



WORLD POLITICS

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK

OF THE NETWORK UNIVERSITY OF CIS

M.A. IN IR



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Analogue of the Erasmus Mundus programme within the framework of the unified (common) educational space of the CIS member states.
- ✓ Knowledge of agenda of current global politics, international security, global governance, applied analytics of international political profile allows satisfying the needs for specialists of both public authorities and private sector, engaged in international activities in the CIS area.
- ✓ The opportunity to participate in the program contributes to strengthening cooperation and inter-university ties in the sphere of higher education in the CIS member states.
- ✓ 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 program allows graduates to receive two diplomas – RUDN diploma and the diploma of their own university.



STUDYING PROCCCESS

120 ECTS credits.

Lectures, workshops and self-study, several internships.



MEGATRENDS AND GLOBAL ISSUES

- Establishment of a new structure of international relations.
- Features of globalization in the XXI 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 twenty-first century.
- Russia's role and place in the modern world.
- 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 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.



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



POKHILKO YULIA VASILYEVNA, UKRAINE



CIS Network University is a unique program that allows you not only to expand the scope of professional knowledge, but also to better understand representatives of other countries, to imbue them with their values. The atmosphere of debates, involvement and interest in the issues discussed helped us to take a new look at international relations. Network University helped create a network of like-minded people, friends and colleagues. This is an unforgettable experience! ”



HOVHANNISYAN LUSINE VARDANOVNA, ARMENIA



Master's degree at the Department of Theory and History of IR was the final stage of obtaining fundamental education in the field of 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. ”



GALOYAN NARE GAREGINOVNA, RUSSIA

“ In 2012, I entered the CIS Network University. From the first days of training, I noted the skills of employees not only in teaching work, but also in communicating with representatives of different nationalities. In addition to the usual knowledge, which is prescribed in the training program and which is undoubtedly presented at the highest level, RUDN provides an opportunity to get acquainted with the culture and customs of more than 150 countries. This is a unique University, where representatives of countries that have been at war for centuries get to know each other, rejecting the stereotype of the “enemy”. All this in total led me to the idea that I should continue my postgraduate studies at the RUDN University. ”



ABDULLOEV KHURSHED, TAJIKISTAN

“ 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

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 Vestnik RUDN. International Relations.

He regularly takes part as a representative of the department of Theory and History of International Relations of 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.