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Why Russia?



Russia is an important actor in international relations. In order to understand its politics researchers from all over the world need to experience its environment and get to know its culture, traditions and people



Russia is at the
crossroads of Europe
and Asia and Europe
and America

Multiple airlines
connect Russia with
Africa, Australia and
New Zealand



Traditionally Russia is closely linked with CEE and Eurasia countries



Russia has strong and dynamic relations with China, India and a number of African and Latin American countries, it also highly appreciates its BRICS engagement

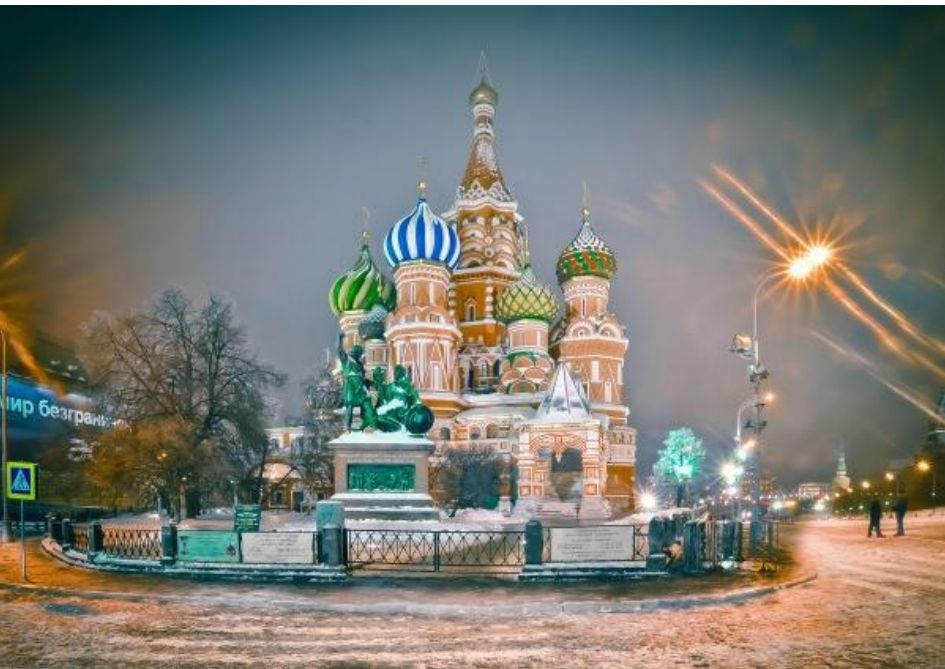
Russia enjoys a strategic partnership relations with the EU and the United States





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Meanwhile Russian scholars still lack contacts with their international counterparts



The Fourth Global International Studies Conference is a great opportunity for Russian scholars to acquire new contacts



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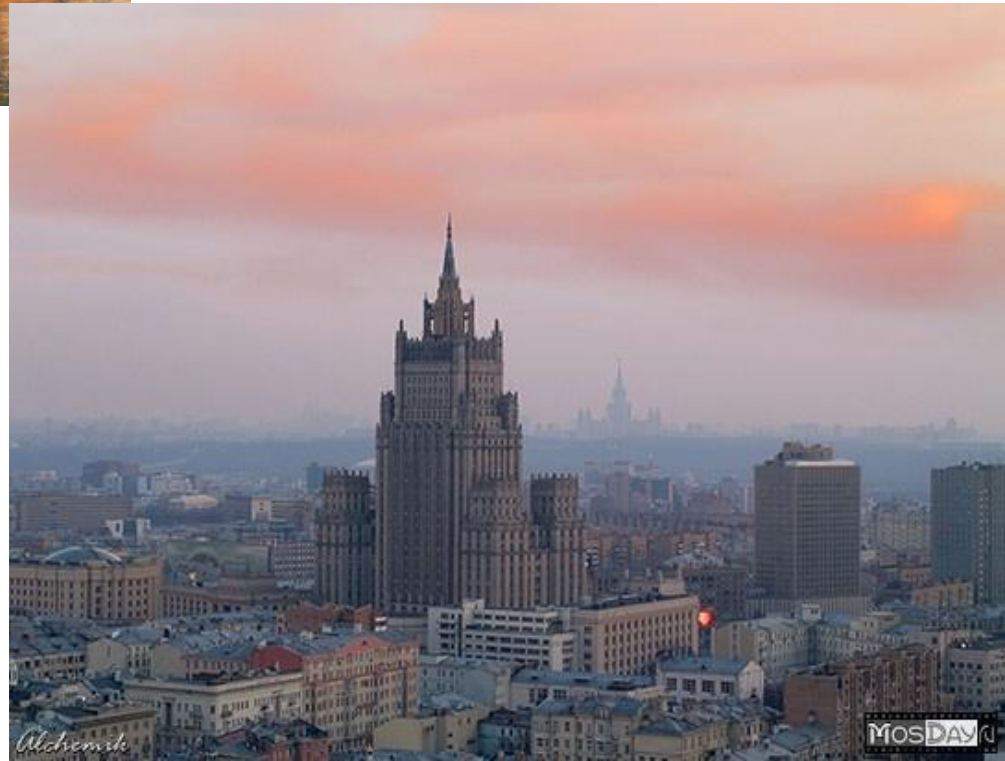
Why Moscow?



Moscow is an administrative, economic and academic center of Russia

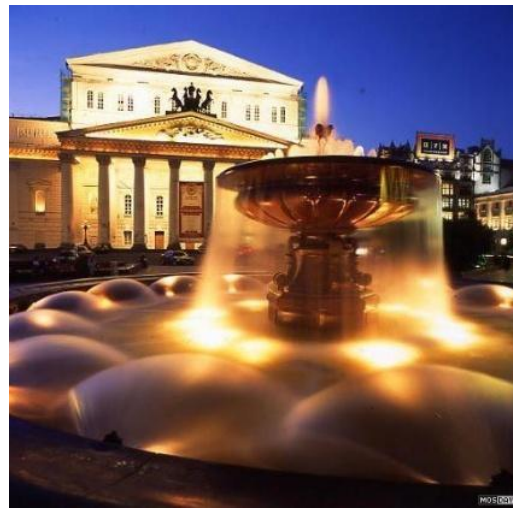


Russia's foreign policy community has traditionally been based in Moscow





Moscow is a worldwide
culture center





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Why MGIMO?



MGIMO Basic Facts

Founded in 1944

6300 students

1200 professors

30000 alumni

53 languages taught (The
Guinness Book of World Records)

13 schools and institutes

27 master programs



In fall 2014 MGIMO will
celebrate its 70th
anniversary



Each year about 150 MGIMO graduates enter the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and other governmental bodies

Founded in 1944 as a school to train future diplomats, MGIMO has educated about 30 000 specialists:

- Thousands of Soviet and Russian diplomats, about 500 Russian and foreign ambassadors
- 3 ministers of international relations (including Sergey Lavrov, current Russian MFA minister, Sergey Prikhodko, Assistant to the Russian President, Alexander Avdeev, Minister of Culture of Russia)
- Prominent scientists, politicians, businessmen, journalists etc.



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Russian International Studies Association



Russian International Studies Association (RISA) was founded December 22, 1999

RISA President is Anatoly Torkunov the Rector of MGIMO-University



There are currently more than 500 members in the association extending to 55 cities in Russia and 7 foreign countries

RISA membership is free of charge, which distinguishes it from other professional organizations. Admission of new members is highly selective



Since its establishment RISA has organized a number of international conferences, academic seminars and round tables

Together with International Studies Association six major international conventions on Russian foreign policy and international relations were organized



MGIMO – RESEARCH INSTITUTE

MGIMO is a leading Russian research center in the field of international studies. MGIMO research is widely acknowledged both by the Russian and the international community



Subdivisions of the Institute of International Studies MGIMO

Center for Global Problems
 Center for Post-Soviet Studies
 BRICS Center
 Center for Euro-Atlantic Security
 Center for Caucasian Studies
 Center for Middle East Studies
 Center for Regional Political Studies
 East Asia and The Shanghai
 Cooperation Organization Studies
 Center
 Civilization Studies Center
 Center for North European and Baltic
 Studies
 Center for Analytic Monitoring

MGIMO – RESEARCH INSTITUTE

MGIMO plays an active role in shaping Russia's foreign policy:

- MGIMO professors prepare reports concerning the most urgent topics of international development
- MGIMO participates in the work of the Academic Panel of Russian Security Council





MGIMO Academic Journals

- “MGIMO-University Journal” (*Vestnik MGIMO*)
- “Law and Governance. XXI Century”
- “Analytic Papers” of MGIMO Institute of International Research
- “All Europe.ru” Electronic Edition
- “Comparative Politics”
- “Eastern Europe. Prospects”
- “Moscow Journal of International Law”
- “International Trends”

MGIMO takes a number of initiatives in the field of diplomacy:

- MGIMO has initiated meetings of the Intergovernmental group on difficult issues of Russian-Polish relations history
- Quarterly MGIMO hosts the Neighbor Countries Ambassadors' Club, where ambassadors meet leading Russian politicians, civil servants and experts





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MGIMO – INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



There are 1200
international
students from more
than 50 foreign
countries in MGIMO





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MGIMO alumni become ministers and ambassadors in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Asia

- In October 2009 MGIMO Alumni Irina Bokova (Bulgaria) was elected UNESCO Director-General
- MGIMO Alumni Sukhbaataryn Batbold was appointed Mongolian Prime Minister
- In March 2010 Konstantin Grishenko became Foreign Minister of Ukraine





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There are more than 160 international cooperation agreements with foreign partners – universities and institutes in 57 countries



On September 25, 2006 the European Studies Institute (ESI) was established at MGIMO



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MGIMO is a member of a number of international associations, among which are:

- World International Studies Committee (WISC)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA)
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

MGIMO-UNA COOPERATION

Since 1997 MGIMO has closely worked with Russian United Nation Association



Russian UNA President is
Anatoly Torkunov

Since 1999 MGIMO has been hosting the Moscow International Model UN

Each year Model UN brings together more than 600 participants from all over the world





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Key MGIMO Events in 2000s



Russian International Studies Association
Conventions 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, and 2010



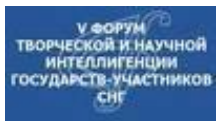
Russian Political Science Association
Congresses 2000, 2006



Moscow International Model United Nations (on
a yearly basis since 1999)



International Forum of Young Leaders GLOBE
2009, 2010, 2011



5th Forum of Creative and Academic
Intellectuals of the CIS Member States



Stanford US-Russia Forum 2010

Russia's Energy Forum (annual event)

Key MGIMO Speakers 2010/2011

Dmitry Medvedev, President of Russia

Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister of Russia

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General

Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General

Vinton Cerf, Google Vice President

Madeleine Albright, 64th U.S. Secretary
of State

Anders Fogh Rasmussen, NATO
Secretary General

Ted Turner, Founder of CNN

Navanethem (Navi) Pillay, United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights





MGIMO is a widely known institution in Russia and abroad capable of attracting prominent speakers and guests

Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs will deliver a keynote speech at the Fourth Global International Studies Conference 2014



Two special receptions for the Fourth Global International Studies Conference participants are to be held at Moscow City Hall and at MGIMO

MGIMO EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

MGIMO possesses the best conference equipment and facilities

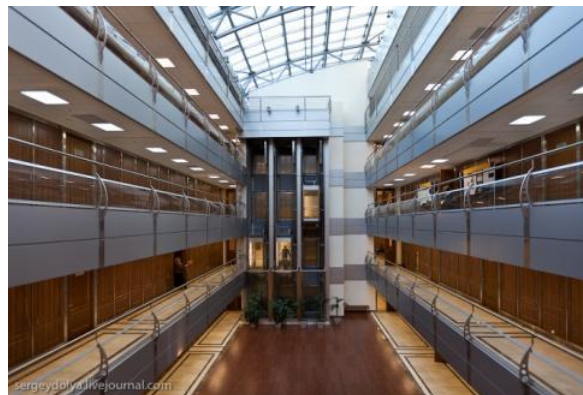
- Main Conference Hall for 1200 people
- 15 halls for up to 120 participants
- 50 rooms for up to 40 participants
- Various cafes, canteens, food court, restaurant on the premises
- WiFi coverage on the campus





MGIMO Main Conference Hall

MGIMO new building
was constructed in
2010 and offers
spacious conference
rooms and
auditoriums





ACCOMODATION

MGIMO is to provide two types of lodging for the conference participants:

- Hotels
- MGIMO residential halls on campus



HOTELS

MGIMO University has long collaborated with a number of Moscow hotels. The available hotel options for the conference are:

- Korston Hotel
- Astrus Hotel
- Salut Hotel
- Aminyevskaya Hotel
- Universitetskaya Hotel

Korston Hotel



- 4 Star Hotel
- 9 km distance from MGIMO
- 380 rooms
- Price from 180 euros per night



Astrus Hotel

- 3 Star Hotel
- 3 km distance from MGIMO
- 510 rooms
- Price from 90 euros per night
- MGIMO partner hotel
(discounts are available)



Salut Hotel



- 3 Star Hotel
- 4 km distance from MGIMO
- 1091 rooms
- Price from 80 euros per night
- Partner hotel (discounts are available)



Aminyevskaya Hotel

- 3 Star Hotel
- 6 km distance from MGIMO
- 223 rooms
- Price from 70 euros per night



Universitetskaya Hotel

- 3 Star Hotel
- 7 km distance from MGIMO
- 300 rooms
- Price from 40 euros per night



Local Transportation / Transfer

- Transfer from all hotels to MGIMO (up to 20 buses with a total number of 1200 seats) will be organized. These buses will be waiting at the hotel entrances for all the participants on time scheduled. It is a usual practice for Moscow concerning its size.



RESIDENTIAL HALL

The second option for young researchers is lodging in MGIMO residential hall on campus
MGIMO can accommodate up to 50 people in our hostel and in the hostel of our neighbor university (which is just across the road)





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VISA MATTERS

MGIMO will provide all the necessary visa support for the participants of the conference. MGIMO works directly with MFA and Russian consulates all over the world, and the university has special procedures that allow it to successfully solve all the matters concerning visas

Moreover, citizens of Turkey, Israel, CIS countries and many Latin American and Balkan countries don't need Russian visa



FUNDING

Special funds for scholars from developing countries will be secured

We would prioritize participants from
Central and South Asia





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MEDIA COVERAGE



Thanks to MGIMO and RISA media contacts the Fourth Global International Studies Conference will receive vast media coverage



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Thank you for your time!

