



International Conference

«THE WORLD OCEAN - A SPACE FOR COOPERATION AND
COMPETITION»

Dedicated to the memory of the Fleet Admiral of the Soviet Union S.G. Gorshkov

Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences holds the first Russian International Science Conference focused on complex analysis of long-term trends and international issues of economic, military and other activities in the Oceans. The Conference is aimed to analyze political and economic issues of the Oceans exploration as resources generator and the space for trade and social interaction as well as to adapt the theoretical framework of Fleet Admiral of the Soviet Union S.G. Gorshkov, who considered the Oceans to be the space of peaceful cooperation and competition.

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Moscow Time (GMT+3)

December, 2

10.30 – 11.00 Welcome Coffee

11.00 – 12.40 Plenary Session

Welcome addresses and opening remarks encompassing political and economic issues of Sea Space Studies and the role of Admiral Gorshkov.

Speakers:

Dr. Alexander Dynkin

Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky

Adm. Viktor Chirkov

Mr. Alexey Rakhmanov

Vadm. Alexandr Balyberdin

Radm. K Raja Menon

Amb. D B Venkatesh Varma

Dr. Nikolay Kosolapov

12.40 — 13.00 Presentation of the regular report ‘The IMEMO Sea Power’s Rankings 2021’

13.00 — 13.45 — Lunch

13.45 — 16.30 Session 1.

Theoretical Issues of the Sea Space Economics and Politics

It was the early 19th century when the theoretical analysis of economic and political processes in the Oceans through spatial approach took place, but over the years this area of study has become one of the most promising ones in the Social Science. How does the perception of sea spaces differ in Western and Oriental cultures? What factors have an impact on this perception? How does social, economic and political interaction process in sea spaces?

Moderators: Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov, Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov

Speakers:

1. Dr. Irina Prokhorenko (Russia): Opportunities of the spatial approach in the study of the World Ocean
2. Dr. Cesar Ducruet (France): Maritime network analysis in social and natural sciences
3. Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov (Russia): The Construction of Ocean Space
4. Captain (Dr.) Gurpreet S Khurana (India): ‘Indo-Pacific’ Concept: An Indian Perspective?

5. Admiral Cem Gürdeniz (Turkey): 'Mavi Vatan' Doctrine
6. Dr Marcelo Bezerra (Brazil, Russia): Brazil: Security and Cooperation in the Geostrategic Space of the South Atlantic
7. Dr Dmitriy Tulupov (Russia): The evolution of the conceptual perception of the Arctic in military, political and economic terms, 1880-1930s
8. Dr C Raja Mohan (Singapore): Asia's rise and the new Maritime geopolitics
9. Dr Vladislav Zagashvili (Russia): Maritime activities amid slowing globalization

16.30 — 16.45 — Coffee Break

16.45 — 19.00 Session 2.

Admiral S.G. Gorshkov and Maritime Thought: The Cold War and Afterward

The session is focused on analyzing Admiral Gorshkov's influence on Maritime Thought and Policies during the Cold War and afterwards and the evolution of the role of maritime powers in key regions of the World Ocean.

Moderators: Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov, Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov, Dr. Pavel Timofeyev

Speakers:

1. Dr. Alexey Kilichenkov (Russia): Admiral Gorshkov's Navy in the assessments of Western historiography of the Cold War
2. Colonel (Dr.) Vasily Kiknadze (Russia): The invisible front in the World Ocean: the development of the Soviet naval intelligence during the Cold War
3. Dr. Pragya Pandey (India): History and Geopolitics in the Indian Ocean Region: An overview
4. Dr. German Gigolaev (Russia): Maritime Law and International Security: 1958-1973
5. Mr. Alexandre Sheldon Duplaix (France): The French Navy 1945-1991: force projection and deterrence
6. Dr. Petr Topychkanov (Sweden): The Indian Ocean role in the US-Soviet nuclear competition: the significance of the Cold War legacy now
7. Dr. Leonardo da Costa Ferreira, Mario Afonso Massiere y Correa de Moraes Lima (Brazil): The Brazilian Navy and the Cold War: opportunity, development and technology

8. Lieutenant Commander Jeremy McKenzie (USA): US Arctic policy from Nixon to Trump

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09.30 – 10.00 – Welcome Coffee

10.00 — 13.00 Session 3.

Maritime Security: Trends and Risks

Leading old and new maritime powers are implementing massive programs of naval development with the Oceans being still an arena for military-political and military-technological competition. How are the US and NATO Member States, China, Russia, India and other powers constructing their naval strategy today? Which spheres of interaction and sea spaces will be engaged into the new phase of struggle for leadership? What are the strategic priorities of the most powerful maritime security actors?

Moderators: Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky, Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov, Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov

Speakers:

1. Commodore Lalit Kapur (India): Maritime Security in a Globalised World
2. Dr. Hu Bo (China): Sea Power in 21st century
3. Mr. Michael Kofman (USA): Evolution of US naval strategy and its current state
4. Dr. David Brewster (Australia): Changing Strategic Dynamics in the Indian Ocean
5. Prof. Tetsuo Kotani (Japan): Maritime Security Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific
6. Dr. Vijay Sakhuja (India): Maritime Security Complexes in the Indian Ocean
7. Dr. Shishir Upadhyaya (India): Maritime security: the role for AUKUS and Quad
8. Dr. Dmitry Gorenburg (USA): Russia-China Naval Cooperation: A View from the US
9. Prof. Andrey Zagorskiy (Russia): The Arctic in the context of NATO-Russia deterrence
10. Dr. Lukasz Stach (Poland): Maritime Piracy in Southeast Asia – real problem or minor inconvenience?
11. Dr. Evgeny Irza (Russia): Maritime Security: Piracy and Terrorism

13.00 — 13.45 – Lunch

13.45 — 16.30 Session 4.

‘Blue Economy’: sea routes and resources

Sea trade has become the main instrument of globalization being the main incentive to implement massive maritime infrastructure projects and to develop new sea routes. The exploration and exploitation of marine resources and the shelf has become a development key source for many countries. What are the prospects for global and regional maritime trade? Where are the largest investments flowing? What is the essence of regional features related to national and corporate strategies to develop the maritime economy?

Moderator: Dr. Stanislav Zhukov

Speakers:

1. Dr. Vladimir Varnavskiy (Russia): Marine transport and logistics infrastructure: global development trends and prospects
2. Dr. Galina Baturova, Dr. Mikhail Konovalov, Mikhail Kotenev (Russia): Priority areas of maritime activities of the Russian Federation
3. Capt. Anurag Bisen (India): Prospects of maritime cooperation between India and Russia in Indian Ocean Region and the Northern Sea Route
4. Luiza Brodt (Russia, USA): The development of Arctic offshore oil and gas resources in Russia: energy policy updates and new activities by companies
5. Dr. Valeriy Zhuravel (Russia): The main prospects and guidelines for the Arctic development till 2035.
6. Dr. Natalia Stapran (Russia): The economic potential of the ‘blue economy’: international initiatives and national approaches
7. Dr. Maria Kolesnikova (Russia): Blue economy as a basis for the management for the World Ocean
8. Dr. Valeriya Minchichova, Dr. Elizaveta Oglobina (Russia): Regional Initiatives as a Factor in the Development of the Blue Economy
9. Dr. Alexey Zakharov (Russia): India's way to the Blue Economy: Key Priorities
10. Prof. Thean Potgieter (South Africa): South African blue economy realities: governance, security and COVID-19

11. Gleb Sugakov (Russia): Fisheries and Aquaculture Development in West Africa: An Opportunity for Russia?

16.30 — 16.45 — Coffee Break

16.45 — 19.00 Session 5.

Law of the Sea: Global and Regional Issues of Governance

Issues of international governance and political regulation of maritime activities are of higher importance in the view of increasing economic, military and scientific exploration of the Oceans with international competition gaining momentum. International conventions and treaties governing the actions of states in the Oceans do not fully fit the altering circumstances. Nevertheless, the maritime law continues to play a critical role in both prevention and resolution of many conflict situations. What are the prospects of this system? What are the main obstacles to implementing the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea? What strategies do the leading states use in this field?

Moderators: Dr. Pavel Gudev, Dr. Andrey Todorov

Speakers:

1. Dr. Zhang Xinjun (China): International Law and the Passage of Foreign Warships through the Taiwan Strait.
2. Prof. Erik Franckx (Belgium): Recent International Case Law and the Notion of Single Maritime Boundary: Quo vadis?
3. Dr. Andrey Todorov (Russia): The role and activities of the International Seabed Authority (ISA)
4. Dr. Susanne LaLonde (Canada): The legal status of the Northwest Passage: Understanding what is at stake?
5. Tatyana Shuvalova (Russia): Rebooting Approaches to Conservation of Marine Biodiversity: On the Future UN Agreement on the Conservation of Marine Biodiversity in Zones Outside National Jurisdictions.
6. Dr. Jan Jakub Solski (Norway): Thinking of the limits of Article 234 of UNCLOS through the lens of sovereignty
7. Dr. Alexander Vylegzhanin (Russia): Typical distortions of the legal regime of the Arctic seas in the English-language scientific literature.

8. Dr. Pavel Gudev (Russia): Erosion of the Antarctic legal regime