

Research Master Class

Africa in World Politics
Islam in World Politics
East Asia in World Politics
South Asia in World Politics
South-East Asia in World Politics
Central Asia in World Politics
Asia and New Challenges
Integration in Asia-Pacific
Two elective courses, 2 ECTS credits.

The autumn term.

Lecturers: appointed by the Department of Asian and African Studies, appointed by

Learning results:

— Basic skills of conducting independent scholarly research and practical analytical work (e.g. political consulting).

— Basic skills of academic reflection, self-instruction, independent monitoring of relevant information sources.

— Awareness of contemporary methodological disputes in the discipline, ability to choose, apply, and combine necessary analytical tools in conducting one's research.

Ability to critically evaluate and interpret one's academic findings.

Assessment: essays, PowerPoint presentations, group-working and team reports, discussions, oral exam.

INTERNSHIPS AND PRACTICE

Internet and Library Research

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The Autumn term.

Lecturer: Prof. Malinova and Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

— Basic skills of finding and evaluating relevant information, as well as its retrieval from open academic sources and organizing into a personalized digital database.

— Basic skills of conducting bibliometric analysis (e.g. finding a citation index), proficiency in operating with bibliographic reference tools, library and Internet resources.

— Ability to provide a structured bibliography styled according to Russian academic regulations, and literature review on the topic of one's Master thesis.

Assessment: a bibliographic database in the Zotero RDF format, a literature review.

Research Proposal Training

Mandatory course, 4 ECTS credits. The spring term.

Lecturer: Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova and Ms. Anna Kireeva, MA

Learning results:

Basic skills of drafting one's research proposal, including one's goals, hypotheses, and theoretical background.

Ability to operationalise one's hypothesis by proposing relevant variables and indicators.

Ability to critically evaluate and validate one's personal design of analytical tools.

Assessment: a research proposal.

Internship

— Mandatory course, 12 ECTS credits. The spring term.

— Learning results:

— Practical experience of diplomatic and/or consular service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other Ministries and Agencies, work in TNCs, NGOs and consulting companies;

— Basic skills of time-management, stress-management, professional competence, interpersonal and cross-cultural communication.

MGIMO-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS "INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS"

This Master's Program was opened in 2007. The goal of this interdisciplinary program is to instill in students the competencies required for better understanding international affairs in business related areas, economic consultancy, international economic and financial institutions or the political governance of economic processes. The program primarily caters for the interests of IR students, historians, political scientists, soci-

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The curriculum has an enlarged component of economic subjects intended to introduce students to the practice of multinational and Russian businesses. The faculty involves the heads of leading foreign and domestic corporations

The Master's program involves the study of scientific and technological and economic components of the contemporary international system in the context of world political processes in the first quarter of the twenty-first, political aspects of international economic and energy security, the development of an optimal policy of Russia in the transfer of new technology and information exchange, policy regulation of fuel and energy sector. Students have the opportunity to take courses on the basics of taxation in foreign countries and the basics of accounting and statistics.

The program addresses the political aspects of interaction between government and business, international economic insti-

tutions, multinational and national business communities, civil society, international experience of regulation of relations between businesses and international institutions. An important component of the master's program are courses on the assessment of international and country-level political and economic risks, skills applied analysis of political conflict between the leading world economic powers as well as political regulation of economic conflicts.

The main foreign language taught is English. Students are free to take up a third foreign language on the paying basis.

The curriculum of the program «International politics and transnational business» gives students the opportunity to choose an individual educational trajectory. Besides the required courses for the study, graduate student each semester has the ability to choose one optional course (of three), which is interesting to him.

During classes on applied aspects of interaction between business and government employees with top managers from «BP», «Transneft», «Société Générale», «students receive practical knowledge of specific problems of economic activities in Russia and abroad.

Masters graduates who have successfully completed training program and passed the final exams are awarded the qualification «Master of International Relations.»

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