force in Lebanon.
- Split in the Christian community of Lebanon.
- Clannishness and oligarchy, but the opportunity for various political forces to have free competition.
- A democratic system in conditions of incomplete national construction and a large-scale crisis caused by a combination of internal and external factors.



GLOBAL SECURITY

- The principles of international security.
- The main ways to ensure international security.
- State territory.
- The 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.
- The regional dimension of global security.
- Security issues in the Near and Middle East, in the Asia-Pacific region.
- European security.
- The formation of regional security in the post-Soviet Eurasian space.



INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS A PROBLEM OF MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Terrorism and counter-terrorism: history and theory.
- Classification of terrorism.
- Social terrorism.
- Nationalist terrorism.
- Worldview (religious) terrorism.
- Terrorist organizations: formation and activities.
- Manifestations of terrorist activity.
- Foreign experience in countering terrorism.
- Improving Russian legislation as an important component in countering regional and international terrorism.



STUDENTS FEEDBACK



DANIIL KATERENCHUK, RF



The first Russian Master's degree student to enter this program, the graduate of the Faculty of the Humanities and Social Sciences of RUDN University in International Relations, the Arabic-language student Daniil Katerenchuk notes: "Studying in Lebanon will give you the opportunity not only to improve your language skills, but also to plunge into the events of "Arab Street". A lot of what you read will be happening around you. Famous Lebanese professors will help you understand various problems of the region, acute local conflicts, look at them from an Arab point of view. Moreover, you can get acquainted with representatives of various faiths and political movements in one place, find out opinions about the current situation, try to understand their logic, express your opinion and participate in disputes. There are a lot of sights in Lebanon which are worth seeing: architectural monuments of the most ancient civilizations, mosques and churches, modern skyscrapers and buildings from the wartime, etc. It is amazing that all this can be found on the same street. "





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Subject of dissertation: “The system of lexical and grammatical meanings of the Arabic verb stems and their equivalents in Russian”.

RESEARCH INTERESTS: philology, oriental studies, Arabic studies.

- Author of monographs on the problems of the Arab world, a number of scientific articles in peer-reviewed Russian and foreign scientific journals (Higher Attestation Commission, SCOPUS, Web of Science, RSCI (Russian Science Citation Index)), 12 teaching aids on the Arabic language course. She has published over 60 scientific articles.
- She regularly makes presentations at national and international conferences in the Russian Federation, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Japan, Lebanon and other countries.
- Member of the Jordanian-Russian Friendship Society and the Moroccan-Russian Friendship Society.