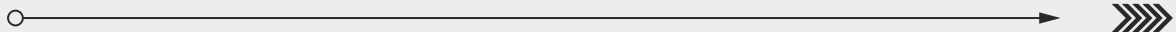




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ASEAN Centre:

10th Anniversary vs Lockdown

This year the ASEAN Centre celebrates its 10th Anniversary. It was established in 2010 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and MGIMO University signed by the then ASEAN Secretary General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and Academician Anatoly Torkunov, the Rector of MGIMO. For the past ten years ASEAN Centre has become a focal point that brings together all those students, young researchers, experts, scholars, businessmen, and artists who are genuinely interested in developing ASEAN-Russia people-to-people relations.

During these years the ASEAN Centre was honored to welcome a number of high-level representatives of Southeast Asian political elite. Among them were both the incumbent Secretary General of ASEAN H.E. Lim Jock Hoi and his predecessor H.E. Le Luong Minh, the President of the Republic of the Philippines H.E. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, ministers and heads of other governmental agencies of Southeast Asian states, ASEAN Ambassadors to Russia and other representatives of the diplomatic corps.

The Centre's hallmark events of the past ten years are ASEAN-Russia University Forums and the ASEAN-Russia Forum on Education, youth summits, meetings of the ASEAN-Russia Eminent Persons Group and the Network of the ASEAN-Russia Think Tanks, the ASEAN Kid's Summit. The Centre published hundreds of analytical materials prepared by its experts, organized and supported dozens of cultural events and business projects, which involved Centre's partners both in Russia and ASEAN member-states.

Among the new projects are the ASEAN Academic Days, that will become an annual program. The Centre plans to prepare new academic publications and to continue expert dialogue with research centers in ASEAN countries, academic and educational centers in Russia.





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ASEAN Academic Days at MGIMO University, a new open course. A unique project was designed and carried out by the ASEAN Centre. This event brings together a group of prominent lecturers to present their views on the current dynamics and trends in political and economic development of Southeast Asia as a whole and of the individual ASEAN member-states.

ASEAN Academic Days 2020

- Dr. Bitahai Kaulikan
- Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- Topic: "Russia in Southeast Asia"



ASEAN Academic Days 2020

- Dr. Natalia Stapon
- Director, Department for Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
- Topic: Future Prospects of the Russian Economic Projects in Southeast Asia



ASEAN Academic Days 2020

- Dr. Jitaporn Pongthum
- Director of International Studies Program and Associate Professor in International Relations in the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand
- Topic: Pan Indo-Pacific: A Struggle for Regional Power and Privilege



ASEAN Academic Days 2020

- H.E. Mohamad Wahid Supriyadi, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus (2016-2020)
- Book Presentation "The Lighter and Funner Side of Diplomacy"



Академические дни АСЕАН в МГИМО

- Е.А. Яковлева
- Эксперт Центра АСЕАН
- Октябрьская «Российская республика» на Мюнхен (в 45-летие провозглашения ПНР)



ASEAN Academic Days 2020

- Mr. Chris Cheang, Diplomat, Senior Fellow with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
- Book Presentation "Life and Work in Post-Soviet Russia"






The event comprises a series of scientific, educational, cultural and educational meetings co-organized by the MGIMO student club and the ASEAN Center and aims to disseminate information about the Russia-ASEAN dialogue partnership. The first event of ASEAN Week was an online international conference "Russia and ASEAN: Regional Dynamics" launched by the Permanent Representative of Russia to ASEAN A. Ivanov, the Ambassador of Vietnam to Russia Ngo Duc Manh, the Ambassador of Brunei to Russia Haini Hashim and the Director of the ASEAN Center V. Sumsky.



ASEAN Week 2020
07.12.2020-11.12.2020

Photo Contest
"From Southeast Asia with Love"

07.12.2020 Monday
11:00-15:00
Online Conference
"Russia and ASEAN in the Regional Dynamics"
(Working languages: Russian and English)

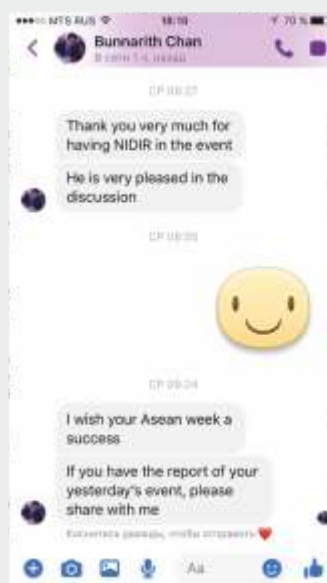
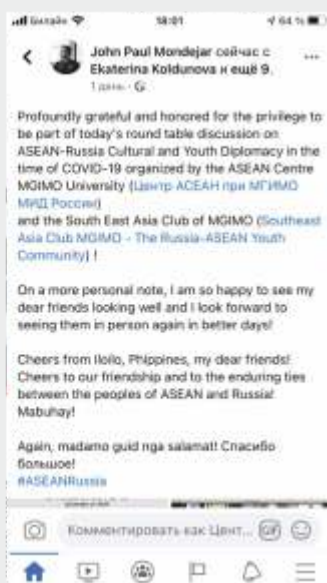
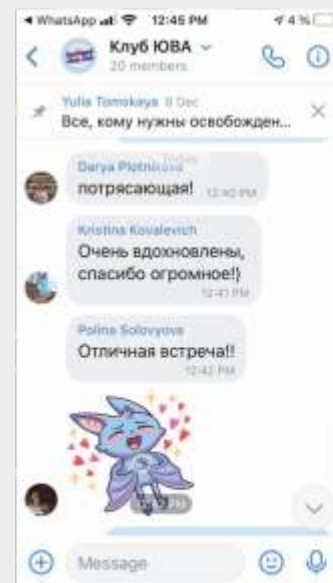
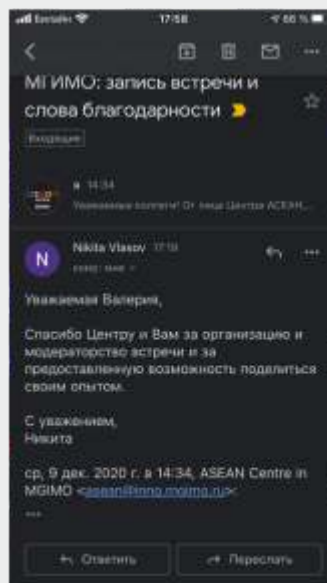
08.12.2020 Tuesday
10:00 - 12:00
Online Round-table "ASEAN-Russia Cultural and Youth Diplomacy in Times of COVID"
(Working language: English)

09.12.2020 Wednesday
10:00-12:00
Online Meeting with MGIMO Graduates
«Working in ASEAN Countries: Expectations and Realities»
(Working language: Russian)

10.12.2020 Thursday
10:00-12:00
Book Club Meeting:
"The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen
(Working language: Russian)
Book Presentation "Singapore Guidebook"
by Viktor Pogadaev

11.12.2020 Friday
10:00-12:00
Language Masterclasses: Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Tagalog, Russian







ASEAN Week in Mass Media and Facebook



Second Meeting of the Network of ASEAN-Russia Think Tanks

November 19-20



November 19th, the second meeting of the Network of ASEAN-Russia Think Tanks (NARTT) began its work remotely. The event was organized this year by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia (CSIS Indonesia).

The General Director of the ASEAN Cooperation Department of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry Suryedi Puro, the Permanent Representative of Russia to ASEAN A.Ivanov, the Vice-Rector for General Affairs of MGIMO A.Malgin and the Executive Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia Philips Vermonte greeted the audience, which comprised representatives of the top think tanks of all ten ASEAN countries and Russia.

In his welcome speech, Suryedi Puro underlined the importance of maintaining research contacts along the Russia-ASEAN line and noted that the existing NARTT research network is an effective platform to exchange ideas on how to expand the cooperation between both sides. A.Ivanov emphasized the need to pursue a constructive dialogue on international relations, before wishing the participants productive discussions. MGIMO's Vice-Rector for General Affairs A.Malgin gave a presentation on the activities of the ASEAN Center, which kept on working during the lockdown by transferring its work online. Philips Vermonte shared his thoughts on the relevance of the topics of the two sessions of the first day of the meeting, which were dedicated to issues of regional security during the pandemic and the prospects for cooperation between Russia and ASEAN in the field of emergency response.



November 19-20



The Director of the ASEAN Center V.Sumsky contributed to the work of the first session on the Russian side. He outlined the current security processes in the region and noted that in his opinion, the further development of the security situation will be impacted by such factors as the American-Chinese rivalry, the formation of new dialogue platforms of the Quad and Quad-Plus format, the differences in interpretations of the concept of the Indo-Pacific region and the current pandemic.

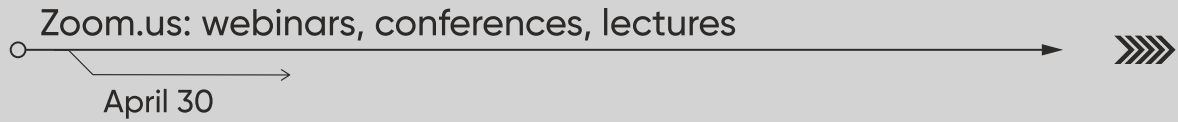
During the second session, dedicated to emergency response, the Deputy Head of the All-Russian Scientific Research Institute for Civil Defence and Emergencies of the Ministry of Emergencies of Russia gave a talk, presenting the activities of the Institute, the Russian technological developments in dealing with emergency situations and outlined the promising spheres for collaboration with ASEAN.

As the first day of the conference came to a close, the participants made a number of suggestions on how to boost the strategic partnership between Russia and ASEAN in the field of security and emergency response.

On November 20th, the second day of the NARTT meeting unfolded with the representatives of think tanks from ASEAN countries and Russia. The sides discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global economic development and the prospects for its recovery as well as the development of trade relations between Russia and ASEAN in the new context.

The first meeting of the Network of ASEAN-Russian Think Tanks, coordinated by the ASEAN Centre, took place at MGIMO in April 2018.

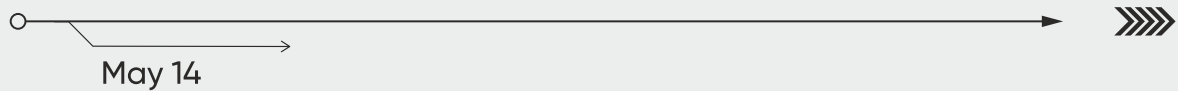




**How Southeast Asia is Coping with COVID-19?
(organized by the Stimson Center (the USA))**

The speakers analyzed the scope of the pandemic threat to and responses of four Southeast Asian states. Among the topics discussed were the latest COVID-19 statistics and the measures taken by the governments to limit the pandemic.

Webinar on Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Jokowi's Era (by the ASEAN Centre in cooperation with the Habibie Centre (Indonesia))



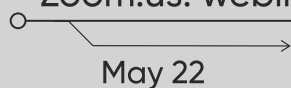
**Webinar on Post Covid-19 scenario for ASEAN, issues and challenges
(by the ASEAN Centre)**



**"Russia-Indonesia Cooperation: Strategic Objectives of Development in
the New International Environment
(by the Higher School of Economics (HSE) and the Institute of Oriental
Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)**

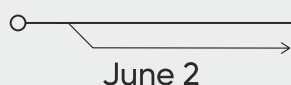
ASEAN Centre's Senior Expert Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova presented a paper titled "Indonesian Vector of Relations between Russia and ASEAN: Opportunities, Limitations and Prospects.





ASEAN 2020: A Comprehensive Outlook

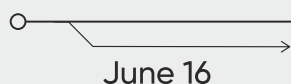
Online lecture dedicated to the recent trends in the ASEAN development for the students of the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) by the ASEAN Centre's Director Dr. Victor Sumsy and the Senior Expert of Centre Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova.



The USA and China: On the Way to Conflict

The ASEAN Centre's Senior Expert Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova participated in the podcast with Italian experts and students. The podcast session was dedicated to the discussion of the Sino-US relations.

Watch: <https://youtu.be/m-0BatmlA00>



Prospects for a New Bipolarity and its Impact on the Asia-Pacific (by the Valdai Discussion Club)

The participants discussed the prospects of formation and development of a new bipolarity, as well as its possible impact on the Asia-Pacific region and Russian positions in it.

International and Russian media, particularly "Moskovsky Komsomolets", "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" and "Vnews", published the outline of the discussion outcomes.

Read more: <https://valdaiclub.com/events/posts/articles/new-bipolarity-interdependence-grows-interaction-shrinks/>





South China Sea Dispute: Challenges and Threats (by the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

Speakers discussed shift in the balance of power in the South China Sea as a challenge to the regional security, legal assessments of the creeping Chinese expansion in the South China Sea, post COVID-19 situation in ASEAN and its impact on the South China Sea dispute (Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova, ASEAN Centre at MGIMO) the South-Pacific Region's view of the South China Sea dispute and Vietnam's policy in the South China Sea.

Watch: <https://youtu.be/8RoA8vJmnPs>



Russia-Thailand Business Forum (by the Russia-Thailand Business Council)

This year the forum aimed at discussing joint efforts to renew and enhance Russia-Thailand cooperation in the sphere of trade, economy and investments. Ambassador of Thailand to Russia H.E. Thanatip Upatising and Ambassador of Russia to Thailand H.E. Evgeny Tomikhin welcomed the participants. One of the central topics was the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the bilateral relations. Major priorities are to find new solutions for recovering business, rebuilding supply chains, resuming tourism activity and to define new potential areas of growth (robotics, finance, digital economy, e-commerce, new technologies in the agriculture sphere, logistics, smart cities, pharmacy). The ASEAN Centre's Senior Expert Dr. Ekatreina Koldunova participated in the event.





**The Rise of Regional Multipolarity: The Importance of ASEAN Centrality
(by the Valdai Discussion Club jointly with Foreign Policy Community
of Indonesia (FPCI))**

The participants discussed following issues: connection between the pandemic and the growth of regional multipolarity, ASEAN centrality and the prospects of the Russia-ASEAN strategic partnership. The ASEAN Centre's Director Dr. Victor Sumsy and the Director of the Asian and Pacific Cooperation Department, the MFA of Russia, Mr. Alexei Ovchinnikov participated in the event. Among the speakers were representatives of the think tanks and state agencies from Indonesia, Singapore and Taiwan.

Read more: <https://valdaiclub.com/events/own/the-rise-of-regional-multipolarity-the-importance-of-asean-centrality-an-online-conference/>



**Under China's Shadow: Southeast Asia's China Challenge (international
online-discussion dedicated to the book launch "Under Beijing's Shadow:
Southeast Asia's China Challenge" authored by Murray Hiebert, Center for
Strategic and International Studies, the USA).**

The author presented the main ideas of a just released book and outlined the key trends in the relations between China and Southeast Asia. The book presentation was followed by the Q&A session during which participants had an opportunity to discuss the current state of China-Southeast Asia relations as the book was published right before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova queried to what extent China was responsive to Southeast Asian states concerns while promoting its projects in the region and the ways these states reacted if the projects' conditions turned out to be unfavorable for them.

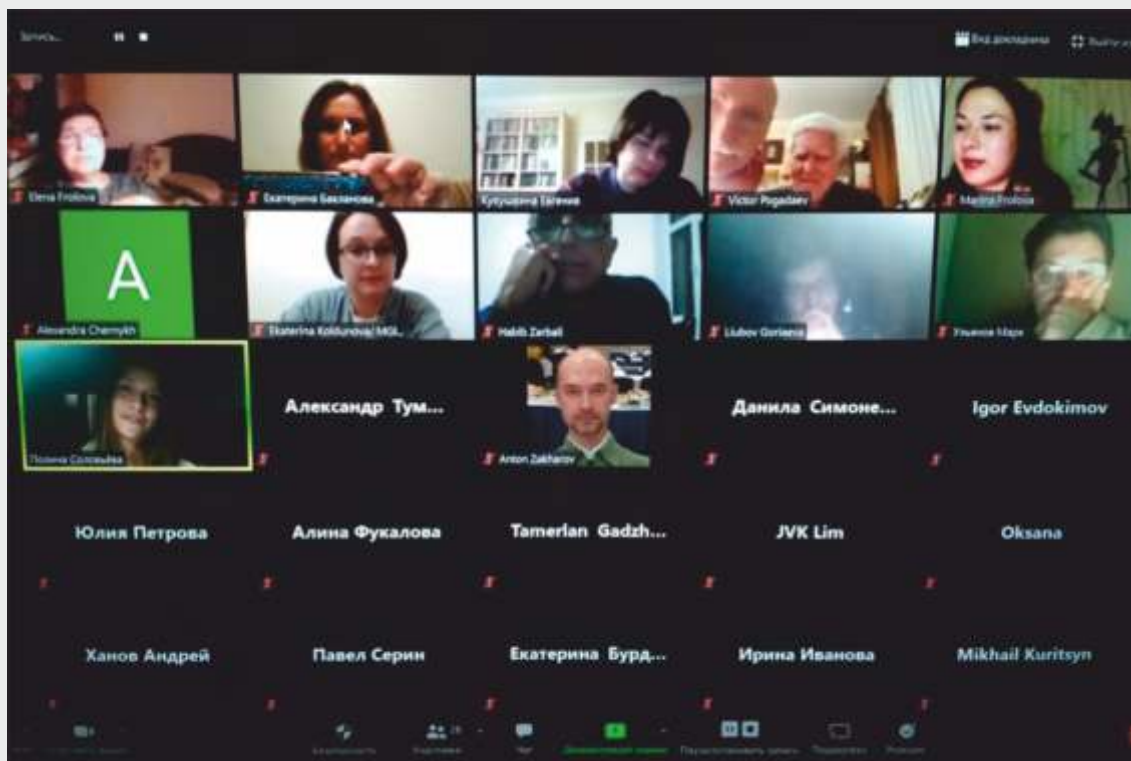


Zoom.us: webinars, conferences, lectures

September 23



Meeting of the Nusantara Society



October 20

International scientific-practical conference

"The role of public diplomacy in the Russian-Vietnamese relations development"

October 21-22

International Conference

"75 years of the democratic republic of Vietnam: historical retrospective"





New Eurasian Multilateralism: The Response of China and Russia (by the Valdai Discussion Club in cooperation with the Centre for Russia-China Strategic Interaction under the CITIC Foundation for Reform and Development Studies of China)

The conference was moderated by Dr. Yaroslav Lissovolik, Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club. The participants discussed several topics focused on new multilateralism, transregionalism, inclusive development and interface between various regional projects in the Eurasia.

Watch: <https://ru.valdaiclub.com/multimedia/video/onlayn-konferentsiya-novyy-evraziyskiy-multilateralizm/>



Maintaining Peace and Cooperation Through Time of Turbulence (by Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi)



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November 18-19

Annual conference "Southeast Asia and the South Pacific Region:
Current Development Issues"

November 27-28

Eurasian arc of instability and security problems from East Asia to North Africa:
preliminary results of 2020 (by Saint Petersburg University)

December 15

Dynamics and Trajectories of ASEAN-Russia Relations in the Post-Covid-19 World

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
School of Asian Studies
Russia-ASEAN Program

Dynamics and Trajectories of Russia-ASEAN Relations in the Post-COVID-19 World

SPEAKERS - PART 1: RUSSIA

- Ms. Valeria Vershinina**
Associate Professor of International Relations at Saint Petersburg University
- Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova**
Associate Professor of International Relations and Russian Politics at the Department of Asian Studies, Saint Petersburg University and Russian Foreign Ministry
- Dr. Victor Boudry**
Associate Professor of Russian Studies at Saint Petersburg University

SPEAKERS - PART 2: ASEAN

- Mr. Hagi Li**
Government and International Affairs, Ateneo de Manila University in Manila, PHILIPPINES
- Dr. Ali Aslan Sinaga**
Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Universitas Indonesia
- Prof. John Paul Montenegro**
Professor of Law, College of Saint Benigno, Philippines
- Professor General Teng Lee Kien**
President, Association of Southeast Asian Nations

COUSIN REMAKE:
Prof. Manuel Enriquez II
Professor of International Relations, Ateneo de Manila University

MODERATOR:
Prof. Kristians Cabilanes
Associate Professor of International Relations, Ateneo de Manila University

15 December 2020, Tuesday
8:00-8:30 PM (Manila) | 1:00-3:30 PM (Moscow)





Russia and Asia After the Pandemic (the Valdai Discussion Club)

Dr. Victor Sumsky was a speaker at the Session 1 "The Shock of 2020: What We Lost and What We Gained in International Relations" focused on discussions of the impact of a pandemic on the international relations and the future prospects of the world development. The session was moderated by Fyodor Lukyanov, Research Director of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club. Among the session's speakers were representatives from research institutions of China, India and Vietnam.

Read more: <https://valdaiclub.com/a/highlights/the-shift-in-us-china-relations-and-its-implications/>



5th Thammasat Annual Academics and Postgraduate International Conference in Asia-Pacific Studies (TU-CAPS)

What ASEAN expects from Russia?

- Balance of power, especially with US and China
- Friendly partner, no intervention in domestic politics
- STI knowledge: transfer of technology
 - Especially highlight during COVID-19
- New investment partner
- Promote trade and tourism
 - new markets for ASEAN goods

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "What ASEAN expects from Russia?" is displayed, listing five main points: Balance of power, Friendly partner, STI knowledge, New investment partner, and Promote trade and tourism. On the right, a vertical grid of video feeds shows several participants, including Tiara TU, Daria Koldunova, Chair, Victor Sumsky, and Kirill Sapozhnikov.



Ambassador of Singapore Sadasivan Premjith

The Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to Russia, Sadasivan Premjith was received at MGIMO by the Director of the ASEAN Center V.Sumsky, the Centre's Senior Expert E.Koldunova and the Analyst V.Vershinina.

The visiting delegation also comprised the Deputy Chief of Mission, Seah Seow Chen. A student from Singapore studying at MGIMO was invited to join in the meeting.

The Ambassador conveyed his thanks to the Director for the warm welcome, expressing hope for further cooperation with MGIMO and the ASEAN Center. The parties mulled over the different possibilities to reinforce bilateral collaboration in research and education.

The meeting also acted as a platform for the guests to discuss Russian-Singaporean relations and make plans for a strategic partnership between Russia and ASEAN, taking into account the strategic and political specificities of the region.



ASEAN Secretary General Lim Jock Hoi

The guest of honour was taken on a tour of the ASEAN Center and had an informal discussion with representatives of MGIMO and the Russian Foreign Ministry about the directions for the development of the ASEAN center. Lim Jock Hoi then addressed the participants of an expert round table organized in his honour.

In his speech, the guest described the current stage of the Association's development and the challenges it faces, emphasizing the importance of the construction of the ASEAN Community. He also spoke of the efforts to create a Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in the Pacific region and the ASEAN's approach to the idea of an Indo-Pacific region. The ASEAN Secretary General underlined the fact that during times of turmoil in Asian and world affairs, it is essential to develop multilateral and inclusive cooperation. Indeed, he praised the expansion of relations between ASEAN and Russia, which struck in 2018 a strategic partnership.

MGIMO faculty members, including Professor Y. Dubinin, the Leading Researcher at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences G. Lokshin, the employee of the Russian Center for the Study of APEC K. Khadji, A. Malgin and E. Koldunova, engaged in a dynamic dialogue with the guest on these issues.

The round table ended on a high note with the participants on both sides agreeing that Russia and ASEAN have found a new sphere of cooperation in the digitalization of the economy and the development of information and communication technologies, including the topic of «smart cities».



16th Meeting of ASEAN Centre Executive Council

The event was attended by the Co-Chairman of the Council Vietnamese Ambassador to Russia Ngo Duc Manh, the Ambassador of Indonesia to Russia Wahid Supriyadi, the Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Siviengphet Phetvorasack.

A report on the 2019 activities of the ASEAN Center together with the financial documents for the period 2017-2019 were presented to the Executive Council as well as a work plan for 2020. The Council members made some practical recommendations to the Centre, encouraging it to work with experts from other think tanks and universities, and to fine-tune its strategic goals in the new global context.



M.Fradkov: «Indonesia is a Special Partner of Russia in the Pacific Asia»

MGIMO hosted a scientific and practical conference to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Indonesia.

The expert meeting was jointly organized by MGIMO's ASEAN Center, the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies (RISI) and the Embassy of Indonesia. The audience was addressed by MGIMO Rector A.Torkunov, the Director of RISI M.Fradkov and the Indonesian Ambassador to Russia Mohamad Wahid Supriyadi. The speakers dealt with the whole spectrum of bilateral relations issues, from joint investments and technological exchanges to security cooperation, as well as countering cyber threats. M.Fradkov spoke on a number of topics he dealt with during his time working as Prime Minister and Head of the Foreign Intelligence Service. The Ambassador of Russia to Indonesia L.Vorobieva joined in the conversation by video-conference. The conference consisted of three sessions. During the first, the sides discussed the prospects of the Russian-Indonesian strategic partnership. The second session was devoted to Russian-Indonesian economic cooperation in the digital era. During the third session, experts hashed out the challenges faced by multicultural societies in the era of new digital technologies. The timing of the conference coincided with a unique photo exhibition by S.Kovalchuk called «Faces of Indonesia», which was set up in the atrium of the new building.





The Winners of the ASEAN–Russia Video Contest Visit Moscow

Mr. Khant Khine, student of the Myanmar Institute of Information and Technology:

"Impressions on MGIMO University and the ASEAN Centre

I visited MGIMO University on the 19th of February, 2020. From a first glance, I could see that it was a huge university. First, we visited the ASEAN Centre where we met Dr. Victor Sumsky and the rest of the ASEAN Centre members. After the meeting, we visited the library where we were taken to a separate room and learned the history of the establishment of MGIMO University. We were then taken to another room where we were showed a collection of rare books. Then, we toured around the MGIMO Campus and ended our tour. I was very impressed by all the teaching materials and aids prepared for the students as well as the availability of old books which date back thousands of years. Moreover, the campus is very clean and I can see the energy in the students as they pass us in the hallway. I am also impressed by the dedication MGIMO University has to international relations as by the proof of its ASEAN Centre, a center focused on improving and promoting relations between ASEAN and Russia. I am very impressed by their commitment to this goal and the pure interest in ASEAN by the members of this community. I applaud their determination, their motivation and I hope we can keep on improving relations between ASEAN and Russia. In conclusion, I had a great time in Moscow, in MGIMO University and the ASEAN Centre. I am very impressed by everything I have seen and heard and I hope that bonds between ASEAN nations and Russia will become unbreakable in the future. I would also like to thank all the students who sacrificed their time to show us around Moscow. I really appreciated it and I will never forget the memories we shared. Once again, thank you Moscow! Thank you MGIMO University! Thank you ASEAN Centre!"

Ms. Nguyen Le Minh Thi, student of the Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam:

"My Moscow Impressions

My trip to Moscow in February 2020 was the most memorable trip that I've ever had in my life. It's the first time that I've been in Russia as well as in Europe. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say thank you to ASEAN Russia Committee and ASEAN Centre in MGIMO for creating this meaningful program for youth across ASEAN as well as Russia. It was such an honour to be invited to visit this splendid city!





I adore the way our programme was planned and all the places that I had a chance to visit. I was really excited about the excursion around MGIMO University. First of all, ASEAN Centre is a lovely decorated place with many cultural items from Russia and ASEAN countries. In addition, the large library with a variety of books and the efficient co-learning space are outstanding. I love the way they decorate the rooms with trees and climbing plants, which may help the students relieve stress. Those attractions truly made me desire to experience a day in the life of an MGIMO student.

One more special thing was that we were welcomed warmly at the embassies. A special thanks to Myanmar Embassy and Vietnam Embassy in Moscow for your time and the thoughtful gifts. I'm indeed grateful!

I was amazed at the greatness of Moscow. The metro system is such complicated for someone who has a poor sense of direction like me. But thanks to all my friends from MGIMO, I was able to travel around completely. The MGIMO students are all cute, friendly and knowledgeable. They spent their time to accompany us and help us understand more about Russian art and culture.

I was so blessed to be welcomed by all those nice people and get to know more about Russia. It truly broadened my horizon and kindle my passion for learning and discovering new cultures. I will never ever forget the warmth of true friendship.

Once again, thanks to ASEAN Centre in MGIMO University for arranging my visit. Furthermore, you did a tremendous job of ensure our safety and comfort. Hopefully in the future, we will have more and more programs that can promote Russia-ASEAN relation among youth. Thank you so much for everything! Definitely I will be back to Russia someday because I've already left my heart in Moscow!"





Ambassador of Laos Siviengphet Phetvorasack

The Ambassador attended a working meeting with MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov. The sides mulled over the possibility of enrolling students from Laos for the upcoming academic year. They also discussed the upcoming events the ASEAN Center is organizing to celebrate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Laos and Russia.

This year also marks ten years since the creation of the ASEAN Centre. S.Phetvorasak remarked that the Center has positively contributed to the development of the Russia-ASEAN strategic partnership and praised its different achievements. The guest expressed the desire to further expand cooperation with MGIMO in training exceptional international experts.



Ambassador of Indonesia to Russia Mohamad Wahid Supriyadi

MGIMO Rector A.Torkunov received the Ambassador of Indonesia to Russia, Mohamad Wahid Supriyadi, who has completed his mission and will shortly be returning to his homeland.

The Rector thanked the Ambassador for his willingness to expand friendly relations with the University during his four years in Moscow, for initiating many different educational and cultural events at MGIMO including lectures, seminars, artistic expositions and for involving in them prominent diplomats, experts and representatives of leading universities in Indonesia.

On his side, M.Supriyadi remarked that the ASEAN Center was a reliable and dynamic partner for the embassy and that one of the highlights of this cooperation was the February Russian-Indonesian round table which marked the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Indonesia.

The parties also discussed different projects to further develop bilateral cooperation, including the possibility of creating short-term retraining programs at MGIMO for young Indonesian and other ASEAN country diplomats. The Rector and the Ambassador also discussed the training of Indonesian students at the University.

With a last farewell, the Ambassador expressed an interest in maintaining close ties with Russia and MGIMO, and was invited to return as a guest to MGIMO in the future.





Exhibition on the 60th Anniversary of the Russia-Lao Diplomatic Relations

The exhibition presents photographs and legal documents illustrating the history of bilateral relations. The exhibition was organized with the support from the Third Asian Department (3AD) and the Department of History and Records (DHR) of the MFA of Russia.



Ambassador of Laos Siviengphet Phetvorasack

MGIMO Rector A.Torkunov welcomed the Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Siviengphet Phetvorasack, who is completing his diplomatic mission in Russia this year. The sides discussed the achievements of the academic and educational cooperation between Russia and Laos. A.Torkunov noted the growing interest of the University's students in studying the culture and languages of Southeast Asian countries, including Laos, and their active participation in the projects of the ASEAN Center. S.Phetvorasack expressed his gratitude to A.Torkunov for his personal contribution, as well as the University's, to joint initiatives aimed at developing academic cooperation between the two countries.





Russia-Vietnam Relations Today

The volume is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the USSR and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and summarizes the outcomes of the round-table discussions held in the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IFES RAS) in January 2020. Among the authors are the MGIMO University professors and researchers, namely Associate Professor of the Department of Asian and African Studies, ASEAN Centre's Senior Expert Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova, the Head of the Department of Demographic and Migration Policy Dr. Sergey Ryazantsev and Associate Professor of the same Department Dr. Marina Khramova.



Divide, cook and consume

This article by Dr. Victor Sumsky is one in a series of regional commentaries commissioned by the Australian Committee of CSCAP and initially published on Asialink Insights (University of Melbourne).

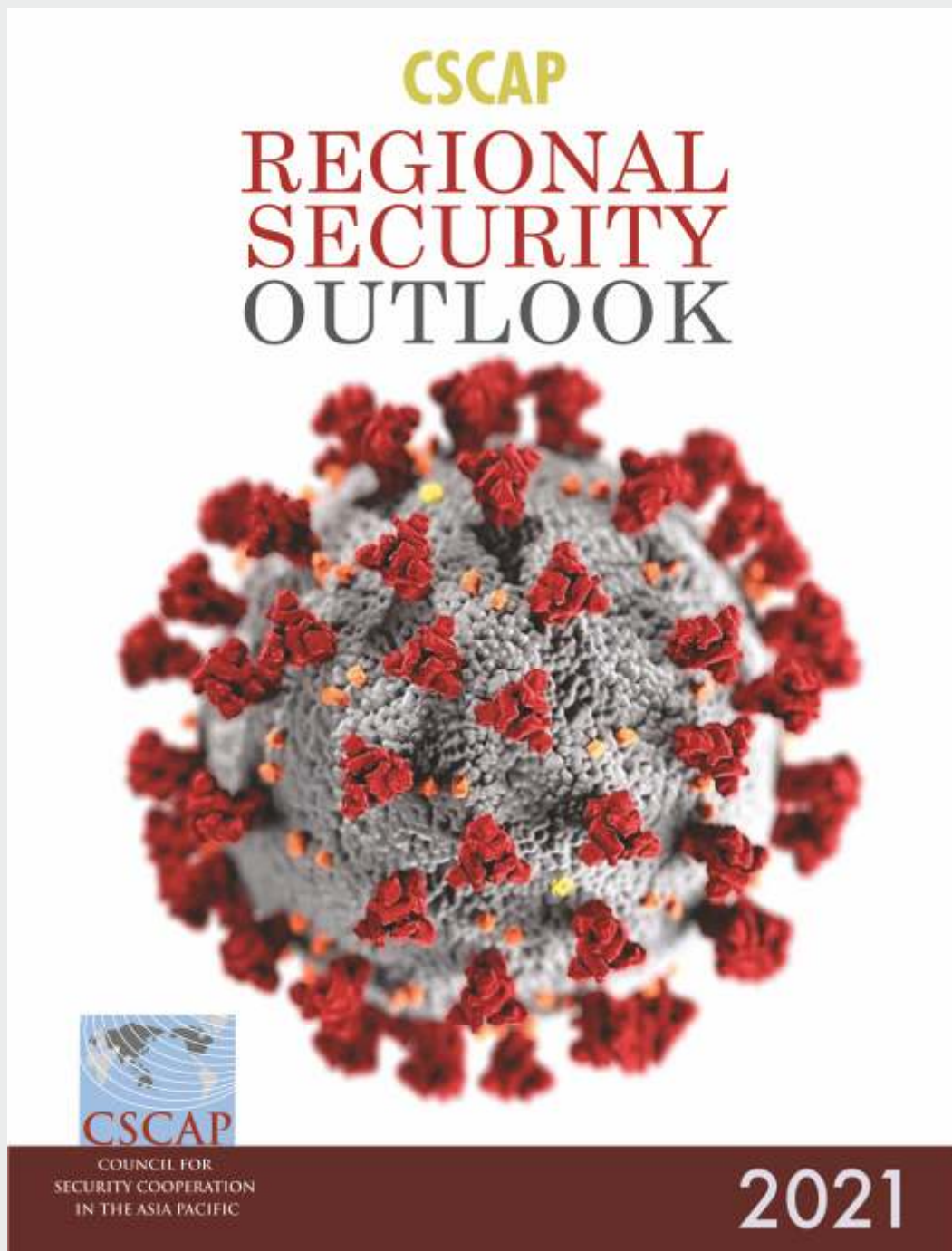
The COVID-19 phenomenon has accelerated deglobalisation, writes Victor Sumsky. Instead of preaching inclusiveness in the framework of economic cooperation in the Asia Pacific, the US has switched to the 'free-and-open' Indo-Pacific doctrine, aimed at containing China.

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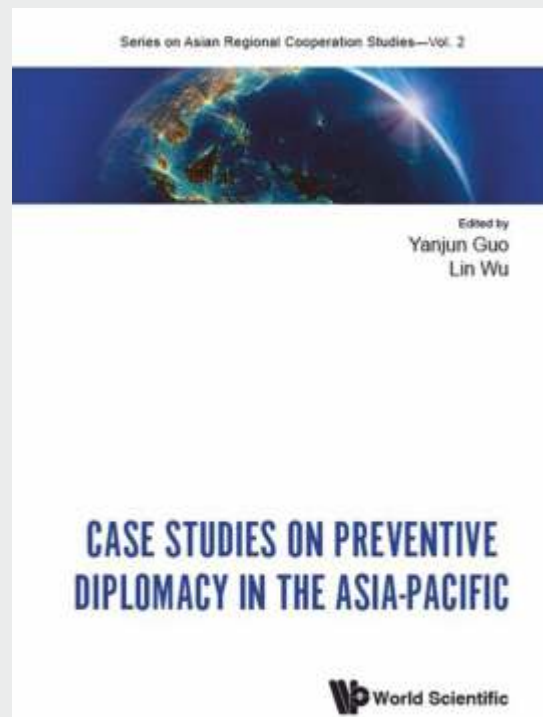
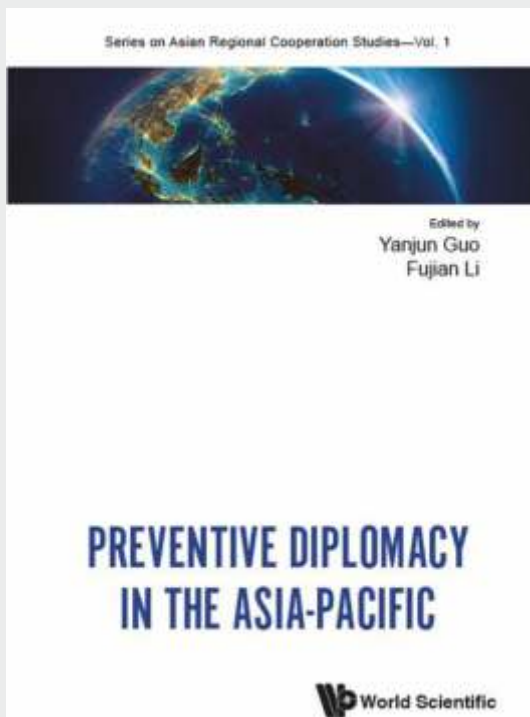
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