



PHILOSOPHY: DIALOGUE OF THE CULTURES

M.A. IN AREA STUDIES



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ The development of its content allows us to use the point of view of comparing different cultures to understand the global changes taking place in modern society, and thus evaluate the prospects for dialogue of cultures in a changing world.
- ✓ The students of the program receive the experience of studying, living and conducting scientific research in different countries (Russia and China), receive the skills of analyzing the ways and mechanisms of philosophical intercultural dialogue between the traditions of different countries in the context of the cross-cultural interaction of modern civilizations.
- ✓ The training includes lectures, master classes with outstanding specialists, discussion of presentations by students, General discussions, group work and individual discussions of documents prepared by students. Students will be required to regularly submit written papers and prepare research papers. However, knowledge of the Chinese language is mandatory, as education at Shandong University is in Chinese.
- ✓ Thanks to the international composition of the study group, you build your own network of professional international contacts already at the University.
- ✓ Possibility to participate in the student exchange program with partner universities.



STUDYING PROCCCESS

120 credits.

Lectures, practical classes and independent work, several types of practice. The first-year students are studying at Shandong University (PRC), the second year in RUDN University. The first three semesters of the master's program students study theoretical disciplines and engage in research work, the fourth semester is devoted to practices and preparation of final work (master's thesis). And then students receive two master's degrees (Shandong University and RUDN University).



A large number of hours are devoted to the study of the history of Chinese philosophy and comparative philosophy

- Taoist philosophy.
- Confucian philosophy.
- Philosophy of Yi jing (Chinese numerology).
- Philosophy of Buddhism.
- Modern Marxist philosophy.



The second year at RUDN University students pay special attention to the study of the modern problems of philosophy in various aspects: analytical philosophy, philosophical comparative studies, modern and postmodern problems.

- Theory and practice of argumentation.
- Professional ethics: problems of General theory.
- Ethics of science and education.
- Tradition and conservative thought.
- Higher school pedagogy and methods of teaching philosophy in higher education institutions.
- Foreign language (basics of translation of scientific texts).



A large number of subjects are also offered for students to choose from

- Non-classical epistemologies.
- Theory of knowledge in Russian neo-Kantianism.
- Philosophy of mythology.
- Philosophy of anthroposocietal.
- Social criticism.
- Justice as a philosophical problem.
- The ideal of knowledge in historical and philosophical discourse.
- The problem of correlation of knowledge. Faith and reason in European philosophy.
- Knowledge and values in Eastern philosophy: India, China.
- Ethics of world religions.
- Aristotle's great ethics.
- The ethics of existentialism.
- Problems of Bioethics (in English).



STUDENTS FEEDBACK

 **WANG SONGFANG, PRC**



Studying at the Master's program "Philosophy: Dialogue of Cultures" was both a pleasure and a challenge for me.

The first year I studied in the familiar environment for me in China, and the second year I spent at RUDN University.

Initially, it was not easy to get used to the new environment for me, to classes in Russian. But it was extremely interesting to study, to compare different approaches to research.

My master's thesis was devoted to the study of the works of F.M. Dostoevsky in China. Thanks to the knowledge and competencies gained during the training under the program "Philosophy: Dialogue of Cultures", I managed to find the right angle of view, which allows to correctly combine the work of the great Russian writer and thinker and the Chinese view of him.

I learned a lot in the process of studying together with my classmates.

In educational and extracurricular communication with Russian students, I saw in practice what real friendship of peoples is.

I will recommend this program to all my friends studying the Slavic studies. 



ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

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N.S. Kirabaev is a Russian Arabist, historian of philosophy, a specialist in Arab-Muslim philosophy. Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Academician of the NAS of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2017). Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation (2007).

Since 1979 he has been working at the Peoples 'Friendship University (now RUDN University – Peoples' Friendship University of Russia). Head of the Department of Philosophy (1988-1992). From 1994 to the present - Head of the Department of the History of Philosophy, since 1996 - Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, since 2006 - Vice-Rector of the RUDN University for Scientific Work.

- Full member of the Russian Academy of Social Sciences, full member of the International Academy of Higher Education Sciences
- Member of the European Society for Central Asian Studies
- Cavalier of the Order of Friendship (2001)
- awarded the commemorative medal “850th anniversary of Moscow”
- Medal of Merit, UN international public award for contribution to the development of dialogue between civilizations
- Scientific supervisor of the topic “Dialogue of Civilizations: East-West” under the program “Universities of Russia”

Under his leadership, ten international philosophical symposia “Dialogue of Civilizations: East-West” (Moscow-Cairo, 1992-2006) were held.

In the field of Arab-Muslim philosophy, he conducted the first comprehensive study of the social philosophy of the Muslim Middle Ages in Russian



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and foreign historical and philosophical literature, showed the relationship of philosophy and Muslim law, revealing the key role of the latter in Muslim ideology.

In his works, he devotes much attention to reconstructing the paradigm of classical Arab-Muslim philosophy, analyzing the formation and functioning of the political and legal culture of Islam, considering fiqh (Muslim law) as a concept of “sacred” legitimacy of the state, showing the influence of political doctrines on the practice of developing the Arab caliphate . His work provides a holistic analysis of the formation and development of the social philosophy of eastern peripatetism from the doctrine of the “virtuous city” of al-Farabi to the concept of the ideal state of Ibn Rushd in the spirit of the ideas of “natural law”. Particular attention was paid to the philosophy of the history of Ibn Khaldun and the particularities of the humanistic traditions of classical Arab-Muslim philosophy. The main scientific interest is the philosophy of al-Ghazali.

In recent years, he has published a number of works on the problems of cross-cultural interaction between Western and Eastern civilizations, which reveal the problems of civilizations’ openness to dialogue, questions of the stability of inter-civilization dialogue in the process of developing philosophical knowledge, and also in the conditions of the formation and functioning of Russia’s foreign policy doctrine.