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Draft of the Course Programme
“Russia in Asia-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities”

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Course description

The course aims to initiate an in-depth and comprehensive discussion on Russia's policy in Asia-Pacific: its key priorities, trends and interim results along with issues and challenges it is currently encountering. The programme approaches the subject from an innovative perspective in order to encourage students' conceptual thinking by means of an extensive and interactive training.

The course starts with analyzing Russia's quest for a greater role in Asia-Pacific against the backdrop of prevailing global trends. Then it moves on to examine the trans-Pacific and Asia-Pacific vectors of Russia's regional multilateral diplomacy. Issues under consideration also embrace Russia's stance on the key regional security challenges and Russia's economic and political relations with main regional actors – China, Japan, North and South Korea and ASEAN. The course concludes with offering the innovative project “Siberia” as a new conceptual framework for Russia's Asia-Pacific strategy and assesses the most likely results the project – if implemented – will produce.

The Reading List given below each section is comprised of selected monographs, journal articles and on-line publications aimed to provide students with an in-depth, comprehensive and regularly updated analysis of issues under consideration. As time passes, the List is supplemented with new relevant materials.

The course runs in 3-4 modules. It is taught by Prof. Evgeny Kanaev, who writes extensively on current processes in individual countries and security challenges, as well as economic and security regionalism, in Asia-Pacific. In 2011 and 2012, Prof. Kanaev was among the co-authors of the analytical reports on the key findings of the First and Second Asia-Pacific Forums which had been tasked to develop Russia's strategy towards the APEC Summit in Vladivostok and later on assess its main results. In 2012, Prof. Kanaev was engaged in developing “Strategy of Trade and Investment Cooperation for Russia - ASEAN Dialogue Partnership”, commissioned at the request of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Expected Learning Outcomes

On completing the course, students will have:

- a comprehensive understanding of Russia's priorities and policies in Asia-Pacific;
- in-depth knowledge of debates within Russia's elite about how to best develop the Far East and Siberia;

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- a conceptual approach to Asia-Pacific multilateral economic and security cooperation and responds to key challenges to regional security from Russia's perspective;
- detailed knowledge of relations between Russia and its key Asia-Pacific partners;
- a thorough understanding of the project "Siberia" as an innovative conceptual framework for developing Far Eastern and Siberian territories.
- improved analytical and presentational skills.

Who Will Benefit by Attending This Course:

The course is strongly recommended for graduates who specialize in Asia-Pacific affairs and prepare for work in:

- Government agencies and business circles;
- Think-tanks and universities;
- International organizations and forums;
- Mass-media;
- Other spheres where an in-depth international policy analysis with relevance to Asia-Pacific is required.

Course structure

№	Topic	Department	Course hours	Academic hours			Self-instruction
				Lectures	Seminars	Practice	
<i>I</i>	<i>Part I. Trends of Global Development and Russia's Search for Influence in Asia-Pacific.</i>	IA					
1.1.	The Rise of Asia-Pacific in Global Politics and Economy: Main Drivers and Implications	IA					
1.2.	Russia in the Pacific: International Linkages and Regional Interests	IA					
1.3.	The Internal Dimension of Russia's Move East: Issues, Approaches and Debates	IA					
<i>II</i>	<i>Part II. Russia and Multilateral Cooperation: the Trans-Pacific and the East Asian Vector.</i>	IA					
2.1.	The Trans-Pacific Dialogue	IA					

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	Platforms in Russia's Foreign Policy Priorities (<i>APEC and the ASEAN Regional Forum</i>)						
2.2	The East Asian Dimension of Russia's Multilateral Diplomacy (<i>the East Asia Summit, ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting Plus Eight</i>)	IA					
2.3.	Russian Multilateral Diplomacy in Asia-Pacific: Assessing the Role of Track II (<i>Russian National Committee of Council for Security and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific, Russian International Affairs Council, Valdai Club, ASEAN Center in MGIMO-University</i>)	IA					
III	<i>Part III. Regional Security Challenges and Responds to Them: Russia's Perspective</i>	IA					
3.1	Russia and the North Korean Nuclear Issue	IA					
3.2	Russia and the Unification of the Korean Peninsula.	IA					
3.3	Russia and Regional Territorial Issues (<i>Russo-Chinese Border , the Kuril Islands and the South China Sea Issue</i>)	IA					
3.4.	The Asia-Pacific Track of Russia's Arms Transfers	IA					
3.5.	Russia and Asia-Pacific Energy Security	IA					
3.6.	Strengthening Asia-Pacific Food Security: Russia Current and Potential Contribution	IA					
IV	<i>Part IV. Russia's Relations with Main Regional Actors</i>	IA					
4.1.	Asia-Pacific Dimension of Russo-Chinese Relations: Issues, Solutions and Prospects	IA					
4.1.	Russia and Japan: Moving Beyond the Territorial Issue	IA					
4.2.	The Korean Peninsula in Current Russian Foreign Policy	IA					
4.3.	Russia and ASEAN: Trends, Issues, Tasks Ahead	IA					

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<i>V</i>	<i>Section 5. Developing an Innovative Approach: The Project “Siberia”</i>	IA					
5.1.	The Internal Vector: from Raw Material to Innovative Development Paradigm	IA					
5.2.	The External Dimension: from Isolation to Openness	IA					
	<i>In sum:</i>						

The Author’s Publications on the Issues under Consideration

In English:

1. Kanaev E., Sumsky V. Russia’s Arms Boom and Changing Priorities: Where Does Asia Stand? // Global Asia. Seoul, 2012. Vol. 7. N. 2. 46-51.
2. Kanaev E. The South China Sea Issue: A View from Russia. ASEAN-Russia: Foundations and Future Prospects. / Ed.by V.Sumsky, M.Hong, A Lugg. – Singapore, 2012. P. 97-109.
3. Kanaev E. Russia and APEC: Looking Back, Looking Forward. // Economic Research Institute of Northeast Asia (ERINA) Report. Tokyo, 2012. N. 104. P. 9-14.
4. Kanaev E., Sumsky V., Koldunova E. Russia’s Interests in the Context of Asia-Pacific Region Security and Development. M.: Izdatel’stvo “Prospect”, 2012.
5. Kanaev E., Amirov V., Chuftrin G., Dubinin Y., Lunev S., Luzyanin S., Mosyakov D., Orlov V., Petelin E., Stapran N., Sumsky V., Terekhov V., Tulinov B., Voskresensky A., Vorontsov A., Zevelev I. Sino-American Rivalry in Asia: Conclusions for Russia. // Security Index (International Edition). Moscow, 2012. N. 4 (101), P. 45-62.
6. Kanaev E. Gas Pipeline from Russia to South Korea: the Russian Dimension. Russian International Affairs Council Analysis. 6.09.2012.
http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/?id_4=770
7. Kanaev E. Tunnel Construction under the Bering Strait: a New Super Goal for the Russian Policy in APR? // Russian International Affairs Council Analysis. 6.03.2012.
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13. Kanaev E. The Driver's Seat Phenomenon. // International Affairs. Special Issue. Russia-ASEAN. M., 2010. P. 29-36.
14. Kanaev E. ASEAN's Leading Role in East Asian Multilateral Dialogue on Security Matters: Rhetoric versus Reality. // Russia-ASEAN Relations. New Directions / Ed. by Hong M., Chuftrin G.– Singapore: ISEAS, 2007. P.86-100.

In other foreign languages:

15. Канаев Е. Россия и проблема Южно-Китайского моря: в поисках оптимального подхода. // Южно-Китайское море: безопасность и развитие. – Ханой, Дипломатическая академия Вьетнама, 2012. С. 121-132. (*In Vietnamese*)

In Russian:

16. Канаев Е.А., Сумский В.В., Колдунова Е.В., Завадский М.С., Зиновьева М.С., Ионцев В.А., Киреева А.А., Лихачев В.Л., Луконин С.А., Менжулин Г.В., Новиков А.В., Прохорова Ю.А., Севастьянов С.В., Стапран Н.В. Азиатско-тихоокеанские ориентиры России после саммита АТЭС во Владивостоке. К итогам Второго азиатско-тихоокеанского форума. / Гл. ред. И.С.Иванов. – М.: Спецкнига, 2013.
17. Канаев Е.А., Сумский В.В., Колдунова Е.В. Интересы России в Азиатско-тихоокеанском регионе: безопасность и развитие. М.: Издательство «Перспект», 2012.
18. Канаев Е. Председательство России в АТЭС: приоритеты и готовность к их реализации. // Вестник аналитики. 2012. № 3 (49). С. 94-99.

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20. Канаев Е. Строительство тоннеля под Беринговым проливом: новая сверхзадача российской политики в АТР? // Российский совет по международным делам. Аналитика. 16.02.2012. http://russiancouncil.ru/?id_4=120
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23. Канаев Е. Итоги саммитов АТЭС в Йокогаме и G20 в Сеуле и интересы России. // Тихоокеанское обозрение 2010-2011. М.: РИСИ, 2012. С. 39-51.
24. Канаев Е., Мынкин Д. АСЕАН: итоги кризиса и перспективы сотрудничества с Россией. // Тихоокеанская Азия: экономические и политические последствия глобального финансового кризиса. / отв. ред. В.Б. Амиров, Е.А. Канаев, В.В. Михеев. – М.: ИМЭМО, 2010. – С. 82-103.
25. Канаев Е. Феномен ‘Driver’s Seat’. // Международная жизнь. М., 2010. № 10. С. 28-36.
26. Канаев Е. Россия, СНГ и АТЭС. // Россия и новые государства Евразии. М., 2009. № 3. С. 36-49.
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31. Канаев Е. Саммит АТЭС во Владивостоке: итоги и последствия для российской политики в АТР. // Север-Юг-Россия 2012 / Отв. ред. В.Г.Хорос. – М.: ИМЭМО, 2013.

Recommended Internet Resources

Government Agencies:

President of Russia

<http://eng.kremlin.ru/>

Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

http://www.mid.ru/brp_4.nsf/main_eng

Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

<http://www.economy.gov.ru/wps/wcm/connect/economylib4/en/home/>

Multilateral Organizations, Forums and Dialogue Platforms (Tracks I and II, with Relevance to Russia):

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

<http://www.apec.org/>

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

<http://www.asean.org/>

ASEAN Regional Forum

<http://aseanregionalforum.asean.org/>

Russian International Affairs Council

<http://russiancouncil.ru/en/>

The Council for Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific (CSCAP)

<http://www.cscap.org/>

The Council for Security Cooperation in Asia-Pacific (CSCAP). Russian National Committee

<http://cscap-russia.fondedin.ru/en>

Russia-ASEAN Business Council

<http://www.russia-asean.ru/en>

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ASEAN Center in MGIMO-University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

<http://www.asean.mgimo.ru/en>

Valdai Discussion Club

<http://valdaiclub.com/>

Media Resources:

The Voice of Russia

<http://english.ruvr.ru/>

RIA Novosti

<http://en.rian.ru/>

ITAR-TASS News Agency

<http://www.itar-tass.com/en/>

Interfax Information Services Group

<http://www.interfax.com/>

Russia Today

<http://rt.com/>

Institutions and Think-Tanks:

Australian Institute of International Affairs (Melbourne)

<http://www.aiaa.asn.au>

Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington)

<http://csis.org/>

China Institute of International Studies (Beijing)

<http://www.ciis.org.cn/english/index.htm>

Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (Beijing)

<http://www.cpifa.org/en/>

Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (Hanoi)

<http://www.dav.edu.vn/en/>

Indian Council of World Affairs (New Delhi)

<http://www.icwa.in/>

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore)

<http://www.iseas.edu.sg/>

Institute of World Economy and International Relations (Moscow)

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<http://www.imemo.ru/en/>

Jeju Peace Institute (Seogwipo City, Jeju, South Korea)

http://jpi.or.kr/index_en.html

Korea Institute for National Unification (Seoul)

<http://www.kinu.or.kr/eng/>

Selected On-line Reading Resources:

Asia Pacific Bulletin

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/publications/browse-all-series/asia-pacific-bulletin>

Asian Perspective

<http://www.asianperspective.org/>

Asia Times Online

<http://www.atimes.com/>

East Asia Forum

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/>

Eurasian Review

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/>

Global Asia

<http://www.globalasia.org/>

Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs

<http://hup.sub.uni-hamburg.de/giga/jsaa/index>

Security Challenges

<http://www.securitychallenges.org.au/>

Suggested research topics

1. Asia's Rise in Global Politics and Economy: Key Reasons and Outcomes.
2. Russia's Move East: Global Linkages and Regional Interests.
3. Russia's Position on the Unification of the Korean Peninsula: Continuity and Change.
4. ASEAN in Russia's Current Foreign Policy: Aspirations and Reality.
5. Russia and Japan: Are Politics and Economy Going Separate Ways?
6. Russia and APEC: Priorities, Limitations, Tasks Ahead.
7. Russia and the East Asia Summit: Key Reasons behind Joining and Interim Results.
8. Assessing Track II of Russian Diplomacy in Asia-Pacific: Aspirations and Constraints.
9. Assessing Transport Infrastructure in Russia's Far East and Siberia.
10. Prospects for Cooperation between Russia and its Asia-Pacific Neighbors in the Telecommunication Sector.
11. Aero-Space Technologies in Russia's Asia-Pacific Policy: Assessing Potential for Cooperation.

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12. Encouraging Investments in the Far Eastern and Siberian Infrastructure: Problems and Tasks Ahead.
13. The Present State and Prospects for Russian-Singaporean Relations.
14. Russia and South Korea: What Is – or What Can Be – the Modernization Alliance?
15. The Competitive Advantages of Russian Far East and Siberia: Main Industries and Sectors.
16. Cooperation between Russia and its Asia-Pacific Partners in the Agriculture Sector: Trends, Interim Results and Future Potential.
17. Relations between Russia and Thailand: Retrospect, Current Developments, Issues to Address.
18. Educational Exchanges in Asia-Pacific: Russia's Perspective.
19. Public and Cultural Cooperation: What Should Be Done to Forge Russia's "Brand Identity"?
20. The Social Dimension of the Project "Siberia".
21. What is – or What Can Be – Russia's Soft Power in Asia-Pacific?
22. Russia and the Six-Party Talks: Aspirations and Limitations
23. Russia and ASEAN's Policy towards the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in Southeast Asia.
24. Relations between Russia and South Korea: Trends, Issues, Tasks Ahead.
25. Building Maritime Security Regimes in the Pacific: Russia's connection.
26. Russia and China on the Korean Peninsula: Assessing Prospects for Cooperation.
27. Russia in the ASEAN Regional Forum: Priorities and Results.
28. Strengthening Food security in Asia-Pacific: Russia's Current and Potential Contribution.
29. The Project "Siberia": Objectives, Directions, Expected Results.
30. Russia and Vietnam: Deciphering the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
31. Main infrastructure projects in Southeast Asia: Russia's connection.
32. Prospects for Integrating Power Transmission Lines in Northeast Asia: Assessing Russia's Potential Contribution.
33. Russia and the South China Sea issue: in Search of a Problem-Solving Approach.
34. Cooperation between Russia and Laos: Trends, Issues, Outcomes.
35. Russo-Indonesian Relations: the Retrospect, Current Issues, Tasks Ahead.
36. The Project Siberia: Assessing the Role of Foreign Partners.
37. Sino-Russian Border Dispute: Issues and Solutions.
38. The Mass-Media Factor in Relations between Russia and its Asia-Pacific Partners.
39. Transferring part of the capital's functions to Siberian or Far Eastern Cities: Promises and Pitfalls.
40. Developing the Trans-Siberian Railway and the Northern Sea Route: Possibilities and Limitations.

Examination questions

1. Asia-Pacific as an Area of Great Power Rivalry: Contradictions vs Cooperative Mechanisms.
2. Strategic Imperatives for Sino-American Maritime Competition in the Pacific: Russia's Connection.
3. The Development of Russian Far East and Siberia in late XIX – Early XXI Century: Phases, Directions, Outcomes.
4. Russia and North Korea: Interests, Aspirations and Reality.
5. Biotechnologies as an Area of Cooperation between Russia and its Asia-Pacific Neighbors.
6. Relations between Russia and Vietnam: the Changing Agenda.

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7. Russia and China on the Korean Peninsula: Assessing Prospects for Cooperation.
8. The Discourse of Connectivity in Russia-ASEAN Relations.
9. Russia and the Trilateral Cooperation on the Korean Peninsula: Plans and Outcomes.
10. Main Infrastructure Projects in Russian Far East and Siberia in 2000s – Early 2010s.
11. The “Competition of Soft Powers” in Asia-Pacific: Is There a Place for Russia?
12. Assessing the Role of Track II Platforms in Russia’s Multilateral Diplomacy in Asia-Pacific.
13. The Management of Water Resources as an Area of Russo-Chinese Cooperation: Main Directions and Potential.
14. The Transport and Logistics Infrastructure of Russia’s Far East and Siberia: Current State and Tasks Ahead.
15. Russia and the South China Sea issue: Developing an Optimum Policy Course.
16. Russian Leadership’s Approaches towards Developing the Far East and Siberia: Main Discourses and Debates.
17. Russia and ASEAN Centrality in Multilateral Dialogue Platforms in Asia-Pacific and East Asia.
18. Assessing Migration Trends in Russian Far East and the Siberia: Reasons, Dynamics and Outcomes.
19. Food Security in Asia-Pacific: Central Issues and Russia’s Potential Contribution.
20. Russia’s Arms Export in Asia-Pacific: Implications for Regional Security.
21. Cooperation between Russia and Indonesia: Main Areas and Outcomes.
22. Russia and the Transpacific Partnership and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership: Issues and Approaches.
23. The Development of Energy Infrastructure in Russian Far East and Siberia: Directions and Projects.
24. The Gas Pipeline from Russia to South Korea: Trends, Challenges and Prospects.
25. Cooperation between Russia and China: the Energy Dimension.
26. Economic Cooperation between Russia and Japan: Achievements and Limitations.
27. The Kuril Islands Issue in Russo-Japanese Relations: the Retrospect and Current Developments.
28. Main Target Development Programmes Focusing on Russian Far East and Siberia: Plans vs Results.
29. Russia and Vietnam: the Realization of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
30. The Innovative Vector of Russia-ASEAN Cooperation: Directions and Outcomes.
31. Myanmar in Current Russian Policy: Issues and Solutions.
32. Russian Far East and Siberia: Assessing the Economic Potential for Integration in Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation.
33. Energy Security in Northeast Asia: the Russian Connection.
34. Food Production and Consumption in Asia-Pacific: Trends and Issues.
35. Relations between Russia and South Korea: trends, issues and prospects.
36. Main Reasons for the Emergence of an Urban Civilization in Russian Far East and Siberia.
37. Russia’s Approach towards the North Korean Nuclear Issue.
38. The APEC Summit in Vladivostok: Agenda, Results, Implications for Russia’s Asia-Pacific Policy.
39. Russia-ASEAN Free Trade Area: Possibilities and Limitations.
40. The Role of Public-Private Partnership in Developing Russia’s Far East and Siberia.