INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS

Course of Lectures in English elaborated as innovative material and introduced since 2009 at the Faculty of Global Processes with actualizing amendments and changes

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**Lecture 1:**
- Contents and subject of the course: consideration and examining of international relations and their changes in the context of global processes.
- Definition of the notion of international relations.
- World politics and international relations.
- General characteristics, division in groups and definition of global processes.

**Lecture 2:**
- Globalization seen as a historical process.
- Global civilization process as a consequent transformation of traditional civilizations into innovation civilizations.
- Historical stages of modernization as of a globalization process.
- Globalization as seen in international relations and world politics context.
- Globalization and glocalization.

**Lecture 3:**
- Russia and its international relations facing the modern world.
- Concept of the Foreign policy as a systemic description of basic principles, priorities, goals and objectives of a country in its international relations.
- Concept of the Foreign policy of Russia in the post-bipolar era: Kozyrev’s line to follow the West. Primakov’s turn to independent policy. Formulation of the first Foreign policy concept of Eltsyn’s time in the second half of the 90-th. Concepts of the Russian Foreign policy of June 28, 2000 signed by President V.Putin and of July 12, 2008 signed by President D.Medvedev.
- Contemporary concept of the Foreign policy of the Russian Federation approved by President V.Putin on February 12, 2013.
- Cycles and rhythms of development of Russia with regard to conditions of its international relations.

**Lecture 4:**
- International relations versus challenges of the XXI century.
- Global problems of humanity in international relations.
- Security of the world on the background of global processes.
- Economic globalization as a powerful factor of reforming international relations in the world and its regions.
• Stages of globalization in the architecture of world order and international relations.

**Lecture 5:**

• Power and stability in international relations.
• Signs of stability and instability in international relations.
• “Hard”, “soft” and “smart” power in international relations.
• States of “small power” and their changing role in international relations.
• International relations and the challenges of demographic globalization and migration.

**Lecture 6:**

• Civilizations as global subjects of international relations.
• Karl Jaspers on periods of world history and civilization processes.
• World history as a sum of not only histories of separate countries and peoples, but also of their interaction and influence in the context of emerging and developing common global processes.
• Pre-history of human society: sapientation, development of information, writing and languages as global processes of forming relations between people from pre-historical age till our time.
• Contribution of first civilizations to the contemporary development of human relations: forming of states, civilization ideals and values.

**Lecture 7:**

• International relations in the periods of river, see and ocean civilizations.
• End of history of isolated peoples and beginning of world history.
• Generating in oriental monarchies of political despotism and social enslavement of masses as global processes.
• Rise and development of religions as global factors.
• Forming of cultural influence and interference as of a global process.

**Lecture 8:**

• Origins of political freedom, worldly culture and progress in the antique world as roots of contemporary world perceptions.
• Contribution of Greece and Rome into cultural and political unification of South-West Europe, North Africa and western outlying regions of Asia in one united world power in the result of Greek-Roman history.
Lecture 9:

- Middle Ages: religious intolerance, asceticism, scholasticism, emerging business ideology, banks, credits, usury, financial infiltration and enslavement as global aspects stretched to present time.

Lecture 10:

- New age: Renaissance, humanism and enlightenment in international relations on the background of Muslim pressure, development of individualism and secularization aspirations.
- Rapid development of science and philosophy in the XVII century as a great mental turnover having influenced tremendously development of the world and international relations.

Lecture 11:

- Change of structure of international relations as result of industrial revolution.
- Proletarian internationalism as a global project.
- Empires and imperial Империи и имперские устремления.
- Project of “New British Empire”.

Lecture 12:

- Geopolitical ages of world history.
- Westphal geopolitical age (1648-1815).

Lecture 13:

- Vienna Concert (1815-1914).
- Versailles - Washington system (1914-1939).

Lecture 14:


Lecture 15:

- Alternatives of development of international relations in short and middle-term forecast: scenarios of hard and moderate globalization, positive and negative regionalization, chaotic development.
• Transformation of systems and evolution of principles of international relations in the course of global processes.

  o **Lecture 16:**

• Influence of information processes on international relations.
• Theory and practice of information warfare.
• Strategies and results.