

PROGRAMME
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT SEMINAR
“THE AMERICAN FACTOR IN RUSSIA-INDIA RELATIONS IN THE ARCTIC”
MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Venue: conference hall of the Hotel Artcourt Moscow Center (4*)</p> <p>Language: Russian, English, simultaneous interpreting</p>	
09:00-9:30	Registration (Hotel Artcourt Moscow Center, 7 Voznesensky lane, conference hall, floor 1)
9:30-10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony & Plenary Session. Challenges and Prospects of International Cooperation in the North.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Alexey Kupriyanov</i>, Ph.D in History, Head of Centre Center of the Indo-Pacific Region, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences.</p> <p>Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of India to the Russian Federation.</p> <p><i>Dr. Kirill Babaev</i>, Doctor of Philology, Director of the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.</p> <p><i>Dr. Natalia Tsvetkova</i>, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Acting Director of the Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.</p> <p><i>Sergey Orlov</i>, Deputy Executive Director of the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, Moscow.</p> <p><i>Anton Kovshov</i>, Ph.D, Advisor to Rector’s Office, Director of the Arctic Centre, Petrozavodsk State University, Petrozavodsk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book launch session.</p> <p>Special Issue of Strategic Analysis, “Changing Dynamics in the Arctic: Actors and Alliances”. <i>Dr. Uttam Kumar Sinha</i>, Senior Fellow, Managing Editor, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, New Delhi.</p>
10:30-12:20	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion. Real and Alleged Risks of Indo-Russian Cooperation in the Arctic in the Context of US and Western sanctions.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dr. Alexander Sergunin</i>, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Director of the Center for Arctic Research and Projects, RANEPa St. Petersburg.</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current state and perspectives of dialogue between Delhi and Washington. The role of India's 'strategic autonomy'. Indian political

leadership's position on tariff policy, environmental issues, and territorial claims of the 47th President of the United States. Greenlandic Issue.

- Indo-Russian cooperation in the field of icebreaker construction: a forced step or promising interaction?
- The Northern Sea Route and the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor: geopolitical, economic and institutional aspects of development and utilisation.
- Activities of environmental NGOs in the Arctic and North Atlantic from the perspective of Russian and Indian expert community.
- Dynamics of relations between New Delhi and Ottawa. On the situation of the Indian diaspora in Canada and Canadian politicians of Indian origin.
- Political strategies of Nordic states towards the Indo-Pacific Region: challenges for Russia.

Guest speakers:

Factors Influencing the India's Arctic Policy. *Dr. Valery Konyshev*, Doctor of Political Science, Head of the Department of Comparative Political Studies, Faculty of International Relations and Politics, RANEPA St. Petersburg.

Opportunities for Indo-Russian Cooperation in the Face of Northern Sea Route Challenges for India. *Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan*, AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director-General, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi.

The Transarctic Transport Corridor: Developing Logistics Supply Chains to Deliver Arctic Hydrocarbon Raw Materials to Asian Markets. *Mikhail Grigoryev*, co-owner and Director of GECON consulting company, Senior Research Fellow, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences.

Pan-Arctic Cooperation with Global Inclusion: Addressing Urgencies Across Security-to-Sustainability Time Scales. *Professor Paul Arthur Berkman*, Science Diplomacy Center, USA. (online)

Canada and Non-Arctic Actors in The Arctic Region. *Natalia Vyakhireva*, PhD (Political Sciences), Senior Research Fellow, Head of the Canadian Department, Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

Efficacy of Sanctions in Indo-Russia Relations in Today's Geopolitical Landscape. *Dr. Rakhra Kanica*, Assistant Professor for International Relations and Global Affairs, Kautilya School of Public Policy, Hyderabad.

The Indian Lobby and The Trump Administration Foreign Policy: Risks for Russian-Indian Relations. *Dr. Alexander Sergunin*, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Director of the Center for Arctic Research and Projects, RANEPA St. Petersburg.

Discussion (20 min)

12:20-12:40	coffee break
12:40-14:20	Panel Discussion. India-Russia trade and economic relations. Prospects for joint development of new logistics chains.

Moderator: *Kirill Likhachev*, Ph.D in History, Associate Professor, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Discussion points:

- Maritime ‘Amrit Kaal Vision 2047’. Joint development of new logistics chains, including the North-South corridor and the Northern Sea Route, as well as other projects involving Russia and India.
- Functioning of India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Cooperation for NSR collaboration.
- The potential for the joint construction of processing facilities near the NSR, including the utilisation of state support mechanisms in the Arctic.
- The enhancement of expertise to address the challenges of regulating energy markets, with a focus on the regional specifics of both countries.

Guest speakers:

Logistics Issues of Russian Oil Supplies to India. *Dr. Andrey Krivorotov*, Doctor of Economics, Head of the Department of Innovation Management, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences.

India-Russia and Connectivity: Prospects of INSTC. *Dr. Uttam Kumar Sinha*, Senior Fellow, Managing Editor, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

Prospects for Russia-India Cooperation in the Arctic Logistics Development. *Dr. Mikhail Vasekha*, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Head of the Department of Marine Oil and Gas Engineering, Murmansk Arctic University, Murmansk.

New Opportunities and future Prospects for India-Russia cooperation in the Arctic and Russian Far East. *Dr. Bipandeep Sharma*, Ph.D, Research Analyst at the Non-Traditional Security Centre at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

Infrastructure and Logistics Planning in Russia and India: The Potential for Interaction. *Alexander Kotov*, PhD in Economics, Senior Research Fellow, German Studies Centre, Head of the Germany’s Economy Sector, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Glenn Diesen, Professor at the Department of Business, History and Social Sciences, University of South-Eastern Norway (online).

Discussion (20 min)

14:20-14:50	coffee break
15:00-16:45	<p>Panel Discussion. Cases, research and tools of Government-Business-Indigenous engagement.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Maksim Tsygankov</i>, Deputy General Director for Analytics, Project Office for Arctic Development, Moscow.</p>

	<p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of non-Arctic countries in the Arctic economic development. • Combating climate change and preserving biological diversity as topics of the dialogue of indigenous peoples in the North-South context. • The role of indigenous peoples in promoting international cooperation in the Arctic: opportunities for interaction between Russian and Indian NGOs. <p>Guest speakers:</p> <p>Practices of Indigenous–State–Business Interaction in the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation. <i>Dr. Vera Smorchkova</i>, Head of the Development Management of the Russian North training programme, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of Russian Federation.</p> <p><i>Tatiana Shpileva</i>, Third Secretary, Department for Multilateral Human Rights Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.</p> <p>India’s Trajectory of Polar Governance and Emerging Opportunities for an Indo-Russian Indigenous Peoples Connect. <i>Dr. Sulagna Chattopadhyay</i>, the President of SaGAA LIGHTS, New Delhi.</p> <p>Asian States in the Arctic: Looking Back and Ahead. <i>Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma</i>, Senior Research Fellow, NatStrat, New Delhi.</p> <p>The Potential for the Utilisation of Renewable Energy in Arctic Settlements. <i>Egor Loktionov</i>, Ph.D, Head of the Laboratory of the Educational and Scientific Center "Photon Energy", Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Moscow.</p> <p>Representation Of Arctic and Global South Media. <i>Aanchal Gulati Gumber</i>, Senior News Anchor, DD News, New Delhi.</p> <p>Discussion (20 min)</p>
16:45-17:15	Q&A, closing remarks
19:00-21:00	Dinner (Hotel Artcourt Moscow Center, restaurant <i>Mozart</i> , floor 1)
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 THURSDAY</p> <p>Venue: conference hall of the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), conference hall (floor 10). Language: Russian, English</p>	
10:15-11:00	Meeting with the RAS academia. Opinion exchange and designing cooperation framework.
11:00-11:30	coffee break
11:30-14:00	<p>Youth Strategic Session of the International Expert Seminar “The American Factor in Russia-India Relations in the Arctic”. Arctic Chessboard: Russian-Indian Diplomacy in the Context of the Third Actor.</p> <p>The objective is to formulate detailed proposals aimed at enhancing collaborative efforts between Russia and India in the Arctic in the context of U.S. strategic interests.</p>

	<p>Moderators: <i>Karolina Sikirinskaya</i>, Head of International Cooperation Department, Senior Lecturer, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of Russian Federation, Moscow. <i>Ekaterina Serova</i>, Deputy Director of the Arctic Centre, Project Director, Petrozavodsk State University, Petrozavodsk.</p> <p>Experts: <i>Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan</i>, AVSM & Bar, VSM, IN (Retd), Director-General, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. <i>Dr. Uttam Kumar Sinha</i>, Senior Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. <i>Dr. Alexander Sergunin</i>, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Director of the Center for Arctic Research and Projects, RANEPa St. Petersburg. <i>Dr. Mikhail Vasekha</i>, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Head of the Department of Marine Oil and Gas Engineering, Murmansk Arctic University, Murmansk. <i>Dr. Sulagna Chattopadhyay</i>, the President of SaGAA LIGHTS, New Delhi. <i>Natalia Vyakhireva</i>, Ph.D, Senior Research Fellow, Head of the Canadian Department, Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.</p> <p>Tutors: <i>Kirill Likhachev</i>, Ph.D in History, Associate Professor, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of the Russian Academy of Sciences <i>Dr. Bipandeep Sharma</i>, Ph.D, Research Analyst at the Non-Traditional Security Centre at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. <i>Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma</i>, Ph.D, Senior Research Fellow, NatStrat, New Delhi. <i>Dr. Rakhra Kanica</i>, Assistant Professor for International Relations and Global Affairs, Kautilya School of Public Policy, Hyderabad. <i>Pavel Devyatkin</i>, Senior Associate and Leadership Group member at The Arctic Institute, Visiting Lecturer and PhD Fellow, HSE University. <i>Ekaterina Serova</i>, Deputy Director of the Arctic Centre, Project Director, Petrozavodsk State University. <i>Aanchal Gulati Gumber</i>, Senior News Anchor, DD News, New Delhi.</p> <p>Participants: Graduates and postgraduates, 24 people in total, from the Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies RAS, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia RAS, Institute of Europe RAS, Petrozavodsk State University, HSE University.</p>
15:00-16:00	Lunch (Hotel Artcourt Moscow Center, restaurant <i>Mozart</i> , floor 1)