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University Profiles

Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the MFA of Russia (MGIMO-University)



MGIMO-University, the leading Russian educational center in the field of international relations, was established in 1944. Since then, it has evolved from a department of Lomonosov Moscow State University to an independent institution, widely known as a center of training of Russian diplomatic and political elite. Nowadays around 6 000 students, including 1 000 foreign students, representing more than 50 countries,

study at MGIMO-University.

MGIMO-University consists of eleven departments, namely School of International relations, School of International Economic Relations, International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy, European Studies Institute, etc. Among MGIMO-University graduates are Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Russia, Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, and Vladimir Potanin, founder of Interros Company.

National Research University Higher School of Economic (NRU HSE)



The HSE is the most successful educational institution among those, which were established after the break-up of the Soviet Union. The HSE was founded in 1992 on the initiative of renowned Russian economists (Evgeny Yasin, Yaroslav Kuzminov) and leading reformists from the Russian Government (Yegor Gaidar, Alexander Shokhin, and others) with the purpose to educate the new generation of researchers and

politicians. Up to now, the HSE has grown into a huge educational institutional with more than 20 departments, and three regional branches (in Saint-Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, and Perm). The number of the HSE students exceeds 13 000.

The HSE is particularly active in promoting its brand abroad. The most fruitful partnerships are developed with the London School of Economics and Political Science (the LSE), Humboldt University in Berlin, and a number of French universities. In 2010, the HSE was for the first time in its history included into the top-500 list of universities according to topuniversities.com.

The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (the ANE)



The ANE was established in 1977 and has since become a leading educational and research center in Russia the area of public policy. It delivers business and educational programs and trains civil servants, entrepreneurs, managers, financiers, and lawyers. Among the ANE graduates are presidents of the Newly Independent States in the post-soviet area, prime ministers and ministers, famous financiers and leaders of the Russia industrial sector.

The ANE structure has evolved over time to incorporate 15 departments, 3 research institutes, regional branches, as well and multiple research and training centers. Its rector is a prominent Russian economist Vladimir Mau and its faculty is formed by well-known Russian academics.

Speaker Biographies

Dmitry Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation



Born September 14, 1965, in Leningrad.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law of Leningrad State University in 1987 and completed his post-graduate studies at Leningrad State University in 1990. Holds a Ph.D. in law and the title of associate professor.

1990-1999: Lectured at St Petersburg State University.
1990-1995: adviser to the Chairman of the Leningrad City Council and expert consultant to the St. Petersburg City Hall's Committee for External Affairs.
1999: Deputy Government Chief of Staff.
1999-2000: Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential

Executive Office.

2000-2003: First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Executive Office.

2000-2001: Chairman of the Board of Directors of OAO Gazprom, in 2001 – Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of OAO Gazprom, from June 2002 – Chairman of the Board of Directors of OAO Gazprom.

October 2003 – November 2005: Chief of Staff of the Presidential Executive Office.

In November 2005 appointed First Deputy Prime Minister.

March 2, 2008: Elected President of the Russian Federation.

Married to Svetlana Vladimirovna Medvedeva. Son – Ilya Medvedev (born 1995)

Anatoly Torkunov, Rector, MGIMO-University



Since 1992, Anatoly Torkunov has served as the Rector of Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (MGIMO).

In the 1970s and 1980s, Torkunov served at Soviet Embassies in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States of America; he holds the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. He is a leading expert on Russian foreign policy, the Asia-Pacific region, and the Korean Peninsula. He is the author of more than 100 publications, including 9 books.

Since 1974 he has taught at MGIMO as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor at the Department of Oriental Studies and Department of International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia. In 2003 he was elected Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and in 2008 he became Member of the Russian

Academy of Sciences. Professor Torkunov is also the Chairman of the UN Association of Russia and the President of the Russian International Studies Association. He holds an MA and two doctoral degrees in Political Science from MGIMO.

Tatiana Alekseeva, Professor, MGIMO-University



Tatiana Alekseeva was born November 22, 1947 in Moscow. In 1970 she graduated from the Faculty of International Relations of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the USSR and accomplished post-graduate studies in the department of history of international relations and Soviet foreign policy of MGIMO. Candidate of Historical Sciences (MGIMO - 1978), Doctor of Philosophy (RAS Institute of Philosophy - 1992), the title of professor - 1997 Distinguished Scientist of the Russian Federation - 2007 Foreign languages - English, German.

- Member of the Scientific and Expert Council of the Federation Council of Russia (1997-2001)
- Member of the Expert Council of the Humanities at the State Duma (from 2008)
- Editor-advisor of the magazine "Problems of Peace and Socialism" (Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1982)
- Chairman of the Advisory Council for Political Science of the Russian Humanitarian Scientific Fund (since 2007)
- Member of the Presidium of the Academy of Political Science, Full Member
- Member of the Scientific Council of the Russian Political Science Association
- Member of the Academy of Military Sciences
- Visiting Professor, State University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA (1993 and 1994)
- Member of the editorial board of "political" (1999)
- Member of the Editorial Board of "Cosmopolis" (2002)
- Member of the Scientific Council of the Russian Political Science Association (2000 - present)
- Member of the Russian Association of International Studies
- Member of the editorial board of "Polis" (1996)
- Member of the editorial board of 'International Trends'
- Founder of the magazine "Knowledge is power"

Andrei Kortunov, President, New Eurasia Foundation



Andrei Kortunov (born August 19, 1957 in Moscow) is a Russian political scientist and public figure. He graduated MGIMO in 1979, Institute of the US and Canadian Studies at the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1982. He is also candidate of historical sciences.

In 1982-1995 – junior and then senior researcher, head of the department, department head, in 1995-1997 – Deputy Director of the Institute of the US and Canadian Studies. He taught Russian foreign policy in the United States at the University of Miami (1990), "Luce and Clark College" in Portland (1992), University of California at Berkeley (1993).

Basic activities: international relations, foreign and domestic policy of Russia, Russian-American relations.

Since 1991 - the leading research programs, the chairman of the Moscow branch of the Russian Science Foundation, from 1993 - the director of the Moscow branch of the Russian Science Foundation, converted then to the Moscow Public Science Foundation (MPSF), which promotes innovation processes in the sphere of humanitarian and socio-political knowledge. He was the founder and first president of the MPSF. Since 1998, simultaneously with the leadership of the MPSF, was executive director of the mega-project "Development of Education in Russia," the Institute "Open Society" (Soros Foundation). He was vice-president of American Fund "Eurasia". President of the autonomous nonprofit organization (ANO), ISE-Center ("Information. Science. Education").

Since 2004 - President of "New Eurasia" Foundation, established the American Fund "Eurasia", the Russian Foundation "Dynasty" (created by businessman Dmitry Zimin, the founder of "VimpelCom") and the European Foundation Madariaga.

Tatiana Shakleina, Professor, MGIMO-University



Degrees and education:

- Moscow State Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages – Graduated with honors (1971)
- Institute for the US and Canadian Studies
Candidate of Historical Sciences (1984)
"Freedom of the press in the U.S. and its implementation at the national level"
Doctor of Political Sciences (2003)
"Concepts of U.S. foreign policy after the Cold War"

Research interests: Foreign and domestic policy U.S. activities of the American "think tanks", Russian studies in the U.S.,

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Russian foreign policy, foreign policy concept, the U.S. and Russia, the Russian-American relations

Has held the following positions:

2000 - Present time (part-time) - State University of Humanitarian Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS GUGN), Faculty of World Politics at the Institute of USA and Canada

2004 - Present time (part-time) - Moscow State University. MV University, Faculty of World Politics

2006 - Present time - leading researcher ISKRAN (part)

April 2007 - Present. time - head. Department of Applied Analysis of international issues

Public and international activities:

Member of Dissertation Council MGIMO

Member of Dissertation Council of the Institute of USA and Canada

Member of the Dissertation Council of the Institute of International Security Problems, RAS

Member of Editorial Board, "International Trends"

Member of the Editorial Board of "Journal of RSUH"

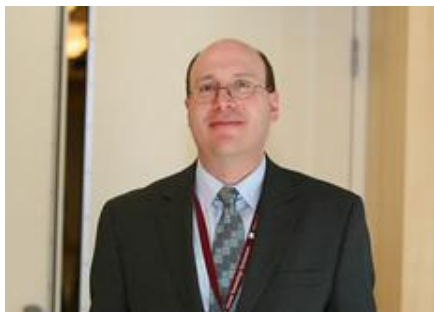
Chairman of GAC on world politics and international relations RSUH

Member of "Association of International Studies" (USA)

Chairman of the NGO "Women in the Global Security" (Russia)

A member of the NGO «Women in International Security» (USA)

Howard Solomon, Deputy Minister Counselor, Political Affairs, US Embassy (Moscow)



Howard Solomon is currently Deputy Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of the United States to the Russian Federation in Moscow. Prior to this, he worked at the White House as Director for Russian Affairs at the National Security Council.

A professional diplomat with the U.S. Department of State, he has had assignments in Washington as the Deputy Director and Senior Political Officer in the Office of Russian Affairs, at the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna as Deputy Counselor of UN Affairs, at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow as staff aide to the Ambassador, Consul/Chief of American Citizen Services, and Human Rights Officer, and in the U.S. Embassy in Seoul as consular officer and political-military officer. He holds a Ph.D. in Russian Literature, with a dissertation on Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*. Solomon is married and has two daughters.

Natalia Bubnova, Deputy Director for Communications, Carnegie Moscow Center



Natalia Bubnova is deputy director for communications at the Carnegie Moscow Center. Before joining the Center in 2005, she worked for six years at audit and consulting firms, first as senior consultant in Price Waterhouse's Management Consulting Department and later as marketing manager, then director, at Deloitte with responsibility for Russia and the CIS.

From 1992 to 1995, Bubnova was an associate professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and associate director of the University's Center for International Studies. In this role, she co-directed the Center's international exchange and outreach program.

She regularly participated in TV and radio programs and had a bi-weekly column on Russia in the *Rocky Mountain News*. Previously, for nearly eight years, she was a research associate at the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute for U.S. and Canada Studies. Bubnova also has extensive editing and translation experience and early in her career worked as interpreter at the Budapest-based Danube Commission.

Natalia holds a Ph.D. from the Institute of U.S. and Canada, Russian Academy of Sciences; M.A., Moscow Institute of International Relations. She speaks English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Alexei Arbatov, Scholar-in-Residence, Nonproliferation Program, Carnegie Moscow Center



Education:

Moscow State Institute of International Relations, M.A., 1972

Doctor of history, 1982

Corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2003

Professional experience:

Academic and professor of the Academy of Defense, Security and Police by the President of Russia, 2003

Head of the Center for International Security Center of the Institute for International Economy and International Relationships of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2002 – present time

Vice chairman of the YABLOKO party, 2001 – present time

Consultant to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1997

Head of a department at the Institute for International Economy and International Relationships of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 1985 - 1994

Head of a section at the Institute for International Economy and International Relationships of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 1983 - 1985

Research fellow at the Institute for International Economy and International Relationships of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 1976 – 1983

Memberships:

Member of Russian Parliament (State Duma), a member of the YABLOKO faction and Deputy Chairman of the Duma Defense Committee, 1994-2003

Member of the Research Council of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Member of the Governing Board of SIPRI and International advisory board of Geneva DCAF Institute and of the Center on non-proliferation of Monterey Institute

Member of the Russian Council for Foreign and Defense policy

Publications:

Dr. Arbatov is author of a number of books and numerous articles and papers on issues of global security, strategic stability, disarmament, Russian military reform and various current domestic and foreign political issues.

Robert Pszczel, Director, NATO Information Office in Moscow

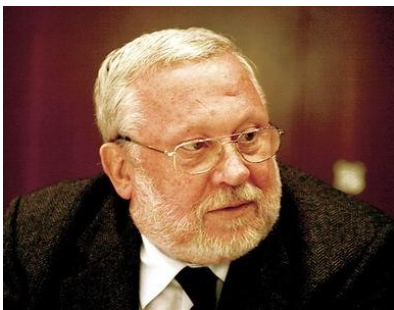


Robert Pszczel was born September 24, 1962 in Warsaw.

In 1984 he received a BA in Economics, graduating with first class honors degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics. In 1987 he became a Master of Political Science in Warsaw University.

From 1987 to 1990 he worked as a journalist in Warsaw. From 1990 to 1993 as an expert of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. From 1993 to 1997 - First Secretary, Embassy of Poland in Brussels. In 1997 to 1999 - Political Adviser to the Polish mission to NATO. From December 1999 he was the first representative to work with the press, and later – a Senior Representative of NATO for communications with the press. Since December 2010 he is the head of the NATO Information Office in Moscow.

Viktor Kremenyuk, Deputy Director, the Institute for the US and Canadian Studies



Viktor Kremenyuk is a Deputy Director of the Institute for the US and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (ISKRAN). Graduating from MGIMO-University in 1963, he joined ISKRAN in 1970 and has a vast academic and professional experience. Viktor Kremenyuk has also worked in research centers in Austria and Germany. His areas of interest are international conflict resolution, crisis management, foreign policy, and the negotiation process, about which

has published more than 100 works in Russian and other languages. He holds a Doctorate in History.

Elena Panfilova, Director, Center for Anti-Corruption Research and Initiative Transparency International Russia



Elena Panfilova is founder and director of the Center for Anti-corruption Research and Initiative Transparency International Russia since 1999.

Mrs. Panfilova graduated from the Political History Department of Lomonosov Moscow State University and Diplomatic Academy with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. As a researcher and project manager she worked for the Institute for Economy in Transition, OECD, and other organisations.

The main focus of her latest work is the development of anti-corruption strategies for transition democracies, corruption research, anti-corruption and freedom of information legislation drafting, monitoring of the legislation implementation, monitoring and research of political corruption.

She is author of numerous articles and publications. In 2009 she was appointed Member of the Presidential Council on the Development of the Civil Society Institutes and Human Rights.

Rafael Zokhrabyan, Head of Legal, Legrand Group



Rafael Zokhrabyan is 2008 SURF Alumni. In the year 2000 he participated in a Future Leaders Exchange Program and was the youngest person to graduate with honors from an American high school at the age of 15. Upon return he was admitted to MSU and graduated with honors from the department of International Law. In 2007 he received M.A. in International Law (LL.M.) from California Western School of Law, San Diego. He is currently a PH.D student at MSU. Till September, 2011, he was a member of the management board of Banque Accord Russia (*Auchan Group*), leading the work of legal and compliance department.

Avetik Chalabyan, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company



During his career at McKinsey & Company, Avetik Chalabyan has led project teams consulting multinational and Russian clients in mining, metals, petroleum and commercial aerospace on corporate and business unit strategy, organizational transformation, operational strategy and improvement, and commercial issues.

He has built extensive knowledge on mining and manufacturing, including business strategy and operations for various downstream industries including petroleum refining, aluminum, steel and equipment manufacturing. He has also consulted for the Ukrainian, Russian and Armenian governments and other public entities on microeconomic and sectoral policy, e-government strategy, and tourism development.

Earlier in his career at McKinsey & Company, Mr. Chalabyan consulted for multinational and domestic clients in petroleum and consumer goods industries on corporate finance, corporate strategy, marketing, procurement, and supply chain management.

Previously, Mr. Chalabyan worked at the Ministry of Economic Development of Armenia as a Head of Department of WTO Affairs.

Mr. Chalabyan graduated from Yerevan State University with a Diploma in Physics in 1994, and received an MBA from the University of North Carolina in 2001.

Alexey Sitnikov, Director of International Development Department, Skolkovo Foundation



Born in 1973. Graduated from the Faculty of History of Yaroslavl State University in 1995, received a Master of Political Science at Central European University in Budapest. In 2001 received his doctorate in Political Science from Stanford University. From 1999 to 2005 served as Director of programs for Russia and CIS at Stanford Institute for International Studies. Since 2003, Vice-President of Global Technology Symposium at Stanford University. Since 2009, Adviser to the Governor of the Kirov region. From 2005 to 2010 - Vice President for Management and Development in the “Russian

Economic School” (New Economic School).

Bernard Sucher, Member of the Board of Directors, Aton Group



Born June 6, 1960.

Entrepreneur and capital markets business leader, with strong sales-orientation and practiced cross-cultural communication skills. Deep experience in asset management and trading/sales.

Business career:

2011 - Aton Group, Member of the Board of Directors.

Appointed to shape strategy of Russia's last significant independent investment bank.

2007 - 2010 Bank of America-Merrill Lynch, Russia Country Head.

Built and led profitable return of firm to Moscow as its senior local executive.

2002 – 2006 Alfa Capital, Chairman of the Board.

Built profitable, performance-leading \$400m+ asset management firm on \$4m investment in three years.

1993 – 2002 Troika Dialog, Managing Director, Co-Founder.

Along with partner, built Russia's leading investment bank from scratch.

1993 – 1999 I.M. Galt, Inc., President.

Founded, financed, and/or launched a series of entrepreneurial ventures, all operating profitably today: in Moscow, Starlight Diners, Practica Publishers, Uncle Guilly's, Moscow Beach Club; in USA, Jacobs Asset Management.

1990 – 1993 Goldman Sachs, Executive Director.

Sales and trading specialist in Japanese equities and equity derivatives.

Community, affiliations

Long-time board member and activist in both the US-Russia Business Council and the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow.

Trustee, the European University in St. Petersburg.

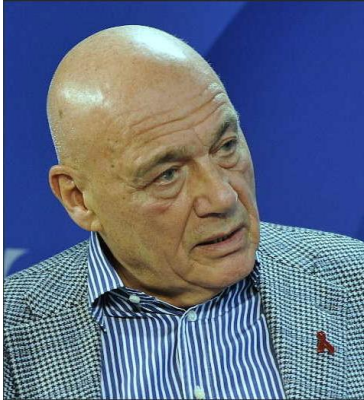
Aspen Institute, Henry Crown Fellow.

Education:

University of Michigan, 1983, Bachelor, Business Administration with an additional concentration in Russian and Soviet Studies.

Columbia University Graduate School of Business, 2001, Senior Executive Program.

Vladimir Pozner, Russian Journalist



Vladimir Pozner was born April 1, 1934, in Paris, France. He moved with his family to New York City in 1940 where he lived until late 1948, when his family moved to the Soviet-occupied zone of Berlin. In 1952 the family moved to Moscow, where he was enrolled at Moscow University and graduated in 1958 with an M.A. in biology.

In 1961 Pozner joined Novosty Press Agency as a senior editor, later becoming executive editor of *Soviet Life* magazine and then *Sputnik* magazine.

In 1970 Pozner joined the USSR State Committee for TV & Radio as a commentator on the North American Service of Radio Moscow, where he worked until 1986. During that period, beginning in 1979, Pozner began to appear on US network television shows, mainly on *Nightline* (ABC), but also on a variety of other shows on NBC, CBS, CNN, as well as the CBC (Canada), the BBC, and television networks in France and Japan. It should be noted that Pozner was denied travel rights by the Soviet authorities—all the shows were done via satellite hookup.

In 1985-1986 Pozner co-hosted two "space bridges" with Phil Donahue. The first, called "A Citizen's Summit," ushered glasnost into Soviet TV and was supported by President Gorbachev. Pozner was promoted to the rank of political observer, the top journalistic post in the USSR.

With the advent of perestroika and glasnost, Pozner was allowed to travel (he had been let out of the country for a brief period between 1977 and 1980, but his passport was revoked in that last year when he criticized the Soviet military incursion in Afghanistan). In 1989 Pozner resigned in protest from the Communist Party and in 1991 resigned from the State Committee of Television and Radio because of what he considered censorship. That same year Pozner moved to New York City to work on a television show with Phil Donahue (Pozner & Donahue), which was first aired on WWOR and then on CNBC. In 1990 The Atlantic Monthly Press published Pozner's book, *Parting With Illusions*, which became a national bestseller and was on *The New York Times* list for 12 weeks. A second book, *Eyewitness*, a journalistic report on the failed coup of August 1991, was published by Random House in 1992.

In early 1997 Pozner returned to Moscow. He hosted a series of highly rated television shows on Russia's most widely watched network, Russian Public Television.

Vladimir Pozner has won multiple Soviet, Russian, and American awards, including two Emmy certificates; its Russian equivalent, the Tefy award; and several international awards. He is internationally recognized and ranks among the most respected people in the television profession in Russia today.

Thanks to his experience, activities, and knowledge of several languages, Pozner has broad contacts in the world of politics, finances, culture and, of course, media.

He is married to Katherine Orlova and has two children.

Alexei Rybnikov, President of St. Petersburg International Mercantile Exchange



Alexei Rybnikov was born in Moscow in 1965. In 1987 he graduated from MGIMO. From 1987-1989 he served in officer positions in the Soviet Army, receiving government awards. After graduating the Institute of USA and Canada at the Academy of Sciences of USSR, he served from 1991 to 1997 as Head of the Department of Securities, Head of Operations in Stock Markets, Chief of Investment Operations at the commercial bank "Eurofinance" (Moscow). In 1997-2002 he worked at "JP Morgan Bank International", rising to the rank of a vice-president, Head of Investment Banking in Russia. From December 2002 he is Director of the Partnership "The National Depository Center". From April 2003 - First Deputy General Director of MICEX. From November 2003 to March 2009 - Director General of the MICEX Stock Exchange. From November 2009 – Director General of the trading system RSX. On September 9, 2011 he was appointed as the President of JSC "St. Petersburg International Mercantile Exchange" ("SPIMEX").

Dmitri Trenin, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center



Dmitri Trenin is the Director of the Carnegie Moscow Center, a think tank under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has been with the Center since its inception. Dr. Trenin retired from the Russian Army in 1993. From 1993-1997, Trenin held posts as a Senior Research Fellow at the NATO Defense College in Rome and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Europe in Moscow.

He served in the Soviet and Russian armed forces from 1972 to 1993, including experience working as a liaison officer in the External Relations Branch of the Group of Soviet Forces (stationed in Potsdam) and as a staff member of the delegation to the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms talks in Geneva from 1985 to 1991. Dr. Trenin also taught at the war studies department of the Russian Military Institute from 1986 to 1993. Trenin received his Ph.D. from the Institute of USA and Canada in 1984.

Vitaly Vinogradov, Partner, ALTHAUS Capital, Partner, i-Accelerator, Moscow



Lawyer (civil law specialization) with more than 10 years of experience in international consulting (a Big 4 company), companies of Russian electric power industry, financial sphere (corporate secretary of a major bank) and private equity (corporate secretary / director in charge of corporate governance of a Western private equity fund). Vitaly has an extensive experience of holding seminars and workshops on corporate law and corporate governance; articles on professional topics in leading publications. Author of a practical guide to investment M&A deals structuring. Member of the Working group on expertise and development of corporate legislation of the National council of corporate governance (NSKU). Speaks Russian, English and German. Specialization areas – corporate law and governance, contract law, employment law, M&A deals structuring, due diligence, etc.