



WORLD POLITICS: GLOBALIZATION AND CONFLICTS

WITH BEIJING FOREIGN LANGUAGE UNIVERSITY, CHINA

M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Knowledge of agenda of current global politics, international security, global governance, 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.
- ✓ Classes at a partner university in Chinese, which allows you to improve your professional language skills.
- ✓ Thanks to the international composition of the study group, the university builds its own network of professional international contacts.
- ✓ Regular lectures and master classes by leading experts and analysts in international relations, meetings with Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors of foreign missions in Russia.
- ✓ The opportunity to use the library of the Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages, which contains more than 700,000 books and more than 900 titles of magazines and newspapers in foreign languages, which allows to actively engage in research work.
- ✓ The program allows graduates to receive two diplomas – RUDN and Beijing Institute of Foreign Languages.



STUDYING PROCCCESS

120 ECTS credits.

Lectures, workshops and self-study, several types of internship.



MEGATRENDS AND GLOBAL ISSUES

- Establishment of a new structure of international relations and a new international order.
- Features of globalization in the 21st century.
- Regionalization as a trend in world development.
- Democratization processes as a factor in the global problems of our time.
- Multiplicity of participants on the modern world stage.
- Alternative variants of political structure of the world.
- Legal instruments of world system regulation.
- New environment of international relations (transition from industrial to post-industrial society).



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.
- 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 twentieth century – 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.



THEORY OF DIPLOMACY AND 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 trends in 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.
- Synthesis of cultural and religious features and formal democratic institutions.
- The specific role of informal domodern institutions.
- Rigid hierarchy.
- Priority of group and national interests over personal ones.
- Patriarchal and clan-client structure of society.
- Authoritarian paternalism.
- Human factor in foreign policy process.



NON-STATE PARTICIPANTS 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.
- Radical movements and their role in the global politics (anti-globalists, terrorist organizations).



GLOBAL SECURITY

- Principles of international security.
- Basic ways of ensuring international security.
- Development of the concept of global 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.



LOBBYING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The concept of lobbying activities and the composition of legal relations in the field of lobbying.
- The objectives of lobbying activities.
- Professional lobbyists, commercial organizations, non-profit unions (associations), citizens and their associations, members of scientific and expert councils under the authorities, public chambers and others.
- Lobbying in executive bodies, lobbying in legislative (representative) bodies, lobbying in other bodies and organizations carrying out public functions; lobbying in the sphere of making public decisions (acts), lobbying in the sphere of rendering public services.
- Legal model of lobbying activities in the Russian Federation, foreign countries, international organizations.



LINGUISTIC DIMENSION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The influence of modern globalization processes on the formation of a new “bilingual” picture of the world.
- Language as a political factor of integration and disintegration.
- “Language” international organizations as an embodiment of the linguistic dimension of world politics. Linguistic diversity as one of the UN and UNESCO priorities in preserving cultural diversity.
- English as a language of globalization.
- Linguistic policy of Russia, USA, Canada, EU countries, etc.
- The idea of “Global Village” or “Global Society” is the main dominating factor of peaceful coexistence of different countries, ethnicities, linguistic and religious groups.



STUDENTS FEEDBACK

 **ZABELLA ANASTASIYA, RUSSIA**

“ RUDN-Beijing University of Foreign Languages Double Degree Program is unique in its essence and significance. Studying in Beijing allowed us to fully immerse ourselves in the realities of another country and gain the first experience of working abroad. The opportunity to use the library fund made it possible to write a master’s thesis in Russian and Chinese languages. ”

 **KUZNETSOVA JULIA, RUSSIA**

“ 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

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AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

Chinese foreign policy, innovative technologies
in the study of the history of international
relations, modern educational methods.

Author of scientific articles in peer-reviewed
Russian and foreign scientific journals (Higher
Attestation Commission, SCOPUS, Web
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at international conferences on international
relations. Co-author of the textbook “History
of International Relations”.