

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMS of MODULES
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
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MODULES # 1, 2**

“Russian Foreign Policy: Modern Challenges”

June 19 – 30, 2017

July 3 – 14, 2017

Modules 1 & 2 “Russian Foreign Policy: Modern Challenges”

June 19-30 & July 3-14.

These two intensive Modules on Russian foreign policy will contain brief courses “Russian foreign Policy: Legal Perspective”, “National Economy of Russia in the Global Context”, and “Warfare in the Modern World”. Most of the Module time will be devoted to the following two courses: **“Russia’s Foreign Policy: Modern Challenges”** and **“Empirical Study of Russian Politics (Political Process in Contemporary Russia)”**.

“Russia’s Foreign Policy: Modern Challenges”

The course is designed to facilitate understanding of contemporary Russia’s foreign policy and its challenges. It is based on the study of Russia’s foreign policy documents – both national and international. As any big power, Russia pursues multidimensional foreign policy. The course will explore the role Russia plays in the post-bipolar global international system. Russia’s interests in the post-Soviet space, in Europe, in the Middle East, in the Asia-Pacific region and Central Asia will be discussed as well as US-Russia relations. Special attention will be paid to the role of numerous international organizations and structures – where Russia is a member – in Russia’s foreign policy: UN, G-8, G-20, Shanghai Cooperation

Organization, BRICS, etc.

The course is a graduate-level general introduction to modern Russia's foreign policy. It begins with an assessment of the consequences of the collapse of the USSR and the changes that it brought to the global international system and Russia's place in it.

The course is based on the study of major foreign policy documents: Russia's National Security concepts, its Military doctrines and Concepts of Foreign Policy developed throughout the past two decades (with special attention paid to the most recent ones), agreements with its major counterparts such as the United States, EU, China, etc. Special attention will be paid to Russia's multilateral treaties in the post-Soviet space and beyond: the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the CIS Customs Union, Eurasian Economic Union, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (ShCO) and others.

Security is an inherent concern for any nation. In the case of Russia it has been exacerbated by the nation's historic experience as it suffered numerous foreign invasions and asserted itself in bitter and devastating struggle for its own survival – the latest one being the World War II in which the country lost more than 30 million of its sons and daughters.

Russia's security concerns will be discussed from different perspectives, including the eastward expansion of NATO and US plans to deploy forward-based antiballistic missile defense systems in

European countries bordering on Russia.

In 1996 Russia became a member of the Council of Europe where it cooperates with its members in pursuing the goals of improving its democratic institutions. Russia recognizes the authority of the European Court of Human Rights.

EU is Russia's one of the most important dialogue partners. Relations with Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Poland and other European powers will be discussed.

Since Russia is an Asia-Pacific state, Russia's relations with major powers in the Pacific – Peoples' Republic of China and Japan, with both Koreas, will be explored.

Relations of Russia with Arab states and Israel, with Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan, as well as Russia's growing involvement in the Middle East Peace process, will be analyzed.

Fighting international terrorism is a multidimensional mission in Russia's politics. It presents domestic, regional and international challenges for Russia.

“Empirical Study of Russian Politics (Political Process in Contemporary Russia)”

This course will provide a glimpse into the Russian history of the 20th century and familiarize you with political, social, economic, and cultural foundations of the Soviet system, the role of ideology in the Soviet Union. It will concentrate on the events of 1917 and the Civil war in Russia, on Josif Stalin's

dictatorship, his five-year plans, collectivization and industrialization of the USSR, political repressions of the 1930s and their impact on the political elites, army, and the society; Khrushchev's rise to power and Brezhnev's rule; degradation of the political elites and the rule of Andropov and Chernenko as a proof of the need for political and economic reforms; Gorbachev's reforms, the "August" Republic (1991-1993), October 1993 events, modifications to the Russian political system, the Russian political process in the 2000s; Putin's goals and challenges.

This course is designed to highlight main trends of Russia's political process, to show its major actors as well as possible scenarios of its development, taking into account how it all is presented in latest Russian and foreign publications. The course is aimed at studying the Russian political process through the prism of institutionalism, as well as using the theories of modernization, democratic transition, and certain other theoretical frameworks. While considering works on Russia by noted Western and other scholars, this course, at the same time, provides an in-depth knowledge of various aspects of functioning of the Russian political system, avoiding labels like "an Upper Volta armed with missiles", "an empire of evil", "a Third World failure", as well as stereotypes presenting Russia as an aggressive autocracy threatening the World or a country alien to democratic values. Such an approach allows to fix many important nuances and behind-the-scene aspects of the Russian political process.

On this course, you will examine a number of recent historical events that have impacted global

politics and international relations today. It will help you to get more out of watching the news or reading the newspapers, and provide you with a deeper and broader background knowledge of the events that have shaped the issues that recur in the news today.

DAYS OF THE WEEK	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	PROFESSOR
Saturday – Sunday, June 17-18 (July 1-2)		Arrival, accommodation at MGIMO HOTEL, orientation	MGIMO HOTEL at ODINTSOVO	Program Manager Program Facilitator
Monday, June 19 (July 3)	9.00 10.20	Opening Ceremony Russian Language orientation	542	Program Manager, Program Facilitator Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.30 11.50	Introductory Lecture	542	Professor A. Malgin
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00 14:20	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	14:30 15:50	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	16.00	RADISSON MOSCOW RIVER BOAT CRIUSE	The bus will wait next to the hotel entrance	Program Manager Program Facilitator
Tuesday, June 20 (July 4)	9.00 10.20	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	10.30 11.50	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13.00	KREMLIN	The bus will wait next to the hotel entrance	Program Manager Program Facilitator

Wednesday, June 21 (July 5)	9.00 10.20	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	10.30 11.50	Russian Foreign Policy	542	Professor Y.Dubinin
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13.00 14.20	Russian Foreign Policy: Legal Perspective	542	Professor A.Vylegzanin
	14.30 15.50	Russian Foreign Policy: Legal Perspective	542	Professor A.Vylegzanin
	16:00 17:20	Russian Foreign Policy: Legal Perspective	542	Professor A.Vylegzanin
Thursday, June 22 (July 6)	9.00 10.20	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.30 11.50	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00 14:20	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
	14.30	SPARROW HILL		Program Manager Program Facilitator
Friday, June 23 (July 7)	9.00 10.20	Special Guest: will chair a round-table conference on topical issues of current Russian foreign policy	542	Dmitri Trenin, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center, Chair of the Research Council and the Foreign and Security Policy Program
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	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00	CATHEDRAL OF JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOR NO SHORTS/NO CUTTY SKIRTS!!!	The bus will wait next to the hotel entrance	Program Manager Program Facilitator
Saturday, June 24 (July 8)	9.00 10.20	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.30 11.55	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	14.00	BUS TOUR OF THE CITY		Program Manager Program Facilitator
Sunday, June 25 (July 9)		FREE TIME		
Monday, June 26 (July 10)	9.00 10.30	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.45 12.15	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	12.15 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00 14:20	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
	14.30 15.50	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
Tuesday, June 27 (July 11)	9.00 10.20	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina

	10.30 11.50	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00 14:20	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
	14.30 15.50	Empirical Study Of Russian Politics	542	Professor Y.Vaslavskiy
	16.00 17.20	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
Wednesday, June 28 (July 12)	9.00 10.30	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.45 12.15	Russian Foreign Policy & International Security	542	Professor V. Mizin
	12.15 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13:00 14:30	Russian Foreign Policy & International Security	542	Professor V.Mizin
	14.45	KUBINKA ARMOR MUSEUM		Program Manager Program Facilitator
Thursday, June 29 (July 13)	9.00 10.30	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	10.45 12.15	Russian Language	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	12.15 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	13.00 14.20	Russian Foreign Policy Exam	542	Professor Y. Dubinin

	14.30 15.50	Russian Foreign Policy Exam	542	Professor Y. Dubinin
	16:00	VICTORY PARK	The bus will wait next to the hotel entrance	Program Manager Program Facilitator
Friday, June 30 (July 14)	10.00 12.00	Russian Language assessment	Group 1) 345 Group 2) 338 Group 3) 343	Ms. Belenkova Ms. Guseinova Ms. Polehina
	12.00 13.00	Lunch	Canteen	
	15.00	Graduation Ceremony Farewell Party		Program Manager Program Facilitator
Saturday July 1 (July 15)		Departure :(Program Manager Program Facilitator
Sunday July 2 (July 16)		Departure :(Program Manager Program Facilitator