Programme of the Third Congress of International Relations Scholars

(28–30 April 2026, St Petersburg University, 1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8)

28 April 2026

08:45–17:00 — Registration of participants *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8)*

Thematic Panels of the Congress

09:30–11:40 – Outer Space as a Dimension of International Relations: Politics, Security, Economics, and Technology *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*

Moderators:

T. V. Kolesnikova, Professor, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation;
P. B. Punchenko, Senior Lecturer, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation.

1. **T. V. Kolesnikova**, Professor, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation.
   Paper title: *A Paradigm Shift in the International Regulation of the Space Economy: From the Liberal Concept to Protectionism*.
2. **P. B. Punchenko**, Senior Lecturer, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation.
   Paper title: *Commercial Space Beyond the "Big Three": Strategies of the Global Majority Countries and Russia's Niche in the New Competition*.
3. **M. A. Kotov**, Member of the Public Council of the Roscosmos State Corporation; science journalist.
   Paper title: *The Potential of the Russian Low-Earth-Orbit Constellation as a Technological Foundation for the Space Ecosystem of the Global South: Integrating Commercial Projects into Interstate Cooperation*.
4. **V. E. Taran**, Vice Dean for International Programmes, School of International Relations, **MGIMO University**.
   Paper title: *Digital Ecosystems in Space: Competition among the United States, China, the European Union, and Emerging Actors for Markets and Rules*.
5. **A. M. Ivanova**, Assistant Lecturer, **The Bonch-Bruevich Saint Petersburg State University of Telecommunications**.
   Paper title: *Russian Space Policy on the BRICS+ Agenda: Cooperation, Competition, and Technological Sovereignty*.

09:30–11:40 – The Union State during the Ukrainian Conflict: Specific Features of the Transformation of Security Policy *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*

Moderator:

A. P. Sokolov, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **V. Rusakovich**, Professor, Belarusian State University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of the Coordination of the Foreign Policies of Belarus and Russia within the Union State in 2025*.
2. **V. V. Vorotnikov**, Head of the Department of the History and Politics of European and American Countries, MGIMO University; Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
3. **M. Avlasenko**, Head of the Department of International Tourism and Hospitality, Belarusian State University.
   Paper title: *Participation in the Peace Council: A Challenge or an Opportunity for the Union State?*
4. **P. Sokolov**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of the Transformation of the Union State during the Ukrainian Conflict*.
5. **E. S. Pankov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

09:30–11:40 – The EU Green Deal: An Agenda for Transformation in Europe and the World *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*
Moderators:
N. G. Zaslavskaya, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
A. D. Lisenkova, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **N. Yu. Kaveshnikov**, Head of the Department of Integration Processes, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The EU Green Deal after 2022: A Change of Course or New Emphases?*
2. **N. G. Zaslavskaya**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The EU Green Deal as an Instrument of Influence on Third Countries*.
3. **A. D. Lisenkova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Energy Sovereignty and the Climate Agenda: Toward a New Architecture of the EU's Foreign Policy Priorities*.
4. **E. A. Sergeev**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The EU "Green Deal" and Development Policy: Together or Apart?*
5. **A. V. Izotov**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Green Deal in the Context of the EU's International Positioning*.
6. **D. A. Levi**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *"Green Transformation" as an Instrument of Tech Diplomacy: The Perception of Value Influencers in Russian Social Media*.
7. **E. A. Skvortsova**, Doctoral Student, **HSE University**.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of the Categories of "Nature" and "Environment" in EU Discourse: Substance and Consequences*.

09:30–11:40 – The South Pacific Region as a Space of Great-Power Competition *(Part I)*
(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)
Moderator:
N. N. Goryachev, Head of the Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **E. M. Astafieva**, Senior Research Fellow; Academic Secretary of the Centre for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Vanuatu on the Path toward the Diversification of International Ties*.
2. **V. I. Voloshchak**, Research Fellow, Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Role and Perception of AUKUS in the South Pacific Region*.
3. **N. N. Goryachev**, Head of the Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Oceania as a Strategic Frontier of the Twenty-First Century: Neocolonial Practices and Narratives*.
4. **E. A. Goryacheva**, Senior Research Fellow, Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Japan's Self-Positioning in the South Pacific Region: Past, Present, and Future*.
5. **N. N. Miklouho-Maclay**, Research Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation for the Preservation of Ethnocultural Heritage.
   Paper title: *Between Scholarship and Diplomacy: The Trajectories of Russia's Relations with Papua New Guinea*.

09:30–11:40 – Africa in the Contemporary World: The Continent's Potential in the Twenty-First Century *(Joint panel of the Councils of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)*
(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)
Moderators:
Ya. O. Glukhov, Junior Research Fellow, doctoral student, representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
N. O. Plyusnin, Assistant Lecturer, Academic Secretary of the Council of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, member of the Council of Young Scholars of St Petersburg University.

1. **A. K. Barinov**, Research Fellow, Chair of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paper title: *Prospects for the Development of Transport Infrastructure in African Countries*.

2. **A. I. Berezhnov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Image of Africa in the Minds of Russians: The Case of the Reality Show* Stars in Africa.
3. **Ya. O. Glukhov**, Junior Research Fellow, doctoral student, representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *East African–Eurasian Cooperation: The Main Areas of Activity of the East African Community and the Eurasian Economic Union*.
4. **A. A. Krupina**, doctoral student, representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The West African Power Pool: Current State and Development Trajectories*.
5. **V. K. Mitina**, Junior Research Fellow, representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *North Africa's "Green" Hydrogen and Russia's "Blue" Hydrogen: A Clash of Strategies in the Struggle for Markets or a New Vector of Cooperation?*
6. **G. R. Oborin**, doctoral student, representative of the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *"It Is Time to Return Home": A Cross-Temporal Analysis of Return Migration to Sudan in the Early 2020s*.
7. **N. O. Plyusnin**, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Military and Non-Military Components of the Kingdom of Denmark's Foreign Policy Activism within the "Century of Africa" Strategy*.
8. **D. A. Davydov**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Political Geography of Distrust: Why Is KwaZulu-Natal Province Excluded from South Africa's Nuclear Planning?*
9. **V. A. Zhukov**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Development of Space Programmes in African Countries: The Case of Cooperation within BRICS*.

09:30–11:40 – Current Security Issues in the Black Sea–Mediterranean Region *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124)*

Moderators:

A. A. Kolesnikov, Director of the Centre for Eurasian Studies, St Petersburg University; Professor, St Petersburg University;

V. K. Belozerov, Head of the Department of Political Science, Moscow State Linguistic University.

1. **T. A. Batchaev**, Degree Candidate, St Petersburg University; **Z. V. Zokoeva**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *On the Settlement of the Peoples of the North Caucasus in the Middle East*.
2. **Hasan Kanbolat**, Adviser, AKKUYU NÜKLEER JSC.
   Paper title: *Security in the Black Sea Region: A View from Turkey*.

3. **M. A. Kolesnikova**, Associate Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean: Contemporary Priorities*.
4. **D. A. Moskalchuk**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Security in the Black Sea Region: A Projection onto the Balkans*.
5. **P. V. Pyatkina**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *North Africa in the Geopolitical Focus of the Mediterranean*.
6. **Ilber Vasfi Sel**, Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russian Crimea as a New Paradigm in Russian-Turkish Relations*.
7. **M. Urper**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The "Blue Homeland" Project as a Priority of Turkish Policy*.

09:30–11:40 – Social Policy in Europe *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*
Moderator:
R. N. Lunkin, Deputy Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **R. N. Lunkin**, Deputy Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Competitiveness in the Social Sphere: What the EU Is Doing*.
2. **D. I. Kolesov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Creative, Green, Secure... How Labour Is Understood in the Twenty-First Century: The Case of the Debate on the EU Quality Jobs Initiative*.
3. **L. V. Deriglazova**, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The European Social Model as a Political Project of the European Union*.

09:30–11:40 – The Arctic in the System of International Relations in a Period of Turbulence: Challenges and Opportunities for Russia *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*
Moderator:
I. A. Strelnikova, Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Associate Professor, **HSE University**.

1. **M. L. Lagutina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Non-Arctic Asian States in the Russian Arctic after 2022: The Transformation of Forms of Cooperation and New Constraints*.
2. **N. S. Vyakhireva**, Head of the Canada Department, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Canada and the Changing Security Architecture in the North American Arctic*.
3. **M. V. Fomin**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Main Goals and Objectives of the Republic of Korea's Arctic Strategy and the Place Assigned within It to Cooperation with Russia*.
4. **I. A. Strelnikova**, Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Associate Professor, HSE University.

Paper title: *The Potential of BRICS in the Context of the Crisis of the Arctic Governance System*.

09:30–11:40 – Cultural and Humanitarian Cooperation in the Transition to a New World Order *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderators:
N. M. Bogolyubova, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
Yu. V. Nikolaeva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **N. M. Bogolyubova**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; **Yu. V. Nikolaeva**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russia in International Cultural Exchange during the Transformation of International Relations*.
2. **O. N. Eroshkina**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Interaction among the EAEU Countries in the Humanitarian Sphere*.
3. **I. A. Kurilenko**, Director, Institute of Resourcefulness Management.
   Paper title: *Project-Based Technologies in Building Students' Intercultural Competence through Interaction with Business-Sector Representatives*.
4. **M. D. Portnyagina**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Memorial Diplomacy: Historical Memory as a Soft Power Resource*.

09:30–11:40 – Round Table: Non-Traditional Security Challenges in the Baltic–Scandinavian Macro-Region *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderators:
R. E. Zhilin, Junior Research Fellow, Department of European Security, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head of the Arctic Community Young Researchers Association;
I. R. Skripka, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Country Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **N. E. Belukhin**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Right-Wing Radicalism and Extremism in the Nordic Countries in the First Quarter of the Twenty-First Century: Outcomes, Ideological Turns, Approaches, and Prospects for Further Research*.
2. **R. E. Zhilin**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of European Security, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head of the Arctic Community Young Researchers Association.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Non-Traditional Threats in the Baltic–Scandinavian Macro-Region: Legal and Environmental Perspectives*.
3. **T. G. Nazarenko**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Projection of Influence by Extra-Regional Actors in the Baltic–Scandinavian Macro-Region: Prospects and Regional Actors' Assessment of the Process*.

4. **A. M. Sporshev**, Senior Lecturer, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.
   Paper title: *The Financial System as a Target of Hybrid Operations: Institutional Lessons from the Cyberattacks on Nordea*.
5. **I. R. Skripka**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Country Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Infrastructure as a Component of Norway's Arctic Strategy*.
6. **M. N. Chistikov**, Research Intern, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Politicisation of International Cooperation in Environment and Climate in the Arctic*.
7. **A. K. Shcherbakova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University, member of the Council of Young Scholars of the School of Public Administration, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Crisis of the International Governance of Fish Resources in the Baltic–Scandinavian Macro-Region: New Challenges to Regional Security*.

09:30–11:40 – Contemporary Security Challenges in the Western Hemisphere: Factors of Instability and Risk-Management Scenarios *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*
Moderators:
V. A. Goliney, Acting Deputy Director, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences; Assistant Lecturer, RUDN University;
M. A. Chernykh, Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **I. N. Burtman**, Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Implementing the Central American Security Integration System's Regional Security Criteria in Nicaragua: A Practical Review*.
2. **V. A. Goliney**, Acting Deputy Director, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences; Assistant Lecturer, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *The Western Hemisphere as a Regional Security System: The Role and Place of the United States, Latin American Countries, and Extra-Regional States within It*.
3. **A. D. Gubsky**, Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Guyana's Approach to Managing Security Challenges in the Caribbean Region*.
4. **D. M. Eleseenko**, Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Claudia Sheinbaum's National Security Strategy: Results of the First Year of Implementation*.
5. **V. O. Kozlov**, Senior Research Fellow; Head of the Department of Domestic Political Studies, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *U.S.–China Economic Rivalry: Main Trends in 2025–2026 and Their Impact on the Americas*.
6. **P. G. Koshkin**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paper title: *Donald Trump: Reformer or Disruptor? The Impact of the Current U.S. President on America's Domestic Politics and the World Order*.

7. **V. K. Musin**, Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The National Security Issue in the Government Programme of Chilean President José Antonio Kast: Internal and External Challenges*.

09:30–11:40 – Gastrodiplomacy as an Instrument of States' Strategic Positioning *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141)*
Moderator:
K. P. Kurylev, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.

1. **K. P. Kurylev**, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Gastrodiplomacy as an Instrument of Strategic Positioning*.
2. **I. A. Filkevich**, Professor, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Eurasian Integration on the Basis of Traditional Gastronomy*.
3. **S. S. Zhiltsov**, Professor, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Policy in Eurasia: New Challenges*.
4. **Ranjbar Danyal Meshkin**, Senior Lecturer, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Gastrodiplomacy at a New Level: The BRICS Food Diplomacy Centre*.

09:30–11:40 – Round Table: Multilateral Diplomacy and Paradiplomacy, and International Organizations in the Face of Contemporary Challenges to World Politics and International Law *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142)*
Moderators:
A. E. Kuteynikov, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
A. G. Bolshakov, Head of the Department of International Relations, World Politics and Diplomacy, Kazan Federal University.

1. **Department of Sociology of Political and Social Processes, St Petersburg University** *(Head of Department: Professor V. P. Miletsky)*;
2. **Department of International Relations, World Politics and Diplomacy, Kazan Federal University** *(Head of Department: Professor A. G. Bolshakov)*;
3. **Department of International Law, St Petersburg University** *(Acting Head of Department: I. I. Karandashov)*;
4. **Department of International Law, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba** *(Head of Department: Professor A. Kh. Abashidze)*;
5. **Department of International Law, Kazan Federal University** *(Head of Department: Professor A. I. Abdullin)*;
6. **Department of Theory and History of Law, Kazan Federal University** *(Head of Department: Professor R. Sh. Davletgildeev)*;
7. **Department of International and Integration Law, Ufa University of Science and Technology** *(Head of Department: Professor R. V. Nigmatullin)*.

09:30–11:40 – Military Policy and Economics of Foreign Countries*(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143)*
Moderator:
A. Yu. Chikhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Leading **Expert, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University.**
Discussant:
E. A. Degtereva, Deputy Director, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University.

1. **E. K. Balavina**, Manager, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Reorganisation of France's Military Infrastructure in West Africa, 2023–2026*.
2. **A. V. Barynkin**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Polish Defence Industry under the Conditions of the Special Military Operation: Political PR or a Driver of Economic Growth?*
3. **A. G. Zueva**, Expert, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Key Mechanisms and Specific Features of the Republic of Korea's Arms and Military Equipment Exports at the Present Stage*.
4. **M. O. Gabrielyan**, Research Intern, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University; Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The "Guam Cluster" Concept in U.S. Military Policy in the Indo-Pacific Region*.
5. **N. V. Eremina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Military-Political Tasks of the United Kingdom under Conditions of International Transformation*.

09:30–11:40 – Sanctions in World Politics *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderators:
I. N. Timofeev, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council;
T. A. Romanova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **T. A. Romanova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Non-State Actors in Sanctions Policy*.
2. **S. A. Shein**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Toward a Typology of the Strategies of Small EU Member States within the European Union's Sanctions Course toward Russia*.
3. **I. N. Timofeev**, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council.
   Paper title: *Secondary Sanctions: The Experience of the United States, the European Union, and the United Kingdom*.
4. **P. I. Chupriyanova**, Programme Manager, Russian International Affairs Council.
   Paper title: *European Union Policy on Ensuring the Effectiveness of the Sanctions Regime against Russia: Mechanisms and Enforcement Practices*.

5. **Yu. Yu. Kolotaev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Tariff and Export Restrictions, as well as "Preferential Partners," as an Element of the Metaphor of "Digital Sovereignty"*.

09:30–11:40 – Round Table: Transformations of Sovereignty: History and the Present Day *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215)*
Moderator:
L. A. Gainutdinova, Head of the Department of Political Science, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
Discussant:
Yu. N. Frolova, Associate Professor, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.

1. **L. A. Gainutdinova**, Head of the Department of Political Science, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *Social Architecture as the Foundation of the State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation*.
2. **Yao Chen**, Doctoral Student, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Demographic Policy of the People's Republic of China as an Instrument for Ensuring Sovereignty*.
3. **S. V. Smal**, Associate Professor, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *Digital Sovereignty: Russian and Global Practices, Opportunities, and Threats*.
4. **E. A. Pashkovsky**, Senior Lecturer, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Limitation of the National Sovereignty of EU Countries: The Case of Poland*.
5. **A. I. Myasnikov**, Assistant Lecturer, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *Sovereigntism as a Discursive Foundation of the Foreign Policy Doctrine of Populist Parties: The Case of France ("La France Insoumise" and the National Rally)*.
6. **M. S. Russkikh**, Senior Lecturer, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Foreign Policy Factor in the Process of Desovereignization of the Contemporary State: The Case of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 1990–1992*.

09:30–11:40 – The Latin American Left in International Politics: History and the Present Day *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*
Moderators:
V. L. Kheifets, Professor, St Petersburg University;
Reynoso Jaime Irving, Professor, Autonomous University of the State of Morelos (Mexico).
Discussant:
R. V. Kostyuk, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **A. A. Diplomatov**, Senior Specialist for Relations with Russian Business, Roscongress Foundation.
   Paper title: *The Acción Democrática Government in Venezuela and Its Ties with Moscow in 1945–1985 in the Context of the Development of the Country's Left-Wing Movement*.

2. **A. S. Andreev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Uruguay's New Left-Wing Parties: Foreign Policy Programme and International Connections*.
3. **V. A. Vinokurov**, Independent Researcher.
   Paper title: *Comintern Agents in Peru: Problems of Identification and Biography*.
4. **V. L. Kheifets**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *From Labyrinth to Labyrinth: The Foreign Policy Connections of the Contemporary Latin American Left*.
5. **L. S. Kheifets**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Williams Mission in South America: The History of Interaction between the Comintern and Its Argentine Section*.
6. **K. V. Bogdanov**, Analyst, Centre for the Promotion of International Youth Cooperation, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *The 2026 Elections in Colombia: Trends and Prospects for the Left Camp*.
7. **Jaime Irving Reynoso**, Professor, Autonomous University of the State of Morelos (Mexico).
   Paper title: *Between Pragmatism and Ideology: An Analysis of MORENA's International Relations*.
8. **Josep Puigsech Farràs**, Professor, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain).
   Paper title: *The Experience of the USSR in the Spanish Civil War as Historical Legacy for the New World Order (online)*.
9. **A. A. Manukhin**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Soviet Academic Thought in Search of Regional Patterns of Revolutionary Processes in Latin America during the "Long Sixties"*.

09:30–11:40 – South and Southeast Asian Countries under the Conditions of Geopolitical Transformation, 2022–2026 *(in cooperation with the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences)* **Session 1. Global and Regional Trends** *(in English) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)*

Moderator:

K. A. Likhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Discussant:

Pravin Bakshi, General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, Indian Army (2015–2017); Honorary Member, **United Service Institution of India**.

1. **Rajan Kumar**, Professor, School of International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**.
   Paper title: *Multilateralism in the Global South*.
2. **Abhijeet Singh**, Research Fellow, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Changing Dynamics of the Global Balance of Power*.
3. **Archana Upadhyay**, Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
   Paper title: *Religion and Foreign Policy: The South Asian Experience*.

4. **K. G. Muratshina**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Cooperation in the ASEAN Plus Three Format: Current Issues and Development Prospects*.
5. **Sumanta Kumar Sahu**, Doctoral Researcher, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Jawaharlal Nehru University; **Hemsagar Barik**, Research Fellow, Centre for Regional Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
   Paper title: *South–South Cooperation and Its Implications for the Traditional Structure of Global Power*.
6. **Muhammad Taimur Khan**, Research Associate, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad.
   Paper title: *Global Governance in Transition: The Role of the Global South and Strategic Adaptation under a Transforming World Order*.
7. **V. D. Pantyukhina**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Water Security Problem in the Mekong Subregion: Models of Regional Cooperation*.

09:30–11:40 – XXXIII Russian–American Seminar *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderators:
Yu. G. Akimov, Head of the Department of American Studies, St Petersburg University;
B. A. Shiryaev, Professor, Department of American Studies; Honorary Professor, St Petersburg University.

Opening of the Seminar — Greetings

1. **T. A. Shakleina**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Russia and the United States in the Twenty-First Century: History, Tradition, Stereotypes, and Myths*.
2. **V. N. Garbuzov**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The United States: 250 Years of Informal Empire in a Changing World*.
3. **S. L. Tkachenko**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Crisis of Transatlantic Relations under Donald Trump's Second Administration*.
4. **L. M. Sokolshchik**, Associate Professor, Leading Research Fellow, HSE University; **I. O. Yanikeeva**, Research Fellow, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Russian and U.S. Foreign Policy Identities at the Present Stage*.
5. **A. N. Bogdanov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Prospects for U.S. Foreign Policy Strategy: "Systemic Management" under Conditions of Power Transition*.
6. **E. Z. Galimullin**, Research Fellow, Expert, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Political Polarization and Euro-American Relations*.

12:00–13:40 – Opening of the Congress and Plenary Session *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 216; simultaneous interpretation provided)*

Moderator:
D. N. Baryshnikov (St Petersburg University)

Welcoming remarks:
N. M. Kropachev, Rector of St Petersburg University, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
M. G. Poletaev, Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in St Petersburg;
E. D. Grigoryev, Member of the Government of St Petersburg — Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of St Petersburg;
A. V. Mikhalchenko, Chairman of the Committee for External Relations of the Leningrad Region;
D. A. Kobitskiy, Secretary General — Head of the Secretariat of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States;
A. M. Evstigneeva, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (New York, USA) *(online)*.

Plenary papers:

1. **A. A. Gromyko**, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Quo Vadis, Europe? Decline or Adaptation?*
2. **V. A. Avatkov**, Head of the Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
   Paper title: *Strategic Instability in the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East under Conditions of the Transformation of the System of International Relations*.
3. **Xu Bo**, Professor; Deputy Director, Chinese National Think Tank, Institute of Northeast China and Northeast Asia Studies, Jilin University (China).
   Paper title: *The Evolution of the World Order and Sino-Russian Cooperation in International Relations Studies*.
4. **Anurag Bisen**, Senior Research Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation (India).
   Paper title: *The Greenland Crisis: Lessons for Arctic Stability*.
5. **I. N. Novikova**, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The First World War and the Present Day*.

15:00–16:40 – Strategic Session: International Relations. Scholarship and Education *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124; simultaneous interpretation provided)*
Moderators:
I. N. Novikova, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International

Relations, St Petersburg University;
A. V. Rusakovich, Professor, Department of Eurasian Studies, School of International Relations, Belarusian State University.

Participants:

1. **V. K. Belozerov**, Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University; Head of the Department of Political Science, Moscow State Linguistic University; Editor-in-Chief of *Vestnik Moskovskogo gosudarstvennogo universiteta. Social Sciences*;
2. **G. D. Dzhunushalieva**, Professor, Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University;
3. **D. S. Golubev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
4. **Zafar Nawaz Jaspal**, Distinguished Professor; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University (Pakistan);
5. **E. V. Korunova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University;
6. **M. M. Lebedeva**, Professor, MGIMO University; Head of the Department of Political Processes, MGIMO University;
7. **Bui Thanh Nam**, Associate Professor, VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities;
8. **N. S. Niyazov**, Professor, St Petersburg University;
9. **V. Rusakovich**, Professor, Department of Eurasian Studies, School of International Relations, Belarusian State University;
10. **T. A. Shakleina**, Professor, MGIMO University.
11. **K. G. Sheryazdanova**, Deputy Director, Institute of Diplomacy, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
12. **E. Zagrebin**, Director, N. N. Miklouho-Maclay Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

15:00–17:15 – XXXIII Russian–American Seminar *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderators:
A. I. Kubyshkin, Professor, St Petersburg University;
V. T. Yungblyud, President, Vyatka State University.

1. **B. A. Shiryaev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Russian Trace in U.S. History*.
2. **A. Yu. Petrov**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *North American Studies in the Pages of the* American Yearbook.
3. **V. T. Yungblyud**, President, Vyatka State University.
   Paper title: *The Reagan Administration and the U.S. Struggle for Leadership on the Periphery of the Cold War: The Evolution of Methods and Strategic Priorities*.
4. **S. V. Khomutinkin**, Associate Professor, Derzhavin Tambov State University.
   Paper title: *Is "World Order" Being Postponed Again? Henry Kissinger on Global Instability and Possible Ways to Overcome It*.
5. **A. I. Kubyshkin**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Donald Trump's "Academic War"*.
6. **A. V. Yurk**, Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paper title: *Quo Vadis: The Middle Eastern Policy of Donald Trump's Second Administration*.

Thematic Panels of the Congress

15:00–17:15 – New Challenges for BRICS *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*
Moderator:
V. L. Kheifets, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **G. A. Khmeleva**, Professor, Samara State University of Economics; **E. K. Chirkunova**, Professor, Samara State University of Economics.
   Paper title: *Technological Sovereignty as a Factor in the Transformation of International Cooperation among the BRICS and EAEU Countries*.
2. **Yu. O. Tolmachev**, Associate Professor, Ryazan State University.
   Paper title: *Challenges for BRICS in the Twenty-First Century and Methods for Their Resolution*.
3. **G. I. Gribanova**, Acting Head of the Department of International Political Processes, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Geoeconomic Dimension of Contemporary World Politics*.
4. **S. A. Sebekin**, Senior Research Fellow, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *BRICS Strategic Communication and the Metaverse: Challenges and Threats*.
5. **E. O. Labetskaya**, Leading Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The BRICS+ Dilemma in a Turbulent World: Tempora mutantur, et BRICS+ mutamur in illis*.
6. **R. S. Mamatkhanov**, Research Fellow, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Assessing the Key Tracks of Scientific and Technological Cooperation among BRICS Countries in the Arctic at the Present Stage*.
7. **L. L. Khoperskaya**, Professor, **Southern Federal University**.
   Paper title: *Is the Peace Council a Threat to BRICS+?*

15:00–17:15 – The Foreign Policy of Contemporary France: Trends and Challenges *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*
Moderator:
A. Yu. Chikhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
R. V. Kostyuk, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **A. V. Barsukova**, Adviser to the Vice-Rector, HSE University.
   Paper title: *France's "Strategic Autonomy": Between Atlanticism, European Sovereignty, and the Global South*.
2. **R. V. Kostyuk**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Foreign Policy Contradictions in the Contemporary French Left-Wing Movement*.
3. **E. O. Obichkina**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *France's New Strategic Culture: A Return to Deterrence*.

4. **Olivier Roqueplo**, PhD in Historical and Political Sciences, INALCO – National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Sorbonne University; analyst at the CONFLITS centre.
   Paper title: *From the Power of France to the Powerlessness of Macronistan (online)*.
5. **P. P. Timofeev**, Head of the Sector for Regional Issues and Conflicts, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Prospects for the Europeanisation of France's Nuclear Weapons in President Emmanuel Macron's Rhetoric*.

15:00–17:15 – Latin America and the World Community: History and the Present Day *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*
Moderator:
L. S. Kheifets, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **N. A. Biryukova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The U.S. Policy of "Energy Dominance" as an Example of Resource Nationalism*.
2. **T. Yu. Rusakova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Regional Environmental Cooperation in Latin America: Challenges of the Age of Turbulence*.
3. **E. G. Yermolyeva**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *In Search of New Approaches to Russia–Latin America Cooperation in Higher Education*.
4. **Z. V. Ivanovsky**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The "Rightward Drift" in Latin America: Geopolitical Consequences*.
5. **N. A. Kuzina**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Science Diplomacy in Soviet–Argentine Relations during the "Khrushchev Thaw" (1956–1964)*.
6. **G. O. Yarygin**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Cuban Intelligence after the Cold War*.
7. **A. S. Zuev**, Leading Specialist, Centre for Scholarly and Analytical Information, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Contemporary Priorities of Mexico's Foreign Policy: The Correlation of Global Challenges, Regional Constraints, and Instruments of Diplomatic Implementation*.

15:00–17:15 – The South Pacific Region as a Space of Great-Power Competition *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*
Moderator:
N. N. Goryachev, Head of the Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History,

Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **I. V. Oleynikov**, Associate Professor, Irkutsk State University; Associate Professor, Baikal State University.
   Paper title: *The U.S. Factor in New Zealand–China Relations in the Middle of the Third Decade of the Twenty-First Century*.
2. **K. V. Semennikova**, student, Baikal State University.
   Paper title: *The AUKUS Military-Political Bloc as an Anti-China Project*.
3. **A. I. Stepanyuk**, Junior Research Fellow, Laboratory for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Assistant to the Director for International Relations.
   Paper title: *Discursive Confrontation in the South Pacific Region: China versus U.S. Ideological Dominance*.
4. **Hiria Ottino**, PhD, National University of Tonga; Founder and President of the Pacific Research Council.
   Paper title: *Partnership Models and Regional Autonomy in the Pacific*.
5. **Wamytan Johanito**, Doctoral Student, University of French Polynesia (New Caledonia).
   Paper title: *Postcolonial Sovereignty in a Fragmented World: The Case of New Caledonia and the Emergence of Relational Diplomacy (online)*.

15:00–17:15 – Round Table: A New Architecture of Interaction — The Middle East and Eurasia in Search of Strategic Resilience *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)*
Moderators:
V. A. Avatkov, Head of the Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
N. M. Mikheeva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **D. S. Krylov**, Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences; Chair of the Council of Young Scholars and Specialists, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Impact of Middle Eastern Arcs of Instability on the Security of Greater Eurasia*.
2. **N. M. Mikheeva**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Middle East in the Context of the Transformation of Transport and Logistics Systems: Threats and Opportunities*.
3. **A. S. Avrutina**, Professor, St Petersburg University; Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *Russian–Azerbaijani Relations in the Current Geopolitical Context*.
4. **E. F. Alizade**, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The "3+3" Platform as an Instrument of Regional Diplomacy: Azerbaijan's Place in the New Architecture of the South Caucasus*.
5. **A. V. Nikolaenko**, Associate Professor, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Selected Aspects of Russia's Cooperation with Kazakhstan in Central Asia*.

6. **A. I. Sbitneva**, Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Turkey's Strategy in Central Asia*.
7. **V. D. Ostanin-Golovnya**, Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The GCC in the Foreign Policy of Saudi Arabia*.
8. **L. D. Mishin**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Turkey's Subjectivity in the Contemporary World: Erdoğan's Personal Factor or a New State Reality?*
   (I rendered "субъектность" here as "subjectivity" in line with current IR usage.)
9. **R. I. Guzaerov**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Organization of Turkic States in Turkey's Foreign Policy*.
10. **M. V. Andreyev**, Independent Researcher.
    Paper title: *On the Study of the Spatial Implementation of Geopolitical Concepts: The Case of Pan-Turkism in Contemporary Russia*.
11. **A. S. Kamnev**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
    Paper title: *The Reflection of the Neo-Ottoman Doctrine in the Historical Policy of the Republic of Turkey*.
12. **S. A. Borisenko**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
    Paper title: *Specific Features of Approaches to Energy Security in the Eastern Mediterranean: Greece and Turkey*.
13. **I. D. Baskakov**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
    Paper title: *Iran's Conceptual Views on the Fundamental Features of the International System*.
14. **I. Yu. Khomyakov**, student, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
    Paper title: *Iran between the West and the East: The Search for a New Identity under Conditions of Global System Fragmentation*.
15. **Z. P. Rozhkova**, Junior Research Fellow, Department of the Middle East and the Post-Soviet East, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
    Paper title: *China's Policy in Central Asia after 2013*.
16. **I. D. Glukhov**, Research Fellow, Centre for Global South Studies, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.

Paper title: *Brazil's Policy in the Middle East under Conditions of "Strategic Overstretch"*.

15:00–17:15 – The Transformation of the Category of "Development" in International Relations: Global Problems — Regional Solutions? *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*

Moderator:

E. A. Sergeev, Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **V. V. Vorotnikov**, Head of the Department of the History and Politics of European and American Countries, MGIMO University; Programme Director, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Semiotic Aspects of Development Policy: How the Images of "Backwardness," "Progress," and "Partnership" Construct North–South Relations*.
2. **I. D. Glukhov**, Research Fellow, Centre for Global South Studies, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Conceptual Foundations and Key Areas of Contemporary Brazilian Development Policy*.
3. **D. A. Degterev**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Institution of International Assistance: A Global Reassessment of Approaches and Russia's Interests*.
4. **I. V. Kiseleva**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Mechanisms of Development Assistance in the EU's External Economic Strategy*.
5. **A. D. Kulinich**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Interim Results of Donald Trump's Second Administration's Development Assistance Policy*.

15:00–17:15 – The Arctic in the System of International Relations in a Period of Turbulence: Challenges and Opportunities for Russia *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*

Moderator:

I. A. Strelnikova, Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Associate Professor, HSE University.

1. **M. G. Maiorov**, Analyst, Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Doctoral Student, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Challenges and Opportunities of Arctic Cooperation between Russia and Asian Countries in Shipbuilding, Logistics, and Digital Infrastructure*.
2. **Kh. Kh. Nabiev**, Analyst, Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies, HSE University.
   Paper title: *China's Arctic Policy: Institutional and Political Constraints*.
3. **T. Kh. Meloyan**, Analyst, Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Centre for Mediterranean Studies, HSE University.

Paper title: *New Arctic Strategies of NATO Member States: Challenges and Risks for Russian Interests in the Arctic*.

4. **D. I. Agafonov**, Analyst, Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies, HSE University; Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Finland's Foreign Policy Strategy after 2022: Its Impact on Relations with Russia and on Security in the Arctic Region*.

15:00–17:15 – Cultural and Humanitarian Cooperation in the Transition to a New World Order *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderators:
N. M. Bogolyubova, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
Yu. V. Nikolaeva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **V. P. Solomonov**, Director, International Centre of Arctic Convoys Foundation for the Preservation of Historical Memory.
   Paper title: *The Arctic Convoys and the Northern Sea Route in Educational Outreach to Young People: Relevance, Prospects, and Practical Experience*.
2. **Mehmet Urper**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Foreign Policy Priorities of the Turkish State in the Context of the Development of Cultural Diplomacy*.
3. **E. E. Elts**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Digitalisation and Shared Historical Memory as Integrative Vectors for the Development of the CIS Educational Space*.
4. **Gozalov Parvin Fakhraddin**, Director, Public Organization for the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Historical Monuments.
   Paper title: *The Need for Cultural and Humanitarian Cooperation among the CIS Countries*.

15:00–17:15 – The AI Era: Different Policies in One Universe *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderators:
E. G. Tikhomirova, Professor; Leading Expert, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI;
M. A. Suchkov, Director, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **E. G. Tikhomirova**, Professor; Leading Expert, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.
2. **V. V. Klimov**, Deputy Director, Institute of Intelligent Cybernetic Systems; Leading Expert, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.
3. **V. S. Kireev**, Associate Professor, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI; member of the Russian Association for Artificial Intelligence.
4. **E. A. Zadeba**, Expert, National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.
5. **M. A. Suchkov**, Director, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
6. **S. K. Babkina**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University; Executive Secretary of the journal *Comparative Politics*.
7. **I. E. Denisov**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

8. **V. E. Taran**, Vice Dean, School of International Relations, MGIMO University.
9. **A. Yu. Tolstukhina**, Head of Programmes, Russian International Affairs Council.

15:00–17:15 – Contemporary Security Challenges in the Western Hemisphere: Factors of Instability and Risk-Management Scenarios *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*

Moderators:

V. A. Goliney, Acting Deputy Director, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences; Assistant Lecturer, RUDN University;

M. A. Chernykh, Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **E. S. Simanov**, Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Plan Colombia 2.0: Security Prospects and Obstacles in the Andean Region*.
2. **G. I. Tsaregorodtseva**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *From Gaza to Venezuela: Peace and War in Donald Trump's Foreign Policy*.
3. **M. A. Chernykh**, Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Kamala Harris's Role in the Immigration Policy of Joe Biden's Administration*.
4. **M. A. Chernykh**, Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; **A. P. Nikolaeva**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Narco-Culture in Mexico and Its Spread in the United States in the First Quarter of the Twenty-First Century*.
5. **A. A. Shinkarenko**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Latin America, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Illegal Mining as a Factor of Regional Destabilisation: The Latin American Case*.
6. **I. O. Shkrobtak**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Intensification of the U.S. Presence in Latin America as a Result of the Foreign Policy Strategy of Donald Trump's Second Administration*.
7. **M. A. Shpak**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Threat and Security Narratives in Javier Milei's Public Discourse, 2023–2025*.
8. **Yu. D. Kozyrev**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *The Category of Security in the Visual Representation of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation on Social Media*.
9.

15:00–17:15 – Gastrodiplomacy as an Instrument of States' Strategic Positioning *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141)*

Moderator:
K. P. Kurylev, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University.

1. **M. A. Shpakovskaya**, Professor, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Vietnamese National Cuisine as an Instrument of the Country's Strategic Positioning in the Global Cultural Market*.
2. **I. A. Matveev**, Associate Professor, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Arab Cultural Traditions in Business Communication*.
3. **A. V. Enokyan**, Senior Lecturer, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Supereda vs. Superpowers: Food in the New World Order*.
4. **A. S. Pavlov**, Assistant Lecturer, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *The Cuisine of the Peoples of Russia as an Element of Soft Power*.

15:00–17:15 – Round Table: Digital Methods in International Relations Research *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142)*
Moderator:
I. T. Stadnik, Colaboratory Autonomous Non-Profit Organization.

1. **Yu. Yu. Kolotaev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University; **M. M. Bazlutskaya**, Executive Director, Colaboratory Autonomous Non-Profit Organization.
   Paper title: *The Problem of Validating the Results of Scholarly LLM Applications: The Practice of World Politics Research*.
2. **A. A. Pavlyuchenko**, Senior Lecturer, Lomonosov Moscow State University; **D. E. Kaplina**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University; **E. V. Gabukova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *"Networks of Influence": The Transformation of the U.S. Embassy's Communication Strategy in Russia from Barack Obama to Joe Biden*.
3. **A. K. Bordunos**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University; Head of AI in Education, Centre for Teaching Excellence, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Topic Modelling in Digital Diplomacy Research: A Review of Practices and Methodological Recommendations*.
4. **K. E. Strebkova**, Lecturer, St Petersburg University; Research Intern, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Digital Analysis of Cognitive Patterns in Media: Identifying Affective Anomalies in the Coverage of the Assassination Attempt on Donald Trump (A Case Study of Russia Today)*.
5. **D. O. Vakarchuk**, Associate Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Opportunities and Limitations of Temporal Exponential Random Graph Models (TERGM) for the Analysis of Regional Alliance Networks*.
6. **M. A. Shpak**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Argentina's Official Public Discourse during Javier Milei's Presidency: A Content Analysis Approach*.

15:00–17:15 – Round Table: European Studies — Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow *(marking the 30th anniversary of the Department of European Studies, St Petersburg University; jointly with European Studies Association) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143)*

Moderators:
K. K. Khudoley, Professor, St Petersburg University;
T. A. Romanova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **A. A. Gromyko**, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
2. **L. V. Deriglazova**, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.
3. **L. A. Fadeeva**, Professor, Perm State University.
4. **D. I. Polyvyanny**, Professor, Ivanovo State University.
5. **M. L. Entin**, Professor, MGIMO University; Head of the Department of Integration Law and Human Rights, MGIMO University.
6. **V. V. Voynikov**, Professor, MGIMO University.
7. **N. Yu. Kaveshnikov**, Head of the Department of Integration Processes, MGIMO University.
8.

15:00–17:15 – The Eurasian Vector of Well-Being *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderators:
T. O. Momotova, Executive Director, Eurasian Monitor International Non-Profit Association of Research Agencies; Associate Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University;
N. V. Nemirova, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **O. D. Agapov**, Professor; Adviser to the Rector for Strategic Initiatives, V. G. Timiryasov Kazan Innovative University; expert of the Philosophical Club *Russia's Civilizational Future*.
2. **A. V. Andreenkova**, Deputy Director, Institute for Comparative Social Research (CESSI).
3. **Z. Z. Bakhturidze**, Director, Graduate School of International Relations, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.
4. **N. V. Eremina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
5. **I. V. Zadorin**, Academic Director, ZIRCON Research Group (Zadorin Sociological Workshop Autonomous Non-Profit Organization).
6. **I. F. Kefeli**, Project Director, Research Laboratory for Strategic Planning and Eurasian Integration, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA; Professor; Honoured Worker of Higher Education of the Russian Federation; expert of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
7. **A. S. Korolev**, Vice Dean for Research, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, HSE University.
8. **N. S. Niyazov**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
9. **N. N. Sukhotsky**, Deputy Director for Research and Innovation; Head of the Centre for Political Science, Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.
10. **M. K. Khadzhimukhamedov**, Deputy Director, Centre for Research Initiatives, Ma'no.
11. **A. N. Shcherbak**, Head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, HSE University — St Petersburg; Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative Studies of Social Well-Being, HSE University.
12. **T. N. Yudina**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute of Socio-Demographic Research, Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences.

15:00–17:15 – Round Table: Transformations of Sovereignty: History and the Present Day *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215)*
Moderator:
L. A. Gainutdinova, Head of the Department of Political Science, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
Discussant:
Yu. N. Frolova, Associate Professor, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.

1. **T. I. Ponomareva**, Senior Lecturer, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *Problems of State Sovereignty in the Middle East: The Case of Libya*.
2. **Yu. N. Frolova**, Associate Professor, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Instrumentalisation of Sovereignty: Challenges and Opportunities*.
3. **K. S. Solovyov**, Doctoral Student, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Role of AI in the Formation of Digital Sovereignty: States' Struggle for Control over Algorithmic Power*.
4. **A. O. Drugov**, student, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Sovereignty of the Russian Federation in the Baltic Region: Threats and Prospects*.
5. **A. A. Krivin**, student, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Role of the Northern Sea Route in Strengthening the State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation*.

15:00–17:15 – The Development of Artificial Intelligence Technologies in the Post-Soviet Space: Technological Sovereignty and Security *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*
Moderator:
R. S. Vykhodets, Professor, St Petersburg University; Chair of the EAEU Section on Information and Psychological Security of the Expert Advisory Council of the State Duma Committee on CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration, and Relations with Compatriots.

1. **P. A. Andreev**, Member of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation.
2. **A. V. Ignatov**, Executive Director, Russian Public Institute of Electoral Law; Candidate of Legal Sciences.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence: From Election Interference to the Promotion of Democratic Development*.
3. **I. F. Kefeli**, Project Director, Research Laboratory for Strategic Planning and Eurasian Integration, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA; Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Eurasian Integration: Economics, Law, Politics*.
   Paper title: *Cognitive Security in the Context of the Convergence of NBICS Technologies*.
4. **A. A. Sidorov**, Honoured Military Specialist of the Russian Federation; Candidate of Military Sciences.
5. **D. V. Iroshnikov**, Head of the Department of Legal Support for National Security, RANEPA.
6. **E. N. Pashentsev**, Chief Research Fellow, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Paper title: *Cognitive Confrontation in the Contemporary World and Artificial Intelligence: Approaches of Leading Countries and Challenges for the EAEU*.

7. **K. A. Pantserev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
8. **R. N. Klyuchko**, Head of the Department of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics, Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno; member of the Expert Advisory Council under the Council of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly.
   Paper title: *Destructive Information Influence on Public Consciousness within the System of Information Security Threats (remote participation)*.
9. **A. A. Nagieva**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; member of the Expert Advisory Council of the State Duma Committee on CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration, and Relations with Compatriots.
   Paper title: *The Digitalisation of Human Rights Protection Functions in the CIS Space*.
10. **A. A. Kolesnik**, Senior Research Fellow, Research Centre of the Federal Security Service of Russia; member of the Expert Advisory Council under the Council of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly.
11. **A. V. Toropygin**, Professor, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
    Paper title: *Harmonisation of the Legislation of EAEU Countries in the Field of Artificial Intelligence: Problems and Solutions*.
12. **R. S. Vykhodets**, Professor, St Petersburg University; Chair of the EAEU Section on Information and Psychological Security of the Expert Advisory Council of the State Duma Committee on CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration, and Relations with Compatriots.
    Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence in the System of Collective Security Priorities in the Light of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly Programme of Activities for 2026–2030*.
13. **V. K. Kocharyan**, Adviser, Expert and Analytical Department of the Secretariat of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly; Secretary of the Information and Analytical Legal Centre of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly.

15:00–17:15 – South and Southeast Asian Countries under the Conditions of Geopolitical Transformation, 2022–2026 *(in cooperation with the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences)* **Session 2. India's Regional Role and Strategy** *(in English) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)*

Moderator:

K. A. Likhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Discussant:

Abhijeet Singh, Research Fellow, HSE University.

1. **Anurag Bisen**, Senior Research Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation.
   Paper title: *Strengthening Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region: India's Mahasagar Concept*.
2. **K. A. Likhachev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *India and Technological Sovereignty: The Interrelation between External Factors and Strategic Autonomy*.
3. **Prashant Kumar Singh**, Research Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

Paper title: *India and Technological Sovereignty: Domestic Factors and National Policy*.

4. **O. A. Kharina**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences; Associate Professor, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Export of India's Digital Public Infrastructure Model to Southeast Asian Countries: Political and Institutional Conditions and Constraints*.
5. **Raj Kumar Sharma**, Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, **SGT University**.
   Paper title: *India's Strategic Autonomy: The Case of BRICS*.
6. **M. A. Zenkov**, Head of India Market, Cbonds.
   Paper title: *The Shift in India's Position on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in 2021–2026*.
7. **Kamala Kumari**, Associate Professor, Sharda University.
   Paper title: *India's Role in Technological Cooperation among the Countries of South and Southeast Asia*.

17:30–19:45 – XXXIII Russian–American Seminar *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderators:
K. V. Minkova, Professor, St Petersburg University;
O. V. Lekarenko, Head of the Department of Modern and Contemporary History and International Relations, National Research Tomsk State University.

1. **V. V. Romanov**, Head of the Department of International Relations and Political Science, Derzhavin Tambov State University.
   Paper title: *Public Diplomacy as a Factor in American–Soviet Relations in the 1920s–1930s*.
2. **I. Yu. Khruleva**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Activities of the Soviet Transport Administration in Iran in Implementing the Lend-Lease Programme (1942–1945)*.
3. **M. N. Suprun**, Russian Christian Academy for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Changes in the Strategy of the Anti-Hitler Coalition at the Final Stage of the Second World War, 1944–1945*.
4. **K. V. Minkova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russian War Relief: A History of American Solidarity*.
5. **R. I. Gorelov**, Doctoral Student, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Soviet–American Relations in 1945–1947: From Lend-Lease to UNRRA*.
6. **O. V. Lekarenko**, Head of the Department of Modern and Contemporary History and International Relations, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The U.S. Contribution to the Preparation and Conduct of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe*.
7. **V. V. Mironov**, Professor, Dostoevsky Omsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Zigzags of the Foreign Policy Course of Jimmy Carter's Administration*.

17:30–19:45 – The Transformation of the Category of "Development" in International Relations: Global Problems — Regional Solutions? *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*

Moderator:
E. A. Sergeev, Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **A. K. Morozkina**, Associate Professor, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Approaches of New Donors to Financing Development Assistance in the Eurasian Region*.
2. **Yu. A. Nikitina**, Associate Professor; Leading Research Fellow, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Conceptual Foundations of Russian Discourse in the Field of International Development Assistance: The Potential for Exporting Ideas to the Countries of the Global Majority*.
3. **A. E. Tikhonov**, Vice Dean, School of World Politics, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Humanitarian Dimension of Development Assistance Policy: The Role of Education and Culture in Strengthening International Trust*.
4. **A. V. Drynochkin**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Hungary's Participation in Official Development Assistance Programmes*.

17:30–19:45 – Europe under the Transformation of the World Order *(Joint panel of the Councils of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University, and the Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderators:
M. V. Vedernikov, Leading Research Fellow; Deputy Chair of the Council of Young Scholars, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences;
M. M. Chernigovsky, Senior Lecturer; Deputy Chair of the Council of Young Scholars, St Petersburg University.

1. **E. E. Belyachkov**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of Germany's Party-Political Landscape in 2025–2026: Between the European Trend and German Specificity*.
2. **R. E. Zhilin**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Non-Traditional Threats in the Baltic–Scandinavian Macro-Region: Legal and Environmental Perspectives*.
3. **Yu. Yu. Kolotaev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Current State of Russia–EU Relations through the Prism of Digital Research*.
4. **N. G. Samoylov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *A Left-Wing Perspective on French Space Policy: The Case of La France Insoumise*.
5. **I. R. Skripka**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Infrastructure as a Component of Norway's Arctic Strategy*.
6. **A. Yu. Chikhachev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *European Military-Political Autonomy in the Context of Changing EU–U.S. Relations: A View from Paris*.

7. **M. D. Tunik**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Problem of Frozen Russian Assets in Euroclear: The Belgian Position*.
8. **A. P. Korzun**, Programme Assistant, Russian International Affairs Council.
   Paper title: *Energy as a Dimension of U.S. Containment of China*.

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08:45–17:00 — Registration of participants *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8)*

Thematic Panels of the Congress

10:00–12:15 – The Baltic States within the System of Challenges to European Security *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderator:
D. A. Lanko, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
A. V. Barynkin, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **N. M. Mezhevich**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Historical Preconditions and Political Prospects of Belarusian–Lithuanian Contradictions*.
2. **N. V. Eremina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Security in the Baltic Region in the Context of the Negotiation Process on Ukraine*.
3. **V. V. Shimov**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Belarusian–Lithuanian Relations against the Background of Geopolitical Confrontation: Transport and Migration Aspects*.
4. **M. S. Pavlova**, Senior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Securitisation of Memory: Specific Features of Historical Policy in the Baltic States after 2022*.
5. **T. V. Torchik**, Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence in Riga: Tender Research and Goal-Setting through the Prism of Russia*.

10:00–12:15 – Current Issues in International Relations Theory *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*
Moderators:
O. V. Onopko, Chair of the Donetsk Regional Branch of the Russian Political Science Association; Associate Professor, Donetsk State University;
N. V. Yudin, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.

1. **N. V. Yudin**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Philosophical Foundations of the Crisis of Contemporary International Relations Theory and Ways to Overcome It*.

2. **N. Yu. Ryabchenko**, Doctoral Student, D. F. Ustinov Baltic State Technical University "VOENMEH".
   Paper title: *Toward a Conceptualisation of the Foundations of a Prospective Russian Theory of International Relations under Conditions of Global Political Transformation*.
3. **K. E. Plokhotnikov**, Professor, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *Defining the Concept of Power in Geopolitics*.
4. **E. K. Matevosova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *"Quantum International Relations": World Politics According to Quantum Laws*.
5. **M. E. Evstigneeva**, Translator.
   Paper title: *Soft Power 2.0: The Role of Social Media in International Politics*.
6. **L. I. Ivonina**, Professor, Smolensk State University.
   Paper title: *"Monsters" in Emer de Vattel's International Legal Discourse*.
7. **O. V. Onopko**, Chair of the Donetsk Regional Branch of the Russian Political Science Association; Associate Professor, Donetsk State University.
   Paper title: *National Resilience in Conditions of a Security Vacuum: On the Geopolitical Worldview of Contemporary Ukrainian Foreign Policy Expertise*.

10:00–12:15 – Problems in the History of International Relations of the Scandinavian-Baltic Region, 18th–20th Centuries *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*
Moderators:
Yu. L. Mikhailova, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences;
L. A. Sadova, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **A. I. Rupasov**, Leading Research Fellow, St Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Vaps Movement in Estonia and Its Influence on Estonian–Finnish Relations (Late 1920s to Mid-1930s)*.
2. **Yu. L. Mikhailova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Soviet Cultural Diplomacy in Lithuania in the 1920s–1930s: The Institutionalisation of Contacts and the Creation of the Society for the Study of the USSR*.
3. **L. A. Sadova**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Norway's Attainment of Independence in 1905: The Strategy of the Norwegian Government and Diplomatic Practices*.
4. **E. L. Nazarova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Soviet–Latvian Trade Treaty of 1927 in the Context of Latvia's Domestic Politics*.

10:00–12:15 – International Business Partnership and Sustainable Development in the Arctic: Between Competition and Cooperation *(Russian Science Foundation grant No. 25-28-00975) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*
Moderator:
M. L. Lagutina, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **M. L. Lagutina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of Corporate Strategies toward Urban Communities in the Russian Arctic Zone*.
2. **A. A. Sergunin**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Toward a Common BRICS Arctic Strategy: Conceptual and Institutional Dimensions*.
3. **A. V. Sboychakova**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Non-Financial Reporting as an Instrument of the International Legitimation of Corporate Responsibility in the Arctic*.
4. **D. N. Veselova**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility of Major Russian Oil and Gas Extractive Companies in the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation within the Framework of Their Participation in International Climate Initiatives*.
5. **I. A. Strelnikov**, Associate Professor, HSE University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Role of International Organisations and Associations in Shaping Standards of Corporate Responsibility in the Arctic in the Context of Promoting Environmental and Social Norms*.
6. **E. Dolzhenkova**, Associate Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.
   Paper title: *The Socio-Economic Rights of Indigenous Small-Numbered Peoples of the Russian Arctic Zone*.
7. **M. A. Pitukhina**, Leading Research Fellow, Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *An Integrated Study of the Socio-Cultural Dynamics of the Indigenous Population of the Arctic*.

10:00–12:15 – The Eurasian Space in the Context of Changing Geopolitical Realities *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*
Moderator:
N. S. Niyazov, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **N. V. Mamedova**, Lecturer, Baku State University.
   Paper title: *The Soviet Past and the Post-Soviet Present: The Interrelation of Historical Memory and Value Orientations*.
2. **O. N. Naumenko**, Professor, Urgench Innovation University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of Education and Upbringing in the Republic of Uzbekistan at the Present Stage*.
3. **A. A. Akhmedov**, Associate Professor, Baku Slavic University.
   Paper title: *The TRIPP Project and the Interests of the Main Actors*.

4. **A. M. Kadirov**, Sorbonne-Kazakhstan Institute, Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University.
   Paper title: *The Multivector Nature of Kazakhstan's Higher Education System: Structural Risks and Strategic Consequences*.
5. **A. B. Ashimova**, Associate Professor, Turan University.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence Development Strategies in Eurasia: Between Global Competition and Digital Sovereignty*.
6. **A. L. Baranovsky**, Chief Bibliographer, Research Department of Bibliography, National Library of Belarus.
   Paper title: *National Libraries as a Mirror of the Eurasian Space*.
7. **S. I. Kovalskaya**, Professor, L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University.
   Paper title: *Enhancing the Effectiveness of Introducing Contemporary Theoretical Ideas into the Practice of Developing the Eurasian Space*.
8. **A. M. Akmatalieva**, Dean, School of International Relations, B. N. Yeltsin Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University.
   Paper title: *Geopolitical Modelling of the Eurasian Space under Conditions of the Metamorphosis of the World Order*.
9. **B. A. Podoprigora**, Expert of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on Cooperation with Central Asia.
   Paper title: *Contemporary Priorities in the Development of the Eurasian Space*.

10:00–12:15 – (Re)Thinking Borders: Political Geography in the Era of Transforming Sovereignty *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)*
Moderator:
N. M. Mikheeva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

Book presentation: *H. N. von Winsheim and the St Petersburg Scholarly School of Political Geography in the 18th Century*. MGIMO University Press, 2026.

Presentation: *Atlas of Russia's Diplomatic Geography*

1. **E. M. Kuzmina**, Head of the Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine Sector, Centre for Post-Soviet Studies, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Dynamics of the Borders of the Eurasian (Post-Soviet) Economic Region in the 2020s*.
2. **N. V. Kaledin**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *On the Geopolitical Position of Belarus in the Context of Integration Processes*.
3. **I. Yu. Okunev**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Diplomatic Geography: The Spatial Configuration of Its Representations Abroad and of Foreign Missions within the Country*.
4. **N. M. Mikheeva**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Maritime Borders in a Changing World: Old and New Approaches*.
5. **E. A. Zakharova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

Paper title: *Spatial Analysis of Electoral Support for Right-Wing Populist Parties in Western Europe: The Case of the 2024 European Parliament Elections*.

6. **K. V. Kornitskaya**, student, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Borders in the Eastern Mediterranean: Similarities and Differences in Approaches*.
7. **N. D. Tikhonov**, Research Intern, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Geopolitics and Identity: The Evolution of Central Europe from the Late Eighteenth to the Twentieth Century*.

10:00–12:15 – Presentation of the Project "Legal and Political-Economic Atlas of Africa" *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124)*
Moderators:
S. L. Tkachenko, Professor, St Petersburg University;
A. D. Rudokvas, Professor, St Petersburg University.

Discussants:

1. **N. A. Dobronravin**, Doctor of Philology; Head of the Department of African Ethnography, Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera), Russian Academy of Sciences.
2. **K. A. Pantserev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
3. **E. V. Kosheleva**, Adviser to the Vice-Rector for International Relations, St Petersburg University.
4. **V. V. Shuleshko**, Leading Research Fellow, Centre for Scholarly and Analytical Information, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
5. **V. A. Porolo**, student, St Petersburg University.
6. **A. Yarov**, student, St Petersburg University.
7. **D. A. Davydov**, student, St Petersburg University.

10:00–12:15 – Germany in the System of International Relations from the Seventeenth Century to the First Third of the Twentieth Century *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*
Moderator:
V. S. Dudarev, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **Sangtu Ko**, Professor, Yonsei University.
   Paper title: *The Resumption of Germany's Interaction with Russia and Its Consequences for South Korea*.
2. **V. S. Dudarev**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Germany's International Position from the Seventeenth Century to the First Third of the Twentieth Century through the Prism of Gravitational Field Theory in General Relativity*.
3. **A. V. Lazareva**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Image of the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648) as an International Conflict in German Baroque Literature*.

4. **M. A. Petrova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Holy Roman Empire as a Subject of International Law in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century*.
5. **V. I. Karpov**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The German Language as an Instrument of Germany's Foreign and Domestic Policy in the Age of Enlightenment*.
6. **P. A. Datsenko**, Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Emergence of the German Confederation as an Element of the Vienna System of International Relations in the First Quarter of the Nineteenth Century*.

10:00–12:15 – The Regulation of Historical Narratives under Conditions of Polycentric Competition *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*
Moderator:
I. V. Bolgova, Head of the research programme *Historical Policy and Identity*, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **I. V. Bolgova**, Head of the research programme *Historical Policy and Identity*, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Regulation of Historical Narratives as an Arena of Polycentric Competition: Actors, Levels, and Mechanisms*.
2. **V. V. Vorotnikov**, Head of the Department of European and American Countries, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Value Distortions of Historical Narratives in European Countries*.
3. **E. A. Sergeev**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *History Education in Foreign Europe as a Political Phenomenon*.
4. **D. E. Letnyakov**, Leading Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Political Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Transnational Historical Narratives in the Post-Soviet Space*.
5. **I. O. Dementyev**, Associate Professor, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University.
   Paper title: *How a Bastion Became a Museum: Soviet Kaliningrad in Foreign Scholarship*.
6. **M. S. Pavlova**, Senior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Memory Politics in the Strategy of Constructing a New Polish Identity, 2015–2025*.

10:00–12:15 – Political and Legal Aspects of the Response of Integration Associations to Contemporary Geopolitical Challenges *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderators:
M. L. Entin, Professor, MGIMO University;
E. O. Solomatin, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University;
V. Yu. Gunko, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.

1. **V. V. Voynikov**, Professor, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University and MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Legal Aspects of the Implementation of New EU Strategies on Migration and Visas*.
2. **D. V. Galushko**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Geopolitics of Disintegration: Transformations of Integration Projects under Conditions of International Turbulence*.
3. **A. A. Vadov**, Deputy Head of the Digital Department, MGIMO University; Lecturer, **MGIMO-Odintsovo**.
   Paper title: *The Influence of the Concept of Data Altruism on the Transformation of Regional and Global Data Markets*.
4. **E. V. Zlobin**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Role of the African Union in Promoting Africa's Geopolitical Interests*.
5. **P. A. Kalinichenko**, Professor, Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL).
6. **Yu. V. Mishalchenko**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *International Legal and Economic Collisions in the Interaction of Integration and International Associations under Contemporary Conditions*.

10:00–12:15 – The Peoples of the Balkans in a Changing World *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderators:
E. A. Koloskov, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Director of the Centre for Balkan Studies, St Petersburg University;
E. G. Entina, Director of the Centre for Mediterranean Studies, HSE University.

1. **A. K. Alexandrova**, Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for Anthropology, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Greece as a Peripheral Country of the European Union under the Conditions of the Financial-Economic and Migration Crises of the 2010s*.
2. **E. P. Katkova**, Assistant Lecturer, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation.
   Paper title: *The Image of the Western Balkans in the Contemporary Russian Information Space (2022–2026)*.
3. **E. A. Koloskov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Director of the Centre for Balkan Studies, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *"The Russians Are Coming!": The Marker of "Russianness" as a Dividing Line in the Political Landscape of the Balkans*.
4. **E. G. Entina**, Director of the Centre for Mediterranean Studies, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Bosnian and Herzegovinian Society: The Post-Dayton Peace in the Thoughts, Expectations, and Fears of Ordinary Citizens*.
5. **A. A. Pivovarenko**, Lecturer, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Military Interaction among NATO Member States in Southeastern Europe*.
6. **N. A. Podchasov**, Senior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *A New Chapter in Bulgaria's Political Crisis*.

10:00–12:15 – Sub-Saharan African Countries on the Path to Decolonisation: Problems and Prospects *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*
Moderators:
K. A. Pantserev, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
N. G. Zaslavskaya, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
R. N. Krasavtsev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **K. A. Pantserev**, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University; **A. D. Lisenkova**, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Preliminary Results of the Russian Science Foundation Project "Sub-Saharan African Countries on the Path to Decolonisation: The Contemporary Context" (RSF grant No. 25-28-00672)*.
2. **N. G. Zaslavskaya**, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *EU Trade Policy toward African Countries: Implications for Regional Development (RSF grant No. 25-28-00672)*.
3. **A. S. Zdanevich**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Promising Areas for the Development of Russia–Africa Relations Following the Results of 2025*.
4. **A. D. Lisenkova**, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Uranium Industry of Sub-Saharan African Countries in Relations with the European Union: The Neo-Colonial Dimension (RSF grant No. 25-28-00672)*.
5. **K. A. Pantserev**, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The African Component of BRICS as a Factor in Africa's Decolonisation (RSF grant No. 25-28-00672)*.
6. **D. V. Prikhodko**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Digital Sovereignty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Past, Present, and Future*.
7. **V. V. Usacheva**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Decolonisation in the Age of Algorithms: "Platform Imperialism" and Digital Sovereignty in Africa*.

10:00–12:15 – Foreign Policy Forecasting under the Transformation of the International System *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141)*
Moderator:
I. A. Istomin, Associate Professor, MGIMO University.

1. **Seongjin Kim**, Professor, Duksung Women's University (Republic of Korea).
   Paper title: *Protracted Armed Conflicts and Their Consequences*.
2. **D. P. Abdeeva**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University; **A. V. Levchenko**, Lecturer, MGIMO University; **I. A. Istomin**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Experience of the Systematic Study of Expert Forecasting of the International Situation: Interim Results*.
3. **D. A. Degterev**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Great-Power Competition in Africa: Current Dynamics and the Specific Features of Forecasting*.
4. **E. B. Mikhaylenko**, Professor, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin.
   Paper title: *The Complexity of Forecasting in Nuclear Non-Proliferation: The Role of Subjectivism in Scholarly Research*.
5. **A. N. Bogdanov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Prospects for U.S. Foreign Policy Strategy: "Systemic Management" under Conditions of Power Transition*.
6. **Yu. Yu. Melnikova**, Head of Programmes, Russian International Affairs Council; Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of Forecasting the Activity of Composite Actors: The Case of the EU Decision-Making System*.
7. **S. V. Kislitsyn**, Deputy Director for Research, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Fragmentation or Polycentricity? Economic Ties and the Transformation of the World Order*.

10:00–12:15 – Small States in the System of International Relations: From Versailles to the Present Day *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142)*
Moderators:
I. N. Novikova, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
E. V. Korunova, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.

1. **A. O. Khorosheva**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *In Search of a Security Strategy: Cooperation between Belgium and the Netherlands on the Eve of the Second World War*.
2. **E. E. Yurchik**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Potential of Neutrality Policy in the Assessments of Portuguese Diplomats (September 1939)*.
3. **N. S. Gavrilenko-Goroshevsky**, Degree Candidate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Establishment of the Finnish Security Police: "Learning from Mistakes" in Finnish Political Intelligence, 1945–1949*.

4. **I. N. Novikova**, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Small States in International Relations: Strategies for Advancing Interests in World Politics*.

10:00–12:15 – Neurocognitive Studies of Civilizational Identity in the Digital Age *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143)*
Moderator:
E. S. Zinovieva, Professor, MGIMO University.

1. **E. S. Zinovieva**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *A Neurocognitive Model of Civilizational Identity: From Discourse to Experimental Operationalization*.
2. **A. A. Baykov**, Vice-Rector for Research, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Civilizational Identity as a Resource of Structural Power in the Era of Digital Sovereignty*.
3. **M. V. Kharkevich**, Director for Research Communications, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Neuroscientific Studies of Civilizational Identity: Some Implications for Education Policy*.
4. **M. A. Kucherov**, Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *EEG Hyperscanning in the Study of Collective Identity and Negotiation Dynamics*.
5. **I. S. Khludov**, Expert, Centre for the Analysis and Promotion of Research Results, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Algorithmic Environment and the Transformation of Civilizational Perception*.
6. **P. A. Abramova**, Intern, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Sacred Symbols and Diplomatic Protocol: An Experimental Study of Cognitive Perception*.
7. **K. V. Siirin**.
   Paper title: *The Neurobiology of Trust: The Role of Oxytocin, the Amygdala, and the Prefrontal Cortex in the Formation and Breakdown of Trust between Negotiators*.

10:00–12:15 – China in the Global Communication Space: Discourses, Institutions, and Strategies of Influence *(jointly with the Russian International Affairs Council) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderator:
S. V. Krivokhizh, Associate Professor, HSE University — St Petersburg.

1. **L. A. Kovachich**, Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *China's International Communication Centres as an Instrument of Political Influence through the Cultural and Educational Context*.

2. **I. E. Denisov**, Senior Research Fellow, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Institutional Integration of Influencers into the System of Public Opinion Management in the People's Republic of China*.
3. **E. D. Soboleva**, Associate Professor, HSE University — St Petersburg.
   Paper title: *Discourse on International Conflicts in Chinese Social Media: Discussion of the War in Gaza on Zhihu*.
4. **M. P. Bezruchenko**, Associate Professor, Kuban State University.
   Paper title: *Digital Sovereignty in Global Politics: A Comparative Analysis of the Strategies of the United States, Russia, and China*.
5. **P. I. Rysakova**, Researcher, Centre for Eurasian Studies, European University at St Petersburg.
   Paper title: *Studying Abroad without Leaving China: The Paradoxes of China's Educational Strategy in the 2020s*.
6. **A. V. Chelnokova-Shcheika**, Associate Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *The Information Export of China's Cultural and Tourism Brands in the Digital Era*.

10:00–12:15 – Cybersecurity Challenges under the Transformation of the World Order and Collective Approaches of ASEAN, BRICS, and SCO Countries *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215)*
Moderator:
G. Yu. Nikiporets-Takigawa, Professor, HSE University.

1. **D. Belyakova**, Deputy Director for Development, Cyberus.
   Paper title: *Russia's Priorities in International Cooperation in Cybersecurity*.
2. **R. V. Bolgov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Cybersecurity Issues in Eurasian Integration*.
3. **A. A. Garin**, Research Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head of the Laboratory for Digital Studies of the Contemporary East, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Digitalization of the South Pacific: Strategies, Great-Power Competition, and Russia's Assistance in Strengthening the Sovereignty of Small Actors*.
4. **A. S. Gorbachenko**, Research Intern, HSE University Research and Study Group "International Cooperation in Cybersecurity in ASEAN, BRICS, and the SCO and Prospects for Russia."
   Paper title: *Trilateral Cooperation Formats in AI as a Factor Strengthening the Cyber Power of BRICS Countries*.
5. **E. A. Kozlova**, Junior Research Fellow, Centre for Central Asian Studies, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Moving along the "Digital Silk Road": Cooperation between China and Central Asian Countries in Cybersecurity*.

10:00–12:15 – Paradiplomacy in Contemporary International Relations. Session 1 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*

Moderators:
Yu. G. Akimov, Professor, St Petersburg University;
A. G. Bolshakov, Head of the Department of International Relations, World Politics and Diplomacy, Kazan Federal University.

1. **K. V. Minkova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Auxiliary Paradiplomacy and Counter-Paradiplomacy in the Foreign Policy of the State*.
2. **M. V. Kurnikova**, Associate Professor, Samara State University of Economics.
   Paper title: *Paradiplomacy vs. Economic Diplomacy: The Regions of Russia as Subjects of International Activity*.
3. **A. E. Volkova**, Associate Professor, Voronezh State Technical University.
   Paper title: *Political Elites and Their Economic Claims in the Ethno-Regional Autonomies of the Russian Federation: The Opportunities and Scope of Political Actors' Claims*.
4. **A. G. Bolshakov**, Head of the Department of International Relations, World Politics and Diplomacy, Kazan Federal University.
   Paper title: *Cooperation between Russia and Central Asian Countries: The Factor of Regional Diplomacy (The Case of the Republic of Tatarstan)*.
5. **A. E. Fominykh**, Associate Professor, Mari State University.
   Paper title: *From the "Parade of Sovereignties" to "Chak-Chak Diplomacy": The Republic of Tatarstan in the System of the Russian Federation's Foreign Relations*.
6. **I. V. Oleynikov**, Associate Professor, Baikal State University; Associate Professor, Irkutsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Chinese Direction of International Tourism in Irkutsk Region: Opportunities and Risks of Development*.
7. **Yu. G. Akimov**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Paradiplomacy of the Constituent Entities of the Russian Federation as an Instrument for Protecting and Promoting National Interests in the International Arena under Contemporary Conditions*.

10:00–12:15 – South and Southeast Asian Countries under the Conditions of Geopolitical Transformation, 2022–2026 *(in cooperation with the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences)* **Session 3. The Foreign Policies of India and Pakistan. Regional Cooperation and Security Issues** *(in English)*
(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)
Moderator:
K. A. Likhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
Discussant:
Prashant Kumar Singh, Research Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

1. **Shoaib Khan**, Research Fellow, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai; President, ALFAAZ Cultural and Educational Society.

Paper title: *The Significance of Eurasia's Geostrategic Orientation in a Polycentric World*.

2. **G. G. Makarevich**, Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *A Year for Gathering Stones: The Consequences of May 2025 for India and Pakistan*.
3. **Ankur Yadav**, Associate Professor, Special Centre for National Security Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
   Paper title: *India–Russia Relations in a Changing World Order: Rethinking Security Cooperation*.
4. **I. Yu. Shchedrov**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *India's Policy in Central Asia: Structure and Role*.
5. **Rhythm Prashar**, Doctoral Student, Kautilya School of Public Policy.
   Paper title: *RIC Arctic Convergence: Cooperation under Changing Geopolitics*.
6. **A. A. Zaitsev**, Research Assistant, Centre for Indian Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Role of the Vishva Hindu Parishad in the Deterioration of India–Bangladesh Relations after 2024*.
7. **G. V. Gryzlov**, Programme Manager, Russian International Affairs Council.
   Paper title: *Relations between the Taliban Movement and Pakistan: From Cooperation to Confrontation*.
8. **Yu. I. Leonov**, Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Priorities of EU Policy in the Indo-Pacific: The Case of Partnership with India*.

12:45–15:00 – The Republic of Poland within the System of Challenges to European Security *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderators:
I. N. Novikova, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
A. V. Barynkin, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
D. A. Lanko, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **O. B. Nemensky**, Head of the Centre for Historical Policy, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies.
   Paper title: *Geopolitical Argumentation in Contemporary Polish Political Discourse*.
2. **I. I. Zhukovsky**, Senior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Baltic Region in Poland's Contemporary Security Policy*.
3. **D. I. Popov**, Doctoral Student, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Lithuania in Poland's Foreign Policy in 2020–2025*.
4. **V. A. Teslenko**.
   Paper title: *The Polish Experience of Interaction with Civil Society in Ukraine in 2004–2014*.

5. **E. V. Ershov**, Head of the Office of the Department of Military Scholarly Research, Military Order of Zhukov Academy of the National Guard Troops of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *The Applicability of the Experience of Countering the "Forest Brothers" and the Home Army in the Postwar Period under Contemporary Conditions*.
6. **A. V. Barynkin**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Militarization vs. Public Opinion: Polish Society in the Face of the Ukrainian Crisis*.

12:45–15:00 – The History of Left-Wing Ideologies and Socialist States in the Twentieth Century *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*
Moderator:
A. N. Sorokin, Associate Professor, **Dostoevsky Omsk State University**.

1. **A. N. Sorokin**, Associate Professor, Dostoevsky Omsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Application of Economic Analysis Methods in the Study of the History of FRG–USSR Economic Relations*.
2. **T. S. Melnichenko**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The National and the International in the Ideology of the National-Communist Parties of Ukraine in the First Quarter of the Twentieth Century*.
3. **A. S. Lyulchak**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Deterioration of Soviet–Turkish Relations in 1945–1953 through the Prism of the Soviet Satirical Magazine* Krokodil.
4. **A. M. Kononenko**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Participation of Irish Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, 1936–1939: On the Role of the Comintern in Organizing Irish Units within the International Brigades*.

12:45–15:00 – Problems in the History of International Relations of the Scandinavian-Baltic Region, 18th–20th Centuries *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*
Moderators:
Yu. L. Mikhailova, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences;
L. A. Sadova, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **D. K. Bakanov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Lithuanian Commissariat of the People's Commissariat for Nationalities of the RSFSR and the Re-Evacuation of Lithuanian Property in 1918–1919*.
2. **M. I. Serova**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paper title: *Mechanisms for the Adaptation of Bilateral Trade at the Beginning of the Cold War: Soviet–Norwegian Economic Relations in the First Half of the 1950s*.

3. **E. S. Pankov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Interaction between Women's Organizations of the USSR and Iceland during the Cold War*.
4. **A. S. Tarasova**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design.
   Paper title: *Cross-Border Cooperation between Russia and the European Union in the Scandinavian-Baltic Region: A Historical Retrospective*.

12:45–15:00 – The Creation of the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor: International Legal, Geoeconomic, and Geopolitical Aspects *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*
Moderator:
A. A. Sergunin, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **M. L. Lagutina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Asian Non-Arctic States and the Formation of the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor: Interests, Strategies, and Constraints on Participation*.
2. **V. N. Konyshev**, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Basic Approaches and Principles for Ensuring the Security of Transport Corridors*.
3. **A. V. Sboychakova**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor and the Principles of the Blue Economy: Environmental Sustainability of the Development of the Northern Sea Route*.
4. **D. N. Veselova**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Legal Aspects of the Establishment and Functioning of the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor*.
5. **I. A. Strelnikova**, Associate Professor, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor as a Platform for Russia's Cooperation with Its International BRICS Partners*.

12:45–15:00 – The Eurasian Space in the Context of Changing Geopolitical Realities *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*
Moderator:
A. V. Zotova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **V. O. Beklyamishev**, Director, Centre for Country Studies in Research and Education, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics.
   Paper title: *Strengthening Dialogue with the Countries of Central Asia in the Sphere of Historical Memory: Main Approaches and Practices*.
2. **A. V. Baranov**, Professor, Kuban State University.
   Paper title: *Russian Energy Diplomacy in the Competitive Space of the Black Sea–Mediterranean Region*.

3. **M. O. Selyutin**, Head of the Department of External Relations, Expert and Analytical Directorate, Secretariat of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
   Paper title: *International Experience in Regulating Artificial Intelligence Technologies: Current Aspects of Choosing a Development Vector for the Countries of the Post-Soviet Space*.
4. **N. S. Niyazov**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Interaction between Azerbaijan and the Countries of Central Asia in the Military Sphere*.
5. **A. V. Zotova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Special Economic Zones and Transport and Logistics Hubs as Important Elements in the Development of International Relations in Eurasia*.
6. **V. G. Sobolev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *"Searching for Oneself in the Past": Zigzags of Historical Policy in the States of Central Asia. A Comparative Analysis*.
7. **T. V. Rabush**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Monuments to Participants in the Afghan War (1979–1989) in the States of the Post-Soviet Space as a Form of Commemorative Practice*.
8. **R. Burnashev**, Kazakh-German University.
   Paper title: *Central Asia in the Contemporary World: An Interpretation through Regional Security Complex Theory*.
9. **S. S. Khusainova**, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Language Policy in the CIS Countries: A Practical Dimension through the Example of Kazakhstan*.

12:45–15:00 – The Religious Factor in the New World Order: Conflicts, Values, Ideologies *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)*
Moderator:
O. K. Shimanskaya, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **R. N. Lunkin**, Deputy Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head of the Department of Social and Political Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; **O. K. Shimanskaya**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Church Policy in the Context of the Anti-Russian Campaign in the Baltic States*.
2. **T. S. Pronina**, Associate Professor, Pushkin Leningrad State University.
   Paper title: *Islamic Fundamentalism in the Context of Postmodern Discourse*.
3. **E. M. Miroshnikova**, Chief Research Fellow, Pushkin Leningrad State University.
   Paper title: *Changes in Religious Diversity as a Significant Factor in Contemporary International Relations*.
4. **S. A. Mudrov**, Associate Professor, Institute of Distance Education, St Tikhon's Orthodox University.
   Paper title: *Churches and European Institutions in Post-Lisbon Europe*.

5. **V. E. Yazkova**, Leading Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Teaching Religion in Italian State Schools: A Cultural Phenomenon or a Subject of Catechesis?*.

12:45–15:00 – New Phenomena in the Formation of the Twenty-First-Century World Order: Theory and Reality *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124)*
Moderators:
T. A. Shakleina, Professor, MGIMO University;
A. A. Baykov, Vice-Rector for Research, MGIMO University.

1. **A. A. Baykov**, Vice-Rector for Research, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Integration amid Deglobalization*.
2. **T. A. Shakleina**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Process of World Order Formation in the Mid-2020s: The Triumph and Tragedy of Realism*.
3. **I. A. Istomin**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Challenges to Military-Political Stability under the Transformation of the International System: Historical Experience and Medium-Term Scenarios*.
4. **I. V. Bolgova**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Deputy Director, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Integration Projects in the Twenty-First Century: Concepts, Forecasts, Reality*.

12:45–15:00 – Germany in the System of International Relations from the Seventeenth Century to the First Third of the Twentieth Century *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*
Moderator:
V. S. Dudarev, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **A. V. Bodrov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Germany and International Tension in the Last Third of the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the War Scare of 1875*.
2. **A. M. Ipatov**, Associate Professor, Voronezh State Pedagogical University.
   Paper title: *Germany's Position during the Eastern Crisis of 1875–1878*.
3. **A. G. Matveeva**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *International Crises of the Late Nineteenth Century and Interimperial Interaction between Russia and Germany*.
4. **N. V. Rostislavleva**, Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Russian-German Contacts in the Social Sphere during the First World War: Protecting Powers and the Problem of Reciprocity*.
5. **L. V. Lannik**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Paper title: *The Non-Obvious Inevitability of Versailles: Subjective Factors in the Strategic Debates of German Diplomacy, 1919–1922*.

12:45–15:00 – Relations between Russia and EU Countries: The Possibility and Expediency of Normalization *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*
Moderators:
E. A. Maslova, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences;
A. P. Sokolov, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **T. V. Bordachev**, Professor, HSE University.
2. **L. A. Fadeeva**, Professor; Senior Research Fellow, Perm State University.
3. **L. V. Deriglazova**, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *Russia's and the European Union's Perception of Hybrid Threats as an Obstacle to and an Opportunity for the Restoration of Cooperation*.
4. **Yu. Chikhachev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Prospects for the Normalization of Russia–Europe Relations: A French Perspective*.
5. **M. V. Vedernikov**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

12:45–15:00 – Political and Legal Aspects of the Response of Integration Associations to Contemporary Geopolitical Challenges *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderators:
M. L. Entin, Professor, MGIMO University;
E. O. Solomatin, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University;
V. Yu. Gunko, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.

1. **A. A. Naku**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; expert, EAEU Centre for Competition Law and Antitrust Regulation.
   Paper title: *The EU–Mercosur Partnership Agreement: A Long-Awaited Integration of Integrations or Yet Another Set of Trade Preferences?*.
2. **A. M. Solntsev**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *Combating Climate Change as a Megatrend: Achievements and Prospects*.
3. **E. O. Solomatin**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Role of Regulatory Sandboxes in Ensuring the Technological Sovereignty of Integration Associations*.
4. **G. R. Shaikhutdinova**, Professor, Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University.
   Paper title: *Contemporary International Law and Integration Associations: Permacrisis or a Kairos Moment?*.
5. **M. L. Entin**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of the Policies and Regulatory Frameworks of Integration Associations amid Rising Geopolitical Risks*.

12:45–15:00 – The Peoples of the Balkans in a Changing World *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*

Moderators:

E. A. Koloskov, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Director of the Centre for Balkan Studies, St Petersburg University;

E. G. Entina, Director of the Centre for Mediterranean Studies, HSE University.

1. **T. I. Popadyeva**, Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Russia and Eurasian Security in the Balkans: Russia's Non-Military Instruments of Influence in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Republika Srpska)*.
2. **N. V. Turygina**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Alliances of Anti-Fascists in the Balkans: Between the Memory of Resistance and the Struggle for Democracy in the Twenty-First Century*.
3. **S. O. Boliev**, Doctoral Student, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Memory Politics as an Instrument of a Small State's Foreign Policy Choice: The Experience of North Macedonia*.
4. **V. I. Fedorenko**.
   Paper title: *Political Elites and Technologies of Managing Ethnopolitical Conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina*.
5. **A. Filipović**, Research Fellow, Institute of European Studies (Belgrade, Serbia); **A. A. Kartseva**, Associate Professor, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation.
   Paper title: *Serbia's Geopolitical Position in the Emerging Multipolar World Order and amid Ongoing Global Crises: Toward Euro-Atlantic Integration or toward "Pragmatic" Neutrality?*.

12:45–15:00 – Sub-Saharan African Countries on the Path to Decolonization: Problems and Prospects *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*

Moderators:

K. A. Pantserev, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;

N. G. Zaslavskaya, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.

Discussant:

R. N. Krasavtsev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **M. V. Shpigovskaya**, Research Engineer, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea as a Factor of Postcolonial Dependence in Sub-Saharan Africa*.
2. **M. A. Bulanakova**, Head of the Department of International Relations, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *African Regionalism: Colonial Legacy, Neoliberal Modernization, and the Contradictions of Contemporary Pan-Africanism*.

3. **N. A. Simchenko**, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Value Narrative of Resistance to Neocolonial Practices*.
4. **M. V. Margelov**, Head of the UNESCO Chair *Oriental and African Studies: Contemporary Methods of Study and Teaching*, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Policy toward Sudan in the Twenty-First Century*.
5. **E. V. Kharitonova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Russia–Africa Intercultural Dialogue in Education: On the Factors of Mutual Understanding (Based on Empirical Research Materials)*.
6. **M. V. Soldatenkova**, St Petersburg University; **A. A. Krupina**, Doctoral Student, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Hydropower in West African Countries: Potential and Constraints*.

12:45–15:00 – Polar Regions under the Formation of a New World Order *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141)*
Moderator:
E. V. Kienko, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **V. V. Vorotnikov**, Head of the Department of the History and Politics of European and American Countries, MGIMO University; Leading Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Antarctica in Philately: Territorial Claims on Postage Stamps*.
2. **E. V. Kienko**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Antarctic Treaty System: Problems and Prospects*.
3. **T. Yu. Sorokina**, Head of the Laboratory for Arctic Biomonitoring, Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after M. V. Lomonosov.
   Paper title: *Ensuring Comprehensive Security in the Arctic: International Scientific Cooperation and Law*.
4. **I. V. Kiseleva**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *France in the Arctic and Antarctic: A Comparative Analysis of Interests and Strategies*.
5. **I. V. Savelyev**, Head of the Department of International Law and Comparative Law, Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after M. V. Lomonosov.
   Paper title: *The Russian-American Company as a Quasi-Subject of International Law*.

12:45–15:00 – Small States in the System of International Relations: From Versailles to the Present Day *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142)*
Moderators:
I. N. Novikova, Professor, St Petersburg University; Dean of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
E. V. Korunova, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.

1. **E. V. Korunova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Practice of Maintaining the "Northern Balance": The Small Nordic States under Conditions of Bipolar Confrontation (Late 1970s to Early 1980s)*.
2. **V. N. Istratov**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Umbilical Cord and the Leash: Has Ireland's Path to Independence Been Completed?*.
3. **E. E. Belyachkov**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Austrian Neutrality in International Relations, 1995–2025: From the Foundation of the Republic to a Foreign-Policy Archaism*.
4. **E. A. Sergeev**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Foreign Policy Positioning of the Netherlands under Conditions of Structural Crisis: Adaptation or Profanation?*.

12:45–15:00 – Current Issues in Cold War History. Session 1 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143)*
Moderator:
K. K. Khudoley, Professor, St Petersburg University; Head of the Department of European Studies, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
S. L. Tkachenko, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **R. V. Kostyuk**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Contribution of West European Social Democracy to the Policy of Détente*.
2. **E. V. Khakhalkina**, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Influence of the Cold War Factor on the Creation of the United Kingdom Independence Party*.
3. **D. I. Portnyagin**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *On the British Political, Diplomatic, and Military Leadership's Understanding of the Nature and Purpose of the Cold War (Late 1940s to Early 1950s)*.
4. **S. S. Voloshchuk**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russia–Japan: 70 Years of the Moscow Declaration*.

12:45–15:00 – The Material Foundations of China's Power and Influence in World Politics: Economics, Transport, and Technology *(jointly with the Russian International Affairs Council) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderator:
G. V. Gryzlov, Programme Manager, Russian International Affairs Council.

1. **S. A. Lukonin**, Head of the Sector of China's Economy and Politics, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Prospects and Challenges of the PRC's Economic Development*.
2. **S. S. Tsyplakov**, Professor, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The PRC's Foreign Trade during the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan*.

3. **A. A. Kireeva**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *China's Belt and Road Initiative: Economic and Transport-Logistics Potential*.
4. **T. A. Tkacheva**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The "Great Green Wall" versus the "Silk Road": China's Environmental Policy between Global Leadership and Technological Expansion*.
5. **A. V. Shumsky**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Strategic Partnership between Russia and China in Nuclear Energy: The Development of Small Modular Reactor Technologies and the Closed Nuclear Fuel Cycle*.
6. **Bowen Zheng**.
   Paper title: *Cultural Projects within the "One Belt, One Road" Initiative as an Instrument of China's Soft Power*.

12:45–15:00 – Cybersecurity Challenges under the Transformation of the World Order and Collective Approaches of ASEAN, BRICS, and SCO Countries *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215)*
Moderator:
G. Yu. Nikiporets-Takigawa, Professor, HSE University.

1. **I. A. Moldavanov**, Research Intern, HSE University Research and Study Group "International Cooperation in Cybersecurity in ASEAN, BRICS, and the SCO and Prospects for Russia."
   Paper title: *Japan's Cooperation in Cybersecurity vs. Competing Models in BRICS and SCO Countries*.
2. **G. Yu. Nikiporets-Takigawa**, Professor, HSE University; Head of the HSE University Research and Study Group "International Cooperation in Cybersecurity in ASEAN, BRICS, and the SCO and Prospects for Russia."
   Paper title: *International Cooperation in Cybersecurity: From Theoretical Approaches to Applied Solutions for Russia*.
3. **O. A. Filatov**, Research Intern, Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE University; Research Intern, HSE University Research and Study Group "International Cooperation in Cybersecurity in ASEAN, BRICS, and the SCO and Prospects for Russia."
   Paper title: *China's Approach to Developing International Cooperation with ASEAN, BRICS, and SCO Countries in Cybersecurity*.
4. **M. N. Chistikov**, Junior Research Fellow; Research Intern, HSE University Research and Study Group "International Cooperation in Cybersecurity in ASEAN, BRICS, and the SCO and Prospects for Russia"; **A. A. Chistikova**, Junior Research Fellow; Research Intern, the same group.
   Paper title: *Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Defining Countries' Readiness for Cooperation in New Security Areas: The Case of Cybersecurity*.

12:45–15:00 – Paradiplomacy in Contemporary International Relations. Session 2 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*
Moderators:
K. V. Minkova, Professor, St Petersburg University;
I. V. Oleynikov, Associate Professor, Baikal State University; Associate Professor, Irkutsk State University.

1. **I. A. Budanova**, Associate Professor, Ivanovo State University.
   Paper title: *Sustainable Urban Development: The Smart City Case*.
2. **A. V. Kotik**, Doctoral Student, Novosibirsk State University of Economics and Management.
   Paper title: *"City Diplomacy" in the Foreign Policy Practice of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan*.
3. **D. A. Davydov**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Port Cities as Namibia's Paradiplomatic Potential: Walvis Bay, Swakopmund, and Lüderitz in the System of Southern African Regional Corridors*.
4. **F. E. Zolotarev**, Doctoral Student, University of Pécs.
   Paper title: *The Geopolitics of Urban Diplomacy Networks: The Russian–Ukrainian Conflict and Its Consequences for External Actors*.

12:45–15:00 – South and Southeast Asian Countries under the Conditions of Geopolitical Transformation, 2022–2026 *(in cooperation with the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences)* **Session 4. South and Southeast Asian Countries: Bilateral Interaction and Relations with Russia** *(in English) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)*
Moderator:
K. A. Likhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.
Discussant:
G. G. Makarevich, Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **Md Farid Hossain**, Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Jahangirnagar University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Investment "Soft Power" in Bangladesh: The Case of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant Project*.
2. **Faisal Javaid**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University; **Hidayat Ullah**, Doctoral Student, HSE University — St Petersburg.
   Paper title: *The Security and Connectivity Architecture of Eurasia: Expanding Russia's Strategic Interaction with South and Central Asia*.
3. **A. N. Makhlyuk**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences; Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Pakistan's National Military Strategy after May 2025: The Impact of the Indian Factor, Partnership with China, and Domestic Imperatives*.

4. **Mubashra Shaheen**, Doctoral Student, Quaid-i-Azam University.
   Paper title: *The Digital Silk Road in South Asia: Pakistan's Technological Choice amid U.S.–China Technological Rivalry*.
5. **E. E. Novinsky**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Political Crisis in Nepal: Outcomes and Impact on the Regional Balance of Power*.
6. **Khant Win**, Doctoral Student, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Structural Dynamics of Cross-Border Labour Migration from Myanmar to Southeast Asian Countries: The Interaction of Economic Push and Pull Factors*.
7. **A. D. Drobysheva**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Regional Consequences of the Transformation of Bangladesh's Pakistan Vector in Foreign Policy in the Post-Revolutionary Period, 2024–2026*.
8. **Hawwa Maisam Mohamed**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Strategic Balancing in the Indian Ocean: The Maldives' Foreign Policy between India and China after 2023*.

15:00–16:30 – Open Lecture by Connie Rahakundini Bakri, Chair of the Maritime Advisory Council of the National Archives of the Republic of Indonesia, Founder of the Indonesian Maritime Institute, Professor at St Petersburg University *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 9, Room 119)*
Co-organizer: Committee for External Relations of St Petersburg.

Thematic Panels of the Congress

15:30–17:45 – Instruments of Russian Foreign Policy at the Present Stage *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*
Moderator:
E. V. Dzyuba, Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.

1. **D. N. Nechaev**, Head of the Department of Sociology, Political Science and the Humanities, Voronezh Branch of the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics.
   Paper title: *"Sentinels of the Frontier": Specific Features of the Frontier Identity of Russians in Donbas and Novorossiya in the Formation of Civic Identity in the Russian Federation*.
2. **I. Z. Gershtein**, Associate Professor, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.
   Paper title: *The East/West Problem and Negative Identity: The Influence of Tradition on the Foreign Policy Positioning of the Russian Federation*.
3. **E. A. Osipov**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *International Cooperation in the Teaching of History: Russia's Role*.

4. **M. V. Grabevnik**, Senior Research Fellow, Perm State University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Foreign Policy Identity in the Official Discourse of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: Results of a Quantitative Content Analysis of Materials from 2022–2025*.
5. **E. A. Shlapeko**, Head of the Department of Regional Economic Policy, Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Russian Public Diplomacy Projects in Eurasia: Evidence from the Presidential Grants Foundation*.
6. **K. I. Delva**, Senior Lecturer, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *The Development of Inbound International Tourism from the Countries of Eurasia as a Dimension of Russia's Foreign Policy*.
7. **A. A. Izgarskaya**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Contemporary Russia in New Geopolitical and World-System Conditions*.
8. **E. V. Dzyuba**, Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University; **E. V. Mushenko**, Senior Lecturer, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.
   Paper title: *International Network Universities as a Mechanism for the Realization of Russia's National Interests*.

15:30–17:45 – Rethinking International Relations on the European Continent in the Contemporary Era *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*
Moderator:
D. Yu. Bazarkina, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **A. A. Azarenkova**, Lecturer, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *Finland's Vision of the Emerging World Order*.
2. **K. A. Borisova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Principle of Territorial Integrity and the Inviolability of Borders in the Rhetoric of the Federal Republic of Germany at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe*.
3. **A. V. Zhidkova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Exhibition Projects as a Space for Intercultural Dialogue between France and Russia at the Present Stage*.
4. **A. S. Kaplya**, Lecturer, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *From Liberal Environmentalism to "Green Dirigisme": The Transformation of Macronism under Conditions of the Energy Crisis in Europe*.
5. **D. Yu. Bazarkina**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence in the System of Public Security: The European Union's Approach*.
6. **F. E. Zolotarev**, Doctoral Student, University of Pécs.
   Paper title: *The Geopolitical Dimension of Cooperation in the Nuclear Sphere: A SWOT Analysis of Hungary's Position*.
7. **S. A. Akhromenko**, Doctoral Student, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of the Adaptation of the Discourse of the List of Unfriendly*

States in the Digital Space of Unfriendly States: A Content Analysis of Nine European Union Countries.

8. **O. S. Karnaukhova**, Associate Professor, Southern Federal University.
   Paper title: *Narratives and Practices of Strategic Sovereignty in the European External Action Service*.

15:30–17:45 – The East after the West: Where Is the World Order Moving, and What Should Russia Do? *(joint panel of the Councils of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University, and the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*

Moderator:

A. A. Garin, Research Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head of the Laboratory for Digital Studies of the Contemporary East, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.

1. **M. O. Gabrielyan**, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Influence of the American School of Geopolitics on China's Contemporary Concept of Sea Power*.
2. **A. A. Garin**, Head of the Laboratory for Digital Studies of the Contemporary East, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Research Fellow, Centre for Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania; Senior Lecturer, Department of American Studies, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Use of Russian AI Models to Strengthen Cooperation between Russia and the East*.
3. **N. I. Matveeva**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *North Korea between East and West: In Search of Its Own Path*.
4. **N. V. Rudenko**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The "Turn to Tradition" in the Contemporary Ideology of the People's Republic of China: The Confucianization of "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics"*.
5. **V. S. Sergienko**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Concepts of Civilization in the Contemporary Political Discourse of Russia and the Arab East*.

15:30–17:45 – Round Table: Greater Eurasia — Questions of Integration and Security *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*

Moderators:

I. V. Zeleneva, Professor, St Petersburg University;
N. Yu. Markushina, Professor, St Petersburg University.

Participants:

I. V. Zeleneva, Professor, St Petersburg University.
N. Yu. Markushina, Professor, St Petersburg University.
N. G. Zaslavskaya, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

N. L. Parfenenok, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
L. I. Tararyshkina, Head of the Department of Eurasian Studies, Belarusian State University; Candidate of Economic Sciences.
A. V. Rusakovich, Professor, Belarusian State University.
I. M. Avlasenko, Associate Professor, Belarusian State University.
S. F. Palagin, Director, Centre for Analysis and Forecasting of Union Integration Processes (Minsk, Belarus).
Roman Baranov, Director, Centre for Eurasian Communications (Minsk, Belarus).

15:30–17:45 – The Religious Factor in the New World Order: Conflicts, Values, Ideologies *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)*
Moderator:
O. K. Shimanskaya, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **O. M. Farkhitdinova**, Associate Professor, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of the Concept of "Religious Values" under Conditions of the Instrumentalization of Religion in Europe and Worldwide*.
2. **A. S. Koskello**, Doctoral Student, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Orthodoxy and National Policy in the Countries of the South Caucasus*.
3. **V. D. Dmitrieva**, Junior Research Fellow, Sociological Institute — Branch of the Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Europe's Catholic Elite: Religious Discourses in Contemporary Politics*.
4. **A. A. Rozhin**, Junior Research Fellow, Centre for Problems of Europe's Social Development, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Religious Organizations in the Social Policy of European Countries*.
5. **D. I. Kolesov**, Junior Research Fellow, Centre for Problems of Europe's Social Development, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Instrumentalization of Religious Values in the Ideology of European Christian Democracy*.

15:30–17:45 – New Phenomena in the Formation of the Twenty-First-Century World Order: Theory and Reality *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124)*
Moderators:
T. A. Shakleina, Professor, MGIMO University;
A. A. Baykov, Vice-Rector for Research, MGIMO University.

1. **V. N. Konyshev**, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Turbulence in the International System through the Prism of Neorealism*.

2. **Yu. K. Boguslavskaya**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Spheres of Influence in Great-Power Politics in the Twenty-First Century: Scholarly and Political Discourse*.
3. **E. V. Burdina**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Ideological Factor in Twenty-First-Century Great-Power Politics*.
4. **A. V. Levchenko**, Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of Military-Political Alliances in the Post-Bipolar Period: Problems of Conceptualization*.

15:30–17:45 – Central and Eastern Europe: Historical Heritage, Transformation, and the Challenges of Regional Identity in the Twenty-First Century *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 134)*
Moderators:
M. Yu. Ankhimyuk, Research Fellow, Department of Contemporary History of Central and Southeastern European Countries, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences;
M. V. Vedernikov, Leading Research Fellow, Department of Central and Eastern Europe Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **I. A. Babosha**, Research Fellow, Department of the History of Southern and Western Slavs, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Foreign Policy Concept of Ultra-Right and Anti-System Movements in Contemporary Poland*.
2. **A. L. Ilyinsky**, Senior Laboratory Assistant, Department of European Political Studies, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Impact of the Ukrainian Conflict on the Development of Hungary's Military-Industrial Complex*.
3. **A. L. Galeev**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Influence of Russia–West Relations on the Dynamics of Key Indicators of Russian Oil Imports by the Countries of Central Europe: Current State and Prospects*.

15:30–17:45 – Relations between Russia and EU Countries: The Possibility and Expediency of Normalization *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*
Moderators:
E. A. Maslova, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences;
A. P. Sokolov, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **A. P. Sokolov**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Russian–German Relations: Inside the Perfect Storm?*.
2. **E. A. Maslova**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Russian–Italian Relations: A "Frozen Flower"*.

3. **T. A. Romanova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Political Metaphor as an Indicator of the Development of Russia–EU Relations*.

15:30–17:45 – BRICS in World Politics: Questions of the Expansion and Development of the Association *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderator:
M. M. Lebedeva, Professor, MGIMO University.

1. **A. A. Alimov**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Role of Ethiopia and South Africa within BRICS*.
2. **P. V. Arefyev**, Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Brazil's Role in Shaping the Rules and Architecture of an Expanding BRICS*.
3. **M. L. Gorbunova**, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.
   Paper title: *The Strategic Resourcefulness of BRICS in the Sectors of the New Economy under Conditions of World Order Transformation*.
4. **D. A. Kuznetsov**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *BRICS Expansion: Consequences for the Association*.
5. **M. M. Lebedeva**, Professor, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Interaction within BRICS: Principles and Formats*.
6. **A. S. Ukkonen**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The BRICS Media Field as a Channel of Russia's "Soft" Influence on New Participants and Observers: The African Dimension (2023–2026)*.
7. **A. A. Khatkevich**, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Science in the Discourse of Brazil's Foreign Policy*.

15:30–17:45 – Neocolonialism and Postcolonialism in the System of International Relations: Theoretical and Practical Conceptualization *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderator:
N. O. Plyusnin, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.

1. **R. N. Krasavtsev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Reflecting on Decolonization….*
2. **I. I. Karandashov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Acting Head of the Department of International Law, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Concept of Neocolonialism and the Question of the Possibility of Defining It in Law*.
3. **Adu Yao Nikez**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *"Soft-Hard" Colonialism as a Hybrid Form of a New Type of Colonialism*.
4. **K. A. Pantserev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Algorithmic Colonialism as a New Form of the West's Neocolonial Strategy: Practices of Application and Ways of Countering It*.

5. **N. A. Zherlitsyna**, Deputy Director, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Readmission of Migrants as an Instrument of EU Political Pressure: The Case of the Countries of North Africa*.

15:30–17:45 – Russia in the Changing System of International Logistics: The African Perspective *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*
Moderator:
A. A. Bezborodov, Associate Professor, HSE University.
Discussant:
G. D. Toloraya, Head of the School of Oriental Studies, HSE University.

1. **A. Yu. Chikhachev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; Leading Expert, Institute of World Military Economy and Strategy, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Kingdom of Morocco's "Atlantic Initiative" as a New Factor in African Logistics*.
2. **S. L. Tkachenko**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russia as a Transport Superpower: Projecting Potential onto the African Continent*.
3. **E. A. Sergeev**, Associate Professor, MGIMO University; Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Transport Aspects of the European Union's External Economic Strategy: Opportunities and Constraints*.
4. **D. A. Degterev**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, MGIMO University.
5. **V. Yu. Sviridov**, Deputy Director, Centre for African Studies, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Promising Areas of Cooperation between Russia and BRICS Countries in the Development of Africa's Transport and Logistics Infrastructure*.

15:30–17:45 – Polar Regions under the Formation of a New World Order *(Part II) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141)*
Moderator:
E. V. Kienko, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.

1. **D. M. Kurbatov**, Analyst, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Antarctic Vector of South American States' Foreign Policy: Approaches and Practices*.
2. **N. S. Lipunov**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Paradiplomacy of the Danish Autonomous Territories: A Comparative Analysis of the International Activity of Greenland and the Faroe Islands*.
3. **K. O. Galkin**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The U.S. Arctic Foothold: The Evolution of the American Nuclear Presence in Greenland (1958–1968)*.

4. **S. K. Babkina**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for International Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Ensuring Nuclear and Physical Nuclear Security in the Arctic*.
5. **K. V. Kochetkova**, Senior Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Continental Shelf Adjacent to the Area of Application of the Antarctic Treaty: Problems and Prospects*.

15:30–17:45 – The Foreign Policy of Small and Middle Powers under Conditions of a Multipolar World and Deglobalization *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142)*
Moderator:
O. V. Grigoryeva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **O. V. Grigoryeva**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; **E. P. Ivleva**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Normative Activism of the Small States of Northern Europe: Strategies of Survival and Influence in the Era of Multipolarity and Deglobalization*.
2. **I. R. Skripka**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Norway in Africa: A Small-State Strategy under Conditions of Geopolitical Fragmentation*.
3. **E. D. Pronyakina**, Associate Professor, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA; **A. P. Sputai**, student, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *The Concept of "Small States" in Security Discourse and in the Foreign Policy of the Nordic Countries after 2022*.
4. **O. M. Kulikova**, student, St Petersburg University; **A. S. Antipina**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Austrian Model of Cultural Diplomacy as a Compensatory Resource of a Small State under Contemporary Geopolitical Challenges*.
5. **M. A. Bulanakova**, Head of the Department of International Relations, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Morocco's Afro-Atlantic Initiative: New Geopolitics for the New Global South*.
6. **A. M. Pogorelskaya**, Associate Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *Priorities of Educational Cooperation among Middle and Small States: The Case of Central Asian Countries*.
7. **E. A. Egorova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Phenomenon of the "Hidden Multivector Policy" of Central Asian Countries: New Flexibility or a Temporary Tactical Maneuver? The Cases of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan*.

15:30–17:45 – Current Issues in Cold War History. Session 2 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143)*
Moderator:
R. V. Kostyuk, Professor, St Petersburg University.
Discussant:
D. I. Portnyagin, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **A. S. Puchenkov**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Soviet–American Summit Meetings (1985–1991): Achievements and Miscalculations of the Soviet Leadership*.
2. **I. N. Selivanov**, Head of the Department of World History, Kursk State University.
   Paper title: *The "Moscow–Pyongyang–Beijing" Triangle in the Context of the Foreign Policy Realities of the First Half of the 1960s*.
3. **K. K. Khudoley**, Professor, St Petersburg University; Head of the Department of European Studies, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Three Schisms in the World Socialist System: A Comparative Analysis of the USSR's Conflicts with Yugoslavia, China, and Albania*.
4. **I. A. Tsvetkov**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *China through the Eyes of the U.S. Intelligence Community in the 1950s–1980s: How Analytical Reviews Influenced Political Decisions*.
5. **N. F. Eskerov**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of Palestine's International Legal Status within the Framework of the Cold War*.
6. **A. Životić**, Professor, **University of Belgrade** (Serbia).
   Paper title: *Cold War Legacy of the International Position of the Western Balkans*.

15:30–17:45 – China's Policy toward Third Actors: Rivalry with the United States, Partnership with Russia, Normalization with India, and Intensified Engagement with the European Union *(jointly with the Russian International Affairs Council) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)*
Moderator:
A. P. Korzun, Programme Assistant, Russian International Affairs Council.

1. **E. Yu. Katkova**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *China's Response to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy*.
2. **A. A. Zabella**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *China's Policy in Africa*.
3. **A. I. Lupaltsova**, Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *China's Policy toward the European Union: Is It an Intensification?*.
4. **I. S. Khludov**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Adaptive Practices of the United Kingdom and France in Relations with China: A Comparative Analysis*.
5. **O. N. Zhunayev**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Russia and China: A Course toward Total Rapprochement. The Role of "Soft Power"*.
6. **M. V. Reznookova**, Doctoral Student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Trade and Economic Relations between Mexico and China*.
7. **E. O. Gudkova**, Doctoral Student, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of the Role of Central Asian Countries in the PRC's Foreign Policy Strategy*.

8. **A. N. Melkina**, Lecturer, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Key Drivers of the Development of Brazil–China Relations*.

15:30–17:45 – The United States and the United Kingdom: The History and Present of the Anglo-Saxon Political Model *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215)*
Moderator:
E. V. Ananyeva, Head of the Centre for British Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **S. G. Malkin**, Head of the Department of World History of Law and Teaching Methodology, Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education.
   Paper title: *Military Intellectuals and the Transformation of the British Empire in the Era of Global Conflicts: Decolonization in the Mirror of Corporate History*.
2. **M. S. Stetskevich**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Transatlantic Dimension in the Historiography of Lord Gordon's Riots*.
3. **O. V. Neshkes**, Associate Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *Russian and U.S. Expeditions in the Exploration of the Western Coast of America in the Early Nineteenth Century: Common and Distinctive Features*.
4. **V. S. Sevryuk**, Assistant Lecturer, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *The Role of the Environmental Agenda in British Public Diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific Region*.
5. **G. V. Toropchin**, Associate Professor, Tambov State University.
   Paper title: *"Hybrid Threats" in the Indo-Pacific Project: A Discourse-Analytical Approach*.
6. **D. A. Bezruchenko**, Lecturer in the Humanities, College of Law, Economics and Management; **M. P. Bezruchenko**, Associate Professor, Kuban State University.
   Paper title: *Religion as a Component of American National Identity: The Ideas of Exceptionalism, Messianism, and the "City upon a Hill"*.
7. **E. V. Ananyeva**, Head of the Centre for British Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Disagreements between the Closest Allies: U.S.–UK Relations*.
8. **V. I. Proshina**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Evolution of the U.S. Intelligence Community: The British Experience as the Foundation of American Intelligence*.
9. **T. A. Grishanina**, Director of the Academic Mobility Project, Office of International Cooperation, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Contain, Disarm, Engage, Democratize: The Denuclearization of Opponents in U.S. Foreign Policy Strategy*.

15:30–17:45 – 10th Canadian Readings. Session 1 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*
Moderators:
Yu. G. Akimov, Professor, St Petersburg University;
N. S. Vyakhireva, Head of the Canada Department, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **A. L. Demchuk**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University; Leading Research Fellow, Canada Department, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies,

Russian Academy of Sciences.
Paper title: *The African Vector of Canada's Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century*.

2. **A. N. Komarov**, Associate Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities.
Paper title: *The Main Stages of Canada's African Policy*.
3. **V. V. Timofeev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design.
Paper title: *Oil and Canadian Peacekeeping in Africa*.
4. **K. V. Minkova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *Canada's Interests in the Countries of the Persian Gulf: Problems and Prospects*.
5. **N. S. Vyakhireva**, Head of the Canada Department, Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
Paper title: *The Significance of the Greenland Case for Canada*.
6. **V. E. Boldyrev**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
Paper title: *The Canadian North: Prospects for Comparative Studies of Regional Space*.
7. **A. L. Chernobaev**, Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *Western Alienation and Canada's Arctic Policy*.

15:30–17:45 – Contemporary Political Processes in East and Southeast Asia *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)*
Moderators:
I. S. Lantsova, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
R. N. Lobov, Senior Expert, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies.

1. **R. N. Lobov**, Senior Expert, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies.
Paper title: *On the Foreign Policy Results of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea*.
2. **V. A. Kharchenko**, Professor, Southern Federal University.
Paper title: *A New Format of Military-Political Partnership: The Example of the Russian Federation and the DPRK*.
3. **I. S. Lantsova**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Political Geography of the Republic of Korea: An Analysis of Parliamentary Election Results (2000–2024)*.
4. **R. N. Lobov**, Senior Expert, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies; **E. M. Bozhko**, Associate Professor, Moscow State Linguistic University.
Paper title: *Security Issues in Northeast Asia within the Structure of Political Dialogue between the Republic of Korea and Japan*.
5. **Z. S. Podoba**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Institutional Framework of Japan's Digital Transformation: Stages of Systemic Development and the Challenge of Emergency Transformation*.
6. **Kyaw Aung Ye**, Doctoral Student, Tomsk State University.
Paper title: *Economic Relations between Russia and Myanmar: Strategic Interests and Contemporary Collaboration*.

7. **A. V. Bredikhin**, Academic Director, Centre for Ethnic and International Studies; Editor-in-Chief of *Arkhont* journal; **A. A. Serdyuk**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Russia–Vietnam Trade Relations in the Livestock Sector*.
8. **A. S. Korolev**, Vice Dean, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, HSE University.
   Paper title: *A Comparative Analysis of Models of Regionalism in Eurasia and Southeast Asia: Convergence or Competition?*.

15:30–17:45 – Book Presentation: Theory of Multilateral World Institutions/ ed. by A. E. Kuteynikov. — St Petersburg: St Petersburg University Press, 2026. *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderator:
A. E. Kuteynikov, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

Reviewers:
L. S. Voronkov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, MGIMO University;
R. Sh. Davletgildeev, Doctor of Law, Professor, Kazan Federal University.

17:30–19:45 – Current Issues in Teaching International Relations and Area Studies *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*
Moderators:
V. V. Mironov, Professor, Dostoevsky Omsk State University;
L. V. Deriglazova, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University.

Participants:
A. V. Akulshina, Director, Institute of International Education, Voronezh State University;
G. I. Bayazitova, Head of the Department of Modern History and World Politics, Tyumen State University;
A. S. Burnasov, Head of the Department of Area Studies, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin;
L. V. Deriglazova, Professor, National Research Tomsk State University;
I. A. Istomin, Head of the Department of Applied Analysis of International Problems, MGIMO University;
V. N. Konyshev, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA;
K. P. Kurylev, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University;
M. L. Lagutina, Professor, St Petersburg University;
E. A. Matveeva, Associate Professor, Irkutsk State University; Dean of the Faculty of History, Irkutsk State University;
E. B. Mikhaylenko, Professor, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin;
V. V. Mironov, Professor, Dostoevsky Omsk State University;
I. V. Oleynikov, Associate Professor, Irkutsk State University;
M. I. Rykhtik, Director, Institute of International Relations and World History, Lobachevsky

State University of Nizhny Novgorod;
A. A. Sergunin, Professor, St Petersburg University;
Yu. G. Chernyshov, Head of the Department of World History and International Relations, Altai State University;
K. V. Yumatov, Head of the Department of International Law, Kemerovo State University;
S. M. Yun, Head of the Department of World Politics, National Research Tomsk State University.

18:00–20:15 – History of International Relations: Current Issues and the Contemporary Context *(joint panel of the Council of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University, and the Youth Club of the Russian Historical Society) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderators:
M. M. Chernigovsky, Senior Lecturer, Deputy Chair of the Council of Young Scholars of St Petersburg University; Deputy Head of the Youth Club of the Russian Historical Society;
I. A. Kulakov, Director of the Department for Educational Work and Public Initiatives, National Centre for Historical Memory under the President of the Russian Federation; Head of the Youth Club of the Russian Historical Society.

1. **N. S. Vorontsov**, Research Fellow, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Soviet Far East within the System of the USSR's External Economic Relations with the Countries of the Asia-Pacific Region during Perestroika*.
2. **A. V. Zotova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Development of Science in the Republics of Central Asia during the Great Patriotic War*.
3. **K. A. Konovalova-Alkhimenkova**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University; **M. A. Alkhimenkov**, Leading Expert, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies.
   Paper title: *The Revival of the Monroe Doctrine at the Turn of the 2020s and the Evolution of Inter-American Relations: The Party-Political Factor*.
4. **A. S. Lizogub**, Associate Professor, Dostoevsky Omsk State University.
   Paper title: *Preserving the Memory of the Napoleonic Wars: Forms of International Cooperation between Russia and the German Empire in the Early Twentieth Century*.
5. **R. M. Surikov**, Doctoral Student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Small Territories in Global Politics: The Åland Islands as a Precedent for Contemporary International Relations*.
6. **M. M. Chernigovsky**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *L. Madonis's Musical Offering to Empress Anna Ioannovna as an Act of International Recognition of the Imperial Status of Russian Monarchs*.
7. **A. V. Shirokikh**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Legal Foundations of Russian–Ottoman Relations on the Question of the Holy Land (17th–20th centuries)*.
8. **A. V. Yurk**, Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *U.S.–Syrian Relations: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*.

9. **D. D. Palchikov**, Chief Research Fellow, Gorki Leninskiye State Historical Museum-Reserve; Doctoral Student, State Academic University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *The Influence of the Ideology of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia on Eastern Europe in the 1950s–1960s*.

18:00–20:15
Presentation of the Analytical Report "Right-Wing Forces in Contemporary Europe: Horizon 2030" *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124)*
Moderators:
K. K. Khudoley, Professor, St Petersburg University; Head of the Department of European Studies, St Petersburg University;
A. Yu. Chikhachev, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University;
I. V. Chernov, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

18:00–20:15 – Neocolonialism and Postcolonialism in the System of International Relations: Theoretical and Practical Conceptualization *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderator:
N. O. Plyusnin, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.

1. **A. E. Lazutina**, Junior Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Algeria–France: From Benjamin Stora's Report to the Law on the Criminalization of French Colonialism*.
2. **N. E. Khokholkova**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *African Intellectuals on Decolonial Transformations in International Relations: A Retrospective Analysis*.
3. **N. V. Ivkina**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *A "New Type" of Colonialism in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Swiss Policy*.
4. **N. O. Plyusnin**, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Specific Features of the Reinterpretation of Postcolonial Geography in the Greenland Crisis*.

18:00–20:15 – Global Configurations of Truth under Conditions of Networked Interdependence *(joint panel of the Councils of Young Scholars of the School of International Relations, St Petersburg University, the Russian State University for the Humanities, and the St Petersburg Council of Young Political Scientists of the Russian Political Science Association) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*
Moderators:
D. V. Nerents, Associate Professor; Head of the student scholarly association *Media Security in the Digital Environment*, Russian State University for the Humanities;
A. S. Kalinichenko, Assistant to the Academic Director of the Master's Programme *Strategic*

Human Resource Management; Laboratory Assistant, Educational Programmes Support Centre, Centre for Teaching Excellence, St Petersburg University; member of the Presidium of the Council of Young Political Scientists of the Russian Political Science Association.

1. **D. V. Nerents**, Associate Professor; Head of the student scholarly association *Media Security in the Digital Environment*, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence as an Information Threat and a Weapon of Information Warfare*.
2. **I. S. Belin**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence as a Weapon in Global Information Warfare*.
3. **A. A. Dyakina**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Positive and Negative Aspects of the Introduction of Neural Networks into Television Content*.
4. **K. O. Kostin**, Head of the Centre for Consulting Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organizations, *Knowledge Diplomacy*, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Knowledge Diplomacy as a Horizontal Configuration of Truth: From Monopoly to Reciprocity in Networked International Communication*.
5. **E. D. Minina**, student, St Petersburg University; Secretary of the St Petersburg Council of Young Political Scientists of the Russian Political Science Association.
   Paper title: *From Argumentation to Affect: Neural-Network Emotion Targeting as a Transformation of Political Truth*.
6. **S. S. Yermolaeva**, student, St Petersburg University; member of the St Petersburg Council of Young Political Scientists of the Russian Political Science Association.
   Paper title: *From Filtering to Isolation: How the Algorithmic Post-Truth Environment Leads to Digital Solipsism in International Relations*.
7. **K. D. Serebryakov**, Lecturer, Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation; student, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Hannah Arendt's Teaching and the System of Organized Lies: A View of Truth, Opinion, and Fact from the Perspective of International Relations*.
8. **V. F. Chumak**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Media Image in Francophone Mass Media under Conditions of an Anti-Russian Propaganda Campaign by Foreign States and a New Type of Hybrid War: A Quantitative Analysis*.
9. **S. S. Fedicheva**, Junior Research Fellow, Laboratory of Regional Studies, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Problems of Nuclear Deterrence under Conditions of Asymmetric Armed Conflicts*.
10. **A. S. Khodus**, student, St Petersburg University.
    Paper title: *A Comparative Analysis of the Concepts of "Evacuation" and "Abduction" in the Context of Protecting Children's Rights during Armed Conflicts under Conditions of Proxy Military Confrontation between Russia and NATO Countries*.

18:00–20:15 – 10th Canadian Readings. Session 2 *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226)*
Moderators:
K. S. Romanov, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University;
N. Yu. Zhukovskaya, Associate Professor, Tomsk State University.

1. **K. S. Romanov**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *150 Years of the "Indian Act": The Transformation of Canada's International Image through the Indigenous Rights Agenda*.
2. **V. G. Kholodnov**, Head of the Department of State and Legal Disciplines, Academy of Social Education (Kazan); **F. M. Nuriakhmetova**, Associate Professor, Kazan State Power Engineering University.
   Paper title: *State-Legal Regulation of Energy Development in Canada: History and the Present Day*.
3. **N. Yu. Zhukovskaya**, Associate Professor, Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Manchurian Crisis and the "Canadian Incident": C. Cahan's Speech in the League of Nations and the Problem of Interpreting "Implicit Recognition"*.
4. **E. V. Isaeva**, Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *The Humanistic Legacy of the Geographer and Scholar Henri Dorion*.
5. **T. R. Kuzmina**, President, Russian Association for Canadian Studies.
   Paper title: *Visible Minority Media in Canada*.
6. **P. O. Syrov**, Doctoral Student, Volgograd State University.
   Paper title: *The Policy of the Canadian Government toward Asian Immigrants in the Postwar Period*.
7. **Yu. G. Akimov**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Quebec's External Relations in 2025–2026: A Turn or an Adjustment?*.

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09:30–15:00 — Registration of participants *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8)*

Thematic Panels of the Congress

10:00–12:15 – Russian Foreign Policy through the Eyes of Young Scholars *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 100)*
Moderator:
M. M. Chernigovsky, Senior Lecturer; Deputy Chair of the Council of Young Scholars, St Petersburg University.

1. **P. A. Makarevich**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Position in International Institutions on Information Security Issues under Conditions of Regime Competition*.
2. **D. O. Listarov**, student, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Role of the Russian Orthodox Church in Shaping Contemporary Russian–Serbian Relations*.
3. **E. A. Kalyuzhnaya**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Russia–U.S. Cooperation in the Arctic Region: Challenges and Prospects*.
4. **Said Khavarinezhad**, Doctoral Student, National Research Tomsk State University.
   Paper title: *Between Threat Perception and Strategic Response: Understanding Russia's Foreign Policy Under Pressure*.

5. **E. F. Mullagulova**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Effectiveness of Cultural and Educational Projects as an Instrument of Russian Public Diplomacy: The Case of the InteRussia Internship Programme*.
6. **N. A. Ordubaeva**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *The Constraints of Public Diplomacy under Conditions of Crisis in International Relations: The Case of Russian–German Interaction since 2022*.
7. **D. A. Chervyachenko**, student, North-Caucasus Federal University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Arctic Policy: Cooperation or Confrontation under New Climatic and Military Conditions*.
8. **A. S. Dorozhkina**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Russia's Role in BRICS Cooperation in the Extraction and Processing of Rare-Earth and Rare Metals*.
9. **A. A. Logacheva**, student, Irkutsk State University.
   Paper title: *The Institutional Infrastructure of South Korean Soft Power in Russia's Eastern Regions: A Comparative Analysis*.
10. **Ya. S. Shelest**, student, Irkutsk State University.
    Paper title: *Russia's "Turn to the East" Policy in the Regions of Eastern Siberia and the Far East in the Assessments of Russian and Foreign Experts*.
11. **V. S. Nechaeva**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
    Paper title: *The International Interaction of Russia's Eastern Siberian and Far Eastern Regions in the Mirror of Domestic Expertise*.
12. **S. Yu. Sharapova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
    Paper title: *Russia's Diplomacy in the Iraqi Crisis (1990–2003)*.

10:00–12:15 – Specific Features of the Position of Post-Soviet States in World Politics *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 106)*
Moderator:
D. A. Belashchenko, Associate Professor, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.

1. **V. V. Teplukhin**, Head of the Research Department, Military Educational and Scientific Centre of the Air Force "N. E. Zhukovsky and Y. A. Gagarin Air Force Academy".
   Paper title: *Ukrainian Nationalism and Its Role in U.S. Foreign Policy during the Cold War: Debates in Historiography*.
2. **S. D. Kosygin**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Adapting the United Nations Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Programme to the Conflict in Ukraine*.
3. **D. A. Belashchenko**, Associate Professor, Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod.
   Paper title: *Ukraine–Moldova Relations in 2022–2026: A "Khaki-Coloured Friendship"*.
4. **A. V. Ananyev**, retired Senior Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.
   Paper title: *Armenia: The Upcoming Parliamentary Elections against the Background of Economic "Diversification"*.
5. **T. R. Barandova**, Associate Professor, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Women Diplomats in the Post-/Soviet Space: Continuity in Institutional Biography and Trajectories of Transformation*.

10:00–12:15 – Ensuring Information Security in the Age of Artificial Intelligence *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 107)*
Moderator:
E. V. Stetsko, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **N. A. Baranov**, Professor, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA; **Z. Z. Bakhturidze**, Head of the Graduate School of International Relations, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.
   Paper title: *The Phenomenon of Artificial Intelligence in the Context of Contemporary International Processes*.
2. **Yu. G. Dunaeva**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Ethical Challenges in the Age of Neural Networks*.
3. **A. S. Polyakova**, student.
   Paper title: *The Dual Use of Arctic Satellite Data: The Problem of Control over Dissemination*.
4. **E. V. Stetsko**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence Development Strategies in the Countries of the Global South*.
5. **A. Zh. Martirosyan**, Research Fellow, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *Transition to a Permanent UN Mechanism on International Information Security: The Evolution of Negotiation Formats and International Legal Challenges*.
6. **V. D. Polukhina**, Doctoral Student, Novosibirsk State University of Economics and Management.
   Paper title: *Russia's Policy in the Field of Artificial Intelligence: The Foreign Policy Dimension*.

10:00–12:15 – The Arctic Dimension of BRICS Cooperation: Identity, Potential, and Effectiveness of Interaction *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 108)*
Moderator:
V. N. Konyshev, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.

1. **V. N. Konyshev**, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Rare-Earth Metals as an Area of Cooperation within BRICS*.
2. **A. A. Sergunin**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Toward a Common BRICS Arctic Strategy: Conceptual and Institutional Dimensions*.
3. **M. L. Lagutina**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Key Problems of BRICS Countries' Cooperation in the Arctic*.
4. **I. A. Strelnikova**, Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Arctic Studies; Associate Professor, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Interests and Potential for Cooperation with Russia in the Arctic among African and Middle Eastern BRICS Member States*.

5. **M. Yu. Gutenev**, Head of the Department of International Relations, Political Science and Area Studies, South Ural State University.
   Paper title: *[title not provided in the available excerpt]*.
6. **O. S. Gaidaev**, Senior Lecturer, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Russia's and China's National Priorities in the Development of Arctic Transport Corridors: A Comparative Content Analysis*.

10:00–12:15 – Current Problems in the Development of a Multipolar and Multi-Actor World *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 113)*
Moderators:
D. N. Baryshnikov, Acting Head of the Department of World Politics, St Petersburg University.

1. **Sh. Shruti**, Director, Jainiti Foundation; Assistant Lecturer, University of Delhi.
   Paper title: *Literature as Cultural Diplomacy: Language, Narratives and the Voice of the Global South*.
2. **A. N. Shilov**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University; **E. S. Petrova**, Translator, Azbuka-Atticus Publishing Group.
   Paper title: *A World Premiere as a Form of International Cultural Cooperation*.
3. **D. N. Balev**, National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria.
   Paper title: *The Acceleration of the Formation of a New Multipolar System of International Relations at the End of the First Quarter of the Twenty-First Century*.
4. **K. R. Argvliani**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of UN-Habitat Approaches: Prospects for a New Approach to Multilateral Cooperation after 2030*.
5. **R. E. Sorokin**, student.
   Paper title: *The Global South as an Actor in the Formation of a Polycentric World Order*.
6. **A. A. Chistikova**, Junior Research Fellow; Research Intern, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Formation of the Landscape of Negotiating Groups of Developing States within the UNFCCC Framework*.

10:00–12:15 – The Political Economy of Contemporary International Relations: Energy, Logistics, and Finance *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 114)*
Moderators:
E. G. Efimova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **E. G. Efimova**, Professor, St Petersburg University; **A. E. Vashchuk**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The "Middle-Income Trap": Contemporary Practice*.
2. **E. I. Zatsepa**, Graduate, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Building Public Acceptance of Nuclear Energy: The Experience of Russia, the United States, France, and China*.
3. **N. M. Golovko**, Expert, HSE University.
   Paper title: *The Port of Bagamoyo in Tanzania: Key Constraints and Opportunities*.

4. **A. N. Bur**, Junior Research Fellow; Lieutenant of the Internal Service, Saint Petersburg Order of Honour University of the State Fire Service of EMERCOM of Russia named after Hero of the Russian Federation General of the Army E. N. Zinichev; **N. A. Filippova**, Professor, Moscow Automobile and Road Construction State Technical University; Professor, M. K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University.
   Paper title: *Transport Security as an Element of Sustainable Development of Arctic Regions in the International Agenda*.

10:00–12:15 – International Relations in Western Asia: History and the Present Day *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 136)*
Moderator:
M. A. Filimonova, Leading Research Fellow, Centre for U.S. Studies, Kursk State University.

1. **M. A. Filimonova**, Leading Research Fellow, Centre for U.S. Studies, Kursk State University.
   Paper title: *The Ochakov Crisis of 1791 in the System of Anglo-Russian Relations at the End of the Eighteenth Century*.
2. **A. A. Machina**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Republic of Turkey in the System of International Relations: From Regional Leadership to Global Ambitions*.
3. **M. M. Agazade**, Associate Professor, RUDN University named after Patrice Lumumba.
   Paper title: *The "Turkish Crescent": A New (Old) Reality in the Greater Middle East*.
4. **D. S. Krylov**, Research Fellow, Institute Of Scientific Information For Social Sciences Of The Russian Academy Of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Impact of Middle Eastern Arcs of Instability on the Security of Greater Eurasia*.

10:00–12:15 – Innovative Studies of Russia–EU Interaction in Greater Eurasia *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138)*
Moderator:
T. A. Romanova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **T. A. Romanova**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Political Metaphor as an Indicator of the Development of Russia–EU Relations*.
2. **G. V. Kotsur**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Toward a Conceptualization of the European Union's Emotional Regime*.
3. **M. M. Panikar**, Associate Professor, HSE University — St Petersburg.
   Paper title: *Russia's Participation in International Cooperation in the Barents / Euro-Arctic Region in the 1990s*.
4. **E. A. A. Aviya**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Perceptions of the European Union's Energy Security*.
5. **O. A. Timakova**, Associate Professor, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *The Promotion of European Values in the European Union's Foreign Policy Strategy under Conditions of the Transformation of the International System*.

10:00–12:15 – Ibero-American Studies through the Eyes of Young Scholars *(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 139)*
Moderator:
K. A. Konovalova-Alkhimenkova, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.

1. **P. D. Otstavnova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Environmental Agenda in Latin American Countries: The Degree of Government Responsibility in Addressing Environmental Problems*.
2. **L. D. Abrikosova**, student, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *The Formation of Russia's Image in Latin American Countries*.
3. **E. S. Kolesnik**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Bolivian Project: From Evo Morales to the Rightward Turn — Collapse or Evolution?*
4. **A. A. Golovanov**, student, North-West Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Regional Security in Latin America through the Prism of Regional Security Complex Theory: Challenges to Multilateralism*.
5. **Balci Yusuf Baybora**, Doctoral Student, HSE University.
   Paper title: *Re-inventing the Leviathan: The "Bukele Model" in El Salvador and the Global Crisis of Liberal Governance*.
6. **V. V. Koltyapina,** student, St. Petersburg State University.
   Paper title: *Costa Rica's Foreign Policy during the Presidency of Rodrigo Chavez*.
7. **U. P. Daniltseva,** student, St. Petersburg State University**.**
   Paper title: *Argentina's Role in Countering Transnational Drug Crime in Latin America.*
8. **L. S. Perminova**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Spain's Foreign Policy toward Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil in the Twenty-First Century*.
9. **A. N. Zdorik**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Spanish Citizens' Electoral Preferences in the 2023 Parliamentary Elections: Territorial Clustering*.

10:00–12:15 – Strategic Communication of BRICS in Global Governance: Main Directions, Methods, and Prospects *(Part I) (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140)*
Moderators:
O. S. Kocherov, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
E. N. Pashentsev, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.

1. **D. Yu. Bazarkina**, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Scenarios for the Development of the Global Governance System and Opportunities for BRICS.*
2. **Blanchet Atahualpa Perez**, Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo; Centre for the Study of Smart Cities, Pontifical Catholic University of São

Paulo.
Paper title: *Smart Cities and Artificial Intelligence in the BRICS Countries: New Opportunities for Strategic Communication*.

3. **L. A. Gordeeva**, student, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Significance of BRICS Strategic Communication in the Field of AI for the Formation of a New Model of International Order*.
4. **O. S. Kocherov**, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *War and Peace in the Metaverses in the Context of BRICS Strategic Communication*.
5. **E. N. Pashentsev**, Chief Research Fellow, School of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Role of Artificial Intelligence in BRICS Strategic Communication: Opportunities, Risks, and Prospects*.

10:00–12:15 — Asian Studies through the Eyes of Young Scholars (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 141*)
Moderator:
E. E. Elts, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **Ao Tang**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Preparatory Department for Study in the Soviet Union in the PRC, 1952–1956, in the Context of the Development of Soviet-Chinese Relations*.
2. **Kim Dayea**, alumnus, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *Alignment without Alliance: Explaining Russo-Chinese Cooperation through Asymmetric Threat Perceptions*.
3. **M. A. Gorodnaya**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
Paper title: *From the Non-Aligned Movement to Strategic Autonomy: The Evolution of India's International Political Positioning*.
4. **Ya. S. Osipova**, student, RUDN University.
Paper title: *China and BRICS Double-Degree Programmes: A Model of Distributed Academic Sovereignty*.
5. **P. N. Ishina**, student, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *Between ASEAN and China: Two Models of Extra-Regional Cooperation of the Pacific Alliance*.
6. **A. V. Stepul**, student, Northwestern Institute of Management, RANEPA.
Paper title: *Japan's Competition for Leadership along the Northern Sea Route in the Asia-Pacific Region*.
7. **A. V. Oshchepkova**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
Paper title: *The Uranium Competition among Russia, France, and China in Kazakhstan in the Post-Soviet Period*.
8. **K. S. Surnova**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
Paper title: *Migration Governance in Central Asia: Current Challenges and Existing Practices*.

10:00–12:15 — Current Issues of World Politics through the Eyes of Young Scholars
(*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 142*)
Moderator:
Ya. O. Glukhov, Junior Research Fellow, PhD student, representative of the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

1. **I. V. Kanevskaya**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Empire as a Phantasm: The Evolution of Imperial Discourses in Russia and the United States*.
2. **V. I. Andreeva**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Multipolarity in International Relations: Constructivism as a Theoretical Foundation*.
3. **V. I. Lebedeva**, PhD student, Moscow University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia; **A. I. Mashnin**, PhD student, Moscow University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.
   Paper title: *The Black Swans of the Twenty-First Century: The Vector of International Legal Cooperation between Interpol and International Organisations in Combating Cyberterrorism*.
4. **A. O. Zherlitsyna**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Climate Diplomacy at the Present Stage*.
5. **S. A. Saifutdinov**, PhD student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *SCO Summits 2024–2025: On the Path toward Building a Contemporary World Order*.
6. **A. A. Tsapok**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *BRICS as an Emerging Solidarist International Society*.
7. **T. A. Martirosyan**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Role of Transnational Corporations of Russia, China, and Brazil in the Global Economic System*.
8. **E. E. Yurusov**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Security Communities and Multi-Level Diplomacy: From Karl Deutsch to Paradiplomacy*.
9. **G. M. Efremov**, student, Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *The Syrian Crisis as a Challenge to the Global Development Assistance System: Is Aid Implementation Possible under Conditions of Destroyed Statehood?*
10. **I. B. Balashov**, student, MGIMO University.
    Paper title: *Prospects for Studying the Politicisation of Global Energy Trade through the Prism of Structural Political Economy: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods.*
11. **A. V. Patrik**, student, St Petersburg University.
    Paper title: *The Problem of Expanding Women's Rights in the Political Agenda of European Parties*.
12. **M. Yu. Varakin**, student, MGIMO University.
    Paper title: *International Capital Movements in the Context of Geoeconomic Fragmentation: The Experience of Integration Associations*.

10:00–12:15 — "North American Studies through the Eyes of Young Scholars" (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 143*)
Moderator:
M. O. Gabrielyan, Assistant Lecturer, St Petersburg University.

1. **Nguyen Thi Thao Anh**, alumna of St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *U.S. Digital Diplomacy in Vietnam*.
2. **S. A. Peshkova**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *A Discourse Analysis of Donald Trump's Address to Congress (4 March 2025): Applying Teun A. van Dijk's Model*.
3. **A. A. Guseva**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Export Control Instruments in the Foreign Policy of the First Trump Administration (2017–2021) in Containing North Korea's Missile and Nuclear Programme.*
4. **E. S. Yakovleva**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of U.S. Strategic Approaches to Security in the Black Sea Region*.
5. **A. D. Jafarov**, student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *The Influence of the Irish Diaspora in the United States on Washington's Foreign Policy toward Ireland and Northern Ireland (2016–2026).*
6. **F. A. Kirichko**, PhD student, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *The Place of Iraq in U.S. Foreign Policy Doctrinal Documents, 2009–2025.*
7. **D. D. Ustyantseva**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Impact of the China Agenda on the 2026 U.S. Midterm Elections*.
8. **M. D. Solovyova**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *U.S. Sanctions Policy toward Syria in the Twenty-First Century*.
9. **A. I. Tolstykh**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Institutional and Communication Mechanisms of U.S. Public Diplomacy in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan*.

10:00–12:15 — "European Studies through the Eyes of Young Scholars" (1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206)
Moderators:
N. O. Plyusnin, Assistant Lecturer, Academic Secretary of the Council of Young Scientists of the Faculty of International Relations, member of the Council of Young Scientists of **St Petersburg University**.

1. **Taiar Gabriel**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The European Union as a Unique Model of Supranational Integration: Historical Preconditions, Institutional Development, and Prospects for Enlargement*.
2. **I. A. Kuzmin**, PhD student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Arms Exports as an Instrument of German Foreign Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region (2007–2024).*
3. **D. R. Zakharov**, PhD student, Russian State University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *A Spatial Analysis of Electoral Support for Right-Wing Populist Parties in Western Europe: The Case of the 2024 European Parliament Elections.*

4. **E. M. Kharlamova**, PhD student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Role of the Polish Intelligentsia in Exile in the Formation of the Country's New Post-Communist Politics, 1970–2000*.
5. **A. V. Morgachev**, student, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *International Development Assistance as an Instrument of Austria's Soft Power Policy*.
6. **N. A. Evstigneev**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Latgale as a Buffer Zone: Opportunities for Russia and Challenges for Latvia*.
7. **E. A. Lapshin**, student, Irkutsk State University.
   Paper title: *Cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and the European Union in the Field of Science and Education (2022–2025).*
8. **A. V. Fetisov**, PhD student, St Petersburg University; **P. R. Suleimanova**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Crisis of the Oslo Paradigm and EU Perceptions of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in 2008–2010.*
9. **A. A. Uint**, student, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Eutrophication of the Baltic Sea as a Non-Traditional Challenge to the Environmental Security of the Baltic-Scandinavian Macro-Region.*
10. **L. V. Koroleva**, student, HSE University.
    Paper title: *The European Union's Humanitarianism toward Syrian and Ukrainian Migration Flows: Commonalities and Differences*.

10:00–12:15 — "The Digital Dimension of International Relations through the Eyes of Young Scholars" (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 215*)

Moderators:
Yu. Yu. Kolotaev, Senior Lecturer, **St Petersburg University**.

1. **E. A. Lobanova**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence in the Mechanism of the Political System of the Contemporary Information Society: Its Impact on International Relations*.
2. **S. I. Fomina**, student, Irkutsk State University.
   Paper title: *Metaverses as a Space for the Realisation of Sociocultural Projects: International Interaction*.
3. **I. V. Kovalev**, student, Moscow State Linguistic University.
   Paper title: *The Use of Artificial Intelligence by Terrorist Organisations and Russian-Chinese Cooperation in Countering New Threats*.
4. **L. B. Shvarts**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *A Comparative Analysis of the Information Policies of Russia and the PRC*.
5. **K. Yu. Stanislavskaya**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Computing Reality: Redefining Power in the Post-Cryptographic Era*.
6. **O. A. Ilchenko**, student, North Caucasus Federal University.
   Paper title: *Neutralising Information Hybrid Threats in Russian-Chinese Relations*.

7. **S. R. Negrub**, cadet, S. M. Kirov Military Medical Academy of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.
   Paper title: *Information-Psychological Weapons in the Policies of NATO States*.
8. **K. M. Butaeva**, student, MGIMO University.
   Paper title: *Civilisational Identity Politics in the Digital Space: Visual Representations of Russian Civilisation in New Media and Their Legitimation in the Student Milieu*.
9. **M. D. Aleshkov**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Operationalising AI as a Factor of Geopolitical Power: The CDAI Model for Comparing the United States and China in the Asia-Pacific*.
10. **A. E. Al-Batta**, student, St Petersburg University.
    Paper title: *How Is AI Changing International Relations?*

10:00–12:15 — From Vienna to Versailles: International Relations in Europe from the Last Third of the Nineteenth Century to the First Third of the Twentieth Century (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 226*)
Moderators:
N. A. Vlasov, Acting Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
A. V. Eremin, Deputy Head of the Zhukovsky and Gagarin Air Force Academy.

1. **A. V. Smolin**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Soviet Foreign Policy between Internationalism and National Bolshevism: The Activities of Naval Representative (Attaché) A. E. Berens in Britain, 1922–1926*.
2. **E. Yu. Sergeev**, Chief Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Debated Issues in Soviet-British Relations during the Crisis and Collapse of the Versailles-Washington System, 1933–1939*.
3. **A. B. Larin**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Resettlement Policy of the Russian Empire in Iran through the Materials of Members of the British Diplomatic Mission during the Great War*.
4. **Yu. V. Savosina**, Associate Professor, Ryazan State University named for S. A. Yesenin.
   Paper title: *Personal Authority as a Diplomatic Resource: L. B. Krasin's Mission in London and the Normalisation of Relations with Great Britain (1920–1921)*.
5. **E. A. Kimlenko**, Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Russia and the 'Italian Questions' in the 1860s*.
6. **I. M. Shapkina**, student, Chelyabinsk State University.
   Paper title: *Between Rapallo and Locarno: Soviet-German Relations in 1924–1926 in the Reports of U. von Brockdorff-Rantzau*.
7. **T. V. Alentyeva**, Head of the Center for U.S. Studies, Kursk State University.
   Paper title: *Representations of the Diplomatic Struggle at the 1878 Berlin Congress in British Satirical Graphics*.
8. **E. V. Romanova**, Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
   Paper title: *Central and Eastern Europe in British Discussions of the Postwar Settlement in the Late 1910s and Early 1920s*.

9. **A. A. Bogdashkin**, Leading Research Fellow, Zhukovsky and Gagarin Air Force Academy.
   Paper title: *The Role of German Entrepreneurs in International Negotiations, 1918–1924, in American Historiography*.
10. **A. V. Eremin**, Deputy Head of the Zhukovsky and Gagarin Air Force Academy.
    Paper title: *International Conflicts and Threats to Soviet Security in the Press of the Red Army (1918–1939).*
11. **N. A. Vlasov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
    Paper title: *The Baltic German Factor' in Otto von Bismarck's Views of Russia*.

10:00–12:15 — "The Political Development of the Eurasian Space at the Present Stage"
(1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 228)
Moderators:
V. Vovenda, Associate Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University; S. **M. Adikholzhaeva**, Professor, The University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).

1. **V. S. Dudarev**, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences; First Vice-Rector, State Academic University for the Humanities.
   Paper title: *Russian Policy in the Contemporary Eurasian Integration Space as a Stabilising Factor in International Relations*.
2. **V. A. Serova**, alumna of St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Dynamics of Eurasian Space Development*.
3. **A. V. Vovenda**, Associate Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University.
   Paper title: *Contemporary Aspects of the Transformation of the SCO: The Case of the Evolution of the Dialogue Partnership Mechanism*.
4. **S. M. Adikholzhaeva**, Professor, The University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).
   Paper title: *Central Asia: Strategic Partnership under Conditions of Geopolitical Competition.*
5. **A. R. Mirzoeva**, Assistant Lecturer, RUDN University.
   Paper title: *Drug Trafficking from Afghanistan in the Context of Regional Security in the Post-Soviet Space*.

12:45–15:00 — "Innovative Studies of Russia–EU Interaction in Greater Eurasia" (Part 2)
(*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 138*)
Moderators:
T. A. Romanova, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **Yu. Yu. Kolotaev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Current State of Russia–EU Relations through the Prism of Digital Studies.*
2. **M. M. Shumilov**, Professor, Northwestern Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *The Military Dimension of European Integration amid Growing Turbulence in International Relations (2022–2026).*

3. **D. I. Polyvyannyy**, Professor, Ivanovo State University.
   Paper title: *'Middle Powers' of Central and Southeastern Europe in the Context of the EU's Strategic Autonomy: Positioning and Policy.*
4. **E. A. Matveeva**, Dean of the Faculty of History, Associate Professor of the Department of World History and International Relations, Irkutsk State University.
   Paper title: *On the Ability to Ask Questions (to Oneself, to Others, to the Text, to AI) in Teaching and Studying the History of the European Idea*.

12:45–15:00 — BRICS Strategic Communication in Global Governance: Principal Directions, Methods, and Prospects (*Part 2***)** (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140*)
Moderators:
O. S. Kocherov, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University;
E. N. Pashentsev, Chief Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University.

1. **K. A. Pantserev**, Chief Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The African Agenda in BRICS Strategic Communication*.
   The study was supported by Russian Science Foundation grant No. 25-18-00699.
2. **A. A. Zabella**, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Chinese View of Global Governance*.
   The study was supported by Russian Science Foundation grant No. 25-18-00699.
3. **Leonardo Patarroyo Garzón Bryan**, student, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Artificial Intelligence as a Potential Instrument of Economic Security in Latin America under Conditions of Geopolitical Instability and Changing U.S. Strategic Communication*.
4. **Rasolinezhad Ehsan**, Associate Professor, University of Tehran, Iran.
   Paper title: *Energy Networks and BRICS Strategic Communication*.
5. **E. A. Safonkina**, Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Information-Psychological Operations against BRICS: Goals, Methods, and Possibilities of Counteraction*.
   The study was supported by Russian Science Foundation grant No. 25-18-00699.
6. **Adeto Yonas**, Director, Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University.
   Paper title: *Geopolitical Tension and BRICS Strategic Communication for Global Governance during the World Crisis: The Red Sea Regional Security Complex in Focus*.

12:45–15:00 — The Transformation of the Architecture of Military Security in the Baltic Region and the Arctic: Challenges and Threats (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 206*)
Moderators:
O. V. Grigorieva, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **O. V. Grigorieva**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University; **V. V. Olisov**, student, St Petersburg University.

Paper title: *The Foreign Policy Strategies of the Small States of Northern Europe in the Formation of a New Architecture of Regional Security Complexes in the Baltic and the Arctic.*

2. **D. A. Lanko**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *European Wars and European Modernisation*.
3. **A. Yu. Chikhachev**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Baltic and NATO's Eastern Flank as New Priorities of French Foreign Policy*.
4. **E. D. Pronyakina**, Associate Professor, Northwestern Institute of Management, RANEPA.
   Paper title: *Norway's Role in the Regional Security System of Northern Europe and the Arctic after 2022*.
5. **N. E. Belukhin**, Junior Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *'Dilemmas of Neutrality' and 'Deferred Alliances': Why Russia Needs to Reassess the Strategies of Sweden and Finland during the Cold War.*
6. **P. A. Gudev**, Leading Research Fellow, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *Models of De-escalation for the Arctic: The Experience of the Cold War and the Present Day*.
7. **A. V. Kurilkin**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.
   Paper title: *The Transformation of Latvia's Security Policy in the Context of the Securitisation of the Baltic-Scandinavian Macro-Region*.

15:30–17:45 — Information-Psychological Confrontation in the Context of Ensuring International Security (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 140*)
Moderators:
K. A. Pantserev, Professor, St Petersburg University.

1. **R. S. Vykhodets**, Professor, St Petersburg University, Chair of the Section on Information-Psychological Security of the EAEU Expert Advisory Council under the State Duma Committee on CIS Affairs, Eurasian Integration, and Relations with Compatriots.
   Paper title: *Information-Psychological Security in the Perspective of the Programme of Activities of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly for 2026–2030*.
2. **Yu. Yu. Kolotaev**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Problems of the Two-Level Securitisation of Digital Platforms in the Context of International Security: Practices and Challenges, 2020–2025*.
3. **A. A. Nosikov**, Senior Lecturer, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Metaverses as a New Arena of Information-Psychological Confrontation: Challenges to International Security*.
4. **A. D. Lisenkova**, Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: '*The EU Energy Transition' as an Element of Hybrid Confrontation: Narratives, Mediatization, and the Eurosceptic Challenge*.

5. **K. A. Pantserev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *Disinformation and Manipulation through Artificial Intelligence Technologies as the Principal Cyber Threat of Our Time*.
6. **E. N. Pashentsev**, Professor, St Petersburg University.
   Paper title: *The Offensive Capabilities of Artificial Intelligence in Information-Psychological Confrontation*.

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12:45–14:00 — Lecture by **N. S. Mikhailova**, Head of the Representative Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in Donetsk (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124*)

14:10–15:40 — Master class by **N. N. Gudalov**, Associate Professor, St Petersburg University (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124*)

15:50–17:20 — Master class by **Yu. Yu. Vidakas**, Russian military observer who served in four UN missions (Western Sahara, Iraq–Kuwait, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Sudan), Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, Lecturer at the Faculty of International Relations, St Petersburg University (*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124*)

17:30 — Closing of the Congress

(*1/3 Smolnogo St., Entrance 8, Room 124*)