

List of speakers

Plenary session:

Alexander Dynkin – D.Sc. (Economics), Professor. President of the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Full Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Academician Secretary of the Division for Global Issues and International Relations of RAS, Member of the Presidium of RAS. Research area: issues of global development, economic growth, forecasting, energy, international comparisons, patterns of innovative development, international relations and international security.

Feodor Voitlovsky — D.Sc. (Politics). Director of the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Fields of research: US foreign and security policy; US policy in Pacific Asia and Europe; Russian-American relations; global governance and transformations of the international order; the role of ideas in world politics.

Viktor Chirkov – Admiral (Retd). Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy (2012-2016). Chief Adviser to the President of the United Shipbuilding Corporation (for military shipbuilding). Member of the Maritime Collegium under the Government of the Russian Federation.

Alexey Rakhmanov – General Director of the United Shipbuilding Corporation. Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Military-Industrial Commission of the Russian Federation for shipbuilding. Chairman of the Expert Council for the Development of the Shipbuilding Industry and Marine Engineering under the State Duma Committee on Economic Policy, Industry, Innovative Development and Entrepreneurship. Vice-President of the Association "League for Assistance to Defense Enterprises". Co-chairman of the Russian-Finnish Business Council. Chairman of the Russian-South Korean Business Council.

Alexandr Balyberdin – Vice Admiral (Red). PhD (Economics). Director of the Director of the Institute for Integrated Research of National Maritime Policy of MIREA – Russian Technological University. Former executive secretary of the Marine Collegium under the Government of the Russian Federation.

K Raja Menon – Rear Admiral (Retd), Indian Navy. He was the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Operations). Rear Admiral Menon headed the group that wrote the Indian Navy's New Maritime Strategy. Author of numerous books on strategy.

D B Venkatesh Varma – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to Russian Federation (2018-2021).

Nikolay Kosolapov – PhD (History), Head of the Department of International Political Problems and of the Sector of of Systemic Problems of International Relations, IMEMO RAS.

Presentation of the regular report «The IMEMO Sea Power’s Rankings 2021»

Alexander Polivach – PhD (Economics), Senior Researcher of the Section for the International Monetary and Financial Relations, Department of Global Economic Problems and Foreign Economic Policy, IMEMO RAS.

Session 1. Theoretical Issues of the Sea Space Economics and Politics:

Irina Prokhorenko – PhD (Politics), Head of the Sector of International Organizations and Global Political Regulation, Department of International Political Problems (IMEMO RAS). She is one of the leading experts on political space issues.

Cesar Ducruet – PhD (Geography), Senior researcher at CNRS / EconomiX. Research interests: geography and regional science, network analysis, ports and maritime transport, supply chain integration, territorial development, health.

Alexey Kupriyanov – PhD (history), Head of the Group on South Asia and Indian Ocean, Center for Asia Pacific Studies (IMEMO RAS). Research interests: historical and current trends in the Indo-Pacific region, postcolonial studies, maritime spaces’ issues.

Gurpreet S. Khurana – Captain (Dr.), PhD, Indian Navy, Head, Centre of Excellence (Indo-Pacific and China Maritime Studies), Maritime Warfare Centre, Naval Base Visakhapatnam (India); Visiting Professor, Naval War College (NWC), Goa. Author of numerous books and articles on the Indo-Pacific.

Cem Gürdeniz — Cem Gürdeniz — Rear Admiral (Retd.), Turkish Naval Forces, the Founding Director of Hamit Naci Bluehomeland Foundation. He is the author of a number of books and articles on the maritime security issues and sea spaces theory.

Marcelo Bezerra – PhD (Politics), lecturer at MGIMO MFA of Russia. Research interests: foreign policy of Latin American countries, security issues, theory of international relations.

Dmitry Tulupov – PhD (History), Associate Professor, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University. Research interests: foreign policy of the European states, military security, theory of informational analysis and the military-political forecasting.

C Raja Mohan – PhD (International Relations), Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. Professor Mohan is one of the leading commentators on India's foreign policy, author of a number of books and articles on the Indo-Pacific issues.

Vladislav Zagashvili – PhD (Economics), Professor. Head of Sector for the Foreign Economic Policy, Department of Global Economic Problems and Foreign Economic Policy, IMEMO RAS. Fields of scientific interest: economic globalisation, international trade, national economic interests, foreign economic policy.

Session 2. Admiral S.G. Gorshkov and Maritime Thought: The Cold War and Afterward

Alexey Kilichenkov – PhD (History), Professor of RSUH. One of the leading experts on the history of the Cold War at sea, the author of numerous publications on this topic. Sphere of interests: the military history of Russia of the 20th century, foreign historiography of the military history of the USSR.

Vladimir Kiknadze – Colonel (Retd.), PhD (History), associate professor. Editor-in-chief of the "Science. Society. Defense" journal, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Rocket and Artillery Sciences. Author of numerous books and articles on the history of the Soviet and Russian Navy.

Pragya Pandey – PhD (International Relations), Research Fellow at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). Areas of research: Indo-Pacific, Indian Ocean, maritime security, regional geopolitics, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island.

German Gicolaev – PhD (History), Deputy Director, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World History RAS. Areas of research: modern history, history of international relations, history of the Cold War, history of Italy, history of the law of the sea and maritime policy.

Alexandre Sheldon-Duplaix – historian, lecturer at the Collège Interarmées de Défense, research fellow of History service of Ministry of defense of France, MA in History, MA in Pol.Sc., Ph.D student in University Paris 1 Sorbonne. Author of numerous works on the history of the French Navy and the history of the Cold War at sea.

Petr Topychkanov – PhD (History), Senior Researcher in the SIPRI Nuclear Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation Programme. Petr works on issues related to the history of India and Pakistan, the nuclear nonproliferation, disarmament, arms control, and impact of new technologies on nuclear deterrence.

Leonardo da Costa Ferreira — PhD (History), Professor at Escola Naval da Marinha do Brasil. Author of numerous books and articles on naval history.

Mario Afonso Massiere y Correa de Moraes Lima - historian and political scientist. Areas of research: international conflicts, military security issues, regional integration.

Jeremy McKenzie – U.S. Coast Guard Officer (Retd). He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. He is an expert in security, policy and issues the problems of climate change in the Arctic.

Session 3. Maritime Security: Trends and Risks

Lalit Kapur – Commodore (Retd), Indian Navy. Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy of the Delhi Policy Group. His interests include International Relations, human resource development and military history. Author of the numerous published articles.

Hu Bo – PhD (Politics), Research Professor, School of International Studies, Peking University; Director of the Center for Maritime Strategy Studies, Peking University. His areas of specialization include maritime strategy, international security, and Chinese diplomacy. He has written three books and dozens of articles and book chapters on topics related to China's maritime strategy and policy.

Michael Kofman – Research Program Director in the Russia Studies Program at CNA, Fellow at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, DC. His research focuses on the Russian defence policy and military thought.

David Brewster – PhD, Senior Research Fellow of the National Security College, Australian National University. Author of numerous books and articles on security issues in the Indian Ocean region and Indian foreign policy. Sphere of interests: security problems in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific, defence policy of India.

Tetsuo Kotani - Professor of global studies at Meikai University, Senior fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). His research focus is Japan's foreign and security policy and international relations and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region. He has published numerous articles.

Vijay Sakhuja — PhD, former Indian navy officer. He served as a Director (Research) at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and has been on the research faculty of a number of think tanks, including ORF, IDSA and USI. For three years headed the Indian National Maritime Foundation. Author of numerous books and articles on maritime economics and maritime security.

Shishir Upadhyaya – Commander (Rtd), Indian Navy, PhD (Maritime Studies). Professor and Dean at Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA). Research areas: international relations, Indo-Pacific security.

Dmitry Gorenburg – PhD (Political Science), Senior Research Scientist in the Strategy, Policy, Plans, and Programs division of CNA, an associate at the Harvard University Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Author of numerous books and articles on Russian interior and defense policy.

Andrey Zagorskiy — PhD (History), Head of Department for Disarmament and Conflict Resolution Studies, Center for International Security, IMEMO RAS. Area of research interests: Russian foreign policy, European security, post-Soviet studies, arms control and nonproliferation, international regulation and security in the Arctic.

Lukasz Stach – PhD (Political Science), political scientist, expert in maritime security in Southeast Asia. Adjunct of Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Institute of the Middle and Far East.

Evgeny Irza — PhD (Military), Captain 1st Rank, Professor of the Department of Combat Training and Ship Control of the Kuznetsov Naval Academy. He served as commander of the 2nd Anti-Submarine Warfare Division (Northern Fleet).

Session 4. «Blue Economy»: sea routes and resources

Vladimir Varnavskiy — PhD (Economics), Head of Sector for Structural Policy and Competitiveness, Center for Industrial and Investment Studies, IMEMO RAS. Areas of research interests: world economy, public-private partnership, competitiveness, investment processes, state and municipal administration.

Galina Baturova – PhD (Economy), Deputy Director of the Center for Research of Maritime Activities, the Arctic and Antarctic, Institute for Integrated Research of National Maritime Policy of MIREA – Russian Technological University.

Alexey Konovalov – PhD (Technical Sciences), Deputy Director of the Institute for Integrated Research of National Maritime Policy of MIREA – Russian Technological University, Head of the Center for Research of Maritime Activities, the Arctic and Antarctic.

Mikhail Kotenev – Deputy Director of the Institute for Integrated Research of National Maritime Policy of MIREA – Russian Technological University, Head of the Center for Comprehensive Research of National Maritime Security.

Anurag Bisen – Captain. serving officer of Indian Navy. He has commanded a Project 977 EKM Class missile submarine. Capt Bisen has recently joined the MP-IDSAs as a Research Fellow, after having served in the National Security Council Secretariat for 8 years, since 2013, as a Senior Defence Specialist. In the NSCS, he has worked on all maritime issues affecting national security including maritime

boundary and legal issues, Indo-Pacific, Indian Ocean Region, Maritime and Coastal Security and Polar Issues. He was instrumental in drafting India's draft Arctic Policy.

Luiza Brodt - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Novosibirsk State University, researcher in the Arctic Policy working group of the Stanford Russian-American Forum.

Valeriy Zhuravel – PhD (Pedagogy), Assistant Professor. Leading scientific researcher, Department of Country studies, Head of Center for Arctic studies IE RAS. Research interests: strategy, politics and international cooperation in the Arctic Council, defense and security in the Arctic, development of the Russian Arctic zone.

Natalia Stapan – PhD (History), director of the Department for Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects of the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia

Marina Kolesnikova - Scientific Researcher of the Department of Black Sea-Mediterranean Studies of the IE RAS. Scope of scientific interests: EU maritime policy; Black Sea and Mediterranean directions of the EU maritime policy; the EU Integrated Maritime Policy, the Blue Economy and the Blue Growth; the maritime economy of the Mediterranean countries of the EU; international and regional cooperation in the EU maritime sector in the Mediterranean region; the scientific and information support of programs and projects of the EU in the maritime sphere.

Valeriya Minchichova – PhD (Economics), Associate professor. Deputy Director of the Institute of financial literacy, Financial University, Moscow.

Elizaveta Ogloblina – PhD (Economics), Associate professor. Department of World Economy and International Business, Faculty of International Economic Relations, Financial University, Moscow.

Alexey Zakharov – PhD (History), Research Fellow at the Department of International Relations, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Research Fellow at the Center for Indian Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies RAS. Research interests: Indian foreign policy, Russian-Indian and American-Indian relations, international relations in South Asia, the concept of the Indo-Pacific.

Thean Potgieter – Professor, Chief Director Research at the South African National School of Government. He is a Research Fellow with the Centre for Military Studies (CEMIS) Stellenbosch University. Previous experience includes Director CEMIS and service in the South African Navy. He holds a DPhil from Stellenbosch University and has vast teaching, research and publication experience.

Gleb Sugakov – Researcher, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, Institute for African Studies RAS.

Session 5. Law of the Sea: Global and Regional Issues of Governance

Zhang Xinjun – professor of Tsinghua University, PhD. Member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law. His main research interests are in the law of the sea, international dispute settlement, theories of international law.

Erick Franckx – professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (V.U.B.), acting President of the Belgian Society of International Law. He is appointed by Belgium as: expert in marine scientific research for use in special arbitration under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982 Convention); expert in maritime boundary delimitation to the International Hydrographic Organization; arbitrator under the 1982 Convention.

Andrey Todorov – PhD (Law), Senior Research Fellow of the Section for Non-Proliferation and Arms Limitation, Center for International Security, IMEMO RAS. Research interests: maritime law, regulation of various activities in the Arctic, issues of cooperation and security in the Arctic.

Susanne LaLonde – Professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea at the Law Faculty of the Université de Montréal. PhD (Public International Law), author of numerous articles on the Law of the Sea and sovereignty, with an emphasis on the Arctic. A member of the Canadian Arctic Security Working Group.

Tatyana Shuvalova – Director of the Regulation of Environmental Protection and Nature Management Program with WWF-Russia.

Jan Jakub Solski — PhD (Law), a Postdoc Research Fellow at the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS), UiT – the Arctic University of Norway. His current research interests concern the development of Arctic shipping regulations; law and practice of emerging users of the NSR; Russia's influence on international legal and political processes.

Alexander Vylegzhanin – Professor, PhD (Law). Head of the International Law Department, MGIMO MFA of Russia. Member of the Scientific Committee of the Governmental Marine Board of the Russian Federation. His major research interests are: General International Law, International Law of the Sea, Legal Regime of Natural Resources, Territory and Territorial Sovereignty, International Boundaries, the Arctic.

Pavel Gudev – PhD (History), Head of the Group for the Research of the US and Canadian Ocean Policy, Center for North American Studies, IMEMO RAS. Research interests: Ocean Policy, Global Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Maritime Security, Arctic politics.