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Dear reader!

Over a quarter of a century the Institute of Europe (Russian Academy of Sciences) has been pursuing extensive work in the field of European studies and international relations. Several generations of Russian scholars have contributed to research carried out by IE RAS. The Institute, established in 1987, lived through several stages of Russian history to become a multidisciplinary academic centre. Producing both fundamental and applied research, the Institute has made a significant contribution to the field of contemporary history, political science, economics and cultural studies. The scope of scientific activities of the Institute has steadily expanded along with the pace of interaction and interdependence in the Euro-Atlantic area.

The XXI century has set new challenges as the Old Continent is undergoing fundamental transformations in the context of the polycentric world. The Institute provides expert support to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Security Council, Presidential Administration and other authorities.

The Institute maintains extensive cooperation with Russian and foreign leading universities, research centres and think-tanks.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexey Gromyko'. The signature is stylized and cursive, written over a light grey background.

Professor Alexey Gromyko,
Director of IE RAS

THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPE



The Institute of Europe is located in one of the historic quarters of the Russian capital. Here, since the middle of the XVIII century, buildings of the Moscow University appeared around its main edifice on Mokhovaya street. Constructed in 1837, the one-story red brick building was designated for the chemical laboratory of the University, one of the best in Europe. The laboratory carried out research by assignments of the Artillery Department, Ministry of the Interior and Moscow manufacturers. Then the history of the building was associated with Professor V. Markovnikov, founder of the national school of chemistry, who became Head of the laboratory in 1872. It was one of the first to open its doors to women. Yu. Lermontova, the first Russian woman-chemist, niece of the great poet, a student of D. Mendeleev and A. Butlerov and a friend of Sofya Kovalevskaya at Heidelberg University, worked here on the methods of deep processing of oil. The research carried out by Lermontova contributed to the construction of first oil and gas plants in Russia.

In 1893, the laboratory was headed by N. Zelinsky, an eminent Russian and Soviet organic chemist. During WWI Zelinski acquired fame for his invention of the gas mask. Activated charcoal became his renowned achievement. The method of producing gasoline developed by Zelinsky in the 1930s made an enormous contribution to the development of Soviet industry. Today the north wing of the building houses the museum-apartment of Zelinsky. The laboratory stayed fully operational during WWII. Numerous studies for defense purposes were added to traditional classes. After 1954, when the laboratory moved to a new building of the Moscow University on Lenin (Vorobyev) Hills, the "red building" on Mokhovaya continued to serve national science and higher education. The Institute of Europe moved into it in the early 1990s.





Founder of IE RAS, Director
Emeritus of the Institute –
Academician
Vitaly Vladimirovich Zhurkin

Academician Vitaly Zhurkin, the Founding Director of the Institute, graduated from MGIMO in 1951. In 1951-1968 he worked at the State TV and Radio, the "Pravda" newspaper, in the Soviet Foreign Ministry. He joined the Academy of Sciences in 1968. Head of Department, Deputy Director of the Institute of USA and Canada (1968-87), Member of the Presidium of RAS, Academician-Secretary of International Relations Department of RAS (1988-98), Director of the Institute of Europe (1987-99). An expert in international relations, global and European security, military and political strategy, arms control and reduction of armaments. Author of 200 academic works. Laureate of the USSR State Award (1980), the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations Award (2006). Member of the Academic Council of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the Russian International Affairs Council, Russian Pugwash Committee. Chairman of the Board, Association of European Studies. Full member of the European Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, the World Academy of Arts and Sciences (since 1994). Awards: Badge of Honor, the Red Banner of Labor, Friendship of Peoples, Order of Merit for Country of the IV degree, the Medal of Honor.



Academician
Nikolay Petrovich Shmelev
(1936-2014)

The second Director of the Institute, Academician Nikolay Shmelev, graduated with distinction from the Economics Faculty of the Moscow State University. Economic reforms and the development of world economy became the main academic research path of Shmelev. He worked at the Institute of Economics of the USSR Academy of Sciences, at the Institute of USA and Canada. He became famous for his work "Advances and Debts" («Avansy i Dolgi»), published in 1987. Shmelev entered political fray. In 1989-91 he was the People's Deputy of the USSR, Member of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Since 1992 Shmelev worked at the Institute of Europe, RAS, which he headed since 1999. He was awarded the medal "For Valorous Work", the Order of Honor (1996) and the Order of Friendship (2007). Winner of the USSR Union of Writers award named after M.Shaginyan (1988), awards of the "Znamya" Foundation (1997), the "Venets" Foundation (1997), the Russian Science Support Foundation in the nomination "Outstanding Scientists" (2008).

THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPE OF TODAY



Professor Alexey Gromyko,
Director of IE RAS

Alexey Gromyko, Dr. of Science (Politics), Director of the Institute since 2014, graduated cum laude from the Moscow State University, Faculty of History. He is an expert in British studies, European studies, international relations. President of the Russian Association of European Studies (AES). European expert at the Russkiy Mir Foundation.

Chairman of the Academic Council of the Institute of Europe and Head of Dissertation Council. Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Contemporary Europe". Award-winner of the Russian Science Support Foundation for 2004 and 2006. Chairman of the Board of the Russian movement "For Democratic International Order and Support of the United Nations".

Author of books "Political Reformism in Great Britain" (2001), "Modernization of the UK Party System" (2007), "Images of Russia and Great Britain: Reality and Prejudices" (2008).

Editor and author of books "Great Britain. The Era of Reforms" (2007); "Better Ten Years of Negotiations than One Day of War. Reminiscences about Andrei Andreyevich Gromyko" (2009); "Lessons of WWII for Europe in the XXI Century" (2011), "Building Good-Neighborly Relations. Russia in Europe" (2013), "Dilemmas of Britain. The Search of Ways for Development" (2014), "Greater Europe. Ideas, Reality, Prospects" (2014).

Member of the Academic Council of the Russian Foreign Ministry and of the Academic Council of the Security Council of Russia. Member of the Commission of the Presidential Council on the Russian language. Honorary member of the Academic Forum of the Varna Free University and Honorary Doctor of Plovdiv University, Bulgaria. Senior Visitor (2002) and Senior Associate (2005), St. Antony's College, Oxford University.

The Institute boasts 84 researchers, includes one Academician of RAS, two Corresponding Members of RAS, two Professors of RAS, 21 Doctors of Science and 21 Candidates of Science. The structure of the Institute includes seven Departments.

The main fields of research are:

- the role and place of Russia in Europe, Eurasia, in the system of international relations;
- geopolitical and economic development in Europe and Eurasia in the XX-XXI centuries;
- systems of security, arms control, European institutions and Euro-Atlantic structures;
- models of European and Eurasian integration;
- regional processes in Europe and Eurasia, country studies;
- social, religious, cultural dimensions of Europe;
- evolution of the European political process, systems and institutions.

The Institute regularly provides analytical papers to state authorities, institutions and organizations.

Since its inception the Institute has held more than 400 international and national conferences. In 2015 the Institute's specialists published over 250 papers, articles and books and made reports at more than 100 conferences (60 of them abroad). The IE RAS experts participate in numerous international research projects, in expert commissions of the Russian Foundation for Fundamental Research, the Russian Humanitarian Science Foundation, the Russian Science Foundation; serve in editorial boards of major Russian and foreign academic journals. Members of the Institute teach in leading Russian universities; over the last years individually or as co-authors they have published 25 textbooks covering different aspects of economic, political and social development of European countries and regions. The Institute runs a post-graduate course and two dissertation councils. The Institute's library contains tens of thousands of publications in Russian and other European languages.

THE DIRECTORATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPE



Professor Alexey Gromyko,
Director of IE RAS



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Academician, RAS



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Deputy Director,
Corr. Member, RAS



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Corr. Member, RAS



Dr. Olga Butorina,
Deputy Director,
Professor



Vladislav Belov,
Deputy Director,
Cand. of Science (Economics)

MAIN FIELDS OF RESEARCH



Dr. Olga Potemkina,
Head of Department

The Department of European Integration Studies (includes the Centre for Political Integration and the Centre for Economic Integration) covers various directions of EU policy, the institutional, social and political evolution of the European Union and its role on the international arena.

The Department analyzes the status and prospects of the EU-Russia relations, as well as the applicability of the EU experience to the Eurasian Economic Union, assesses the potential for cooperation between the two integration organizations.



Dmitry Danilov,
Head of Department,
Cand. of Science (Economics)

Research at the Department of European Security concentrates on: security problems of Europe in the XXI century, major challenges and threats; transformation of the Euro-Atlantic security institutions, conflict management, arms control.

Primary attention is paid to changes in the NATO military and political strategy, as well as its activity, in the sphere of the EU Common Foreign, Security and Defense Policy, the role and practical policy of OSCE, prospects of European crises and conflicts settlement, including protracted conflicts in the post-Soviet space.

The Department works on Russian foreign policy strategy in the context of Euro-Atlantic relations in the sphere of security.



Vladislav Belov,
Head of Department,
Cand. of Science (Economics)

The Department of Country Studies is focused on the economy and politics of Germany, its role in Europe and the world; France as one of the key partners of Russia in Europe; the place of Britain in the system of international relations and world economic relations; the role of Spain and Portugal in European politics.

The Department analyzes current political, economic, ecological problems of Northern Europe and the Euro-Arctic region, including cross-border cooperation, as well as interaction with various international and European organizations.



Dr. Vladimir Schweitzer,
Head of Department

The Department of Political and Social Studies is engaged in research of the transformation of the European social model and the civil society.

Party and political studies cover political parties of European countries, especially the EU member-states, electoral trends and intra-party issues.

The Department analyzes religious and other cultural factors in the evolution of Europe and Russia. Close attention is paid to the study of the European identity, soft power of different countries and institutions.



Dr. Lyubov Shishelina,
Head of Department

The Department of Central and Eastern Europe Studies deals with problems of socio-economic and political development of countries to which Russia, due to geographical proximity and historical traditions, is bound by particularly close ties. Considerable attention is paid to the participation of these countries in pan-European cooperation. Sub-regional processes in the Visegrad group, the Baltic region, as well as the European CIS states form a separate field of studies.



Dr. Alla Yazkova,
Head of Department

The Department of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Studies carries out academic research on the problems of this vast region, the political significance of which is traditionally associated with instability and high social dynamics. The Department analyzes the impact of external forces on the region as well as conflicts in the Middle East, the policy of the European Union in the Black Sea region. The Department conducts research on the integration processes, the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).



Dr. Anatoly Bazhan,
Head of Department

The Department of Economic Studies is engaged in the analysis of European economics. Special attention is paid to the movement of international capital, the factors defining currency exchange rates, Russia's place in international economic exchange, international socio-economic comparisons. The Department studies the Russian fuel-and-energy complex and the global energy market, the role of innovations in the post-industrial economy.



Dr. Yuri Borko,
Head of the Centre

The Information Centre of the European Union (established in 1991) carries out research and renders information services. Its Head, Professor Yuri Borko, is one of the founders of contemporary European studies in Russia. The Centre's collection of publications exceeds 50 thousand pieces, including: the EU Charter documents (founding treaties); other documents (directives, regulations, decisions, etc.); texts of the EU agreements with other countries (including Russia); statistics; academic research papers on European affairs, including the role of Russia in the system of European relations; periodicals (including the official publication of the EU – “Official Journal of the European Union”).

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



The Institute of Europe cooperates on a regular basis with the Eurasian Economic Commission, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Central Bank. The Institute carries out joint research projects on European Studies with leading Russian and foreign academic centres and organisations.

Together with 15 EU and Russian universities the Institute participates in the international project "European identity, Cultural Diversity and Political Change" under the auspices of the European Commission. Since 1995 the Institute has been a co-organizer of the international conference "Russia and Central Europe in New Geopolitical Realities". The Institute is a long-time partner of the Krynica Forum in Poland.

The Institute is in close partnership with the Russian International Affairs Council, the Russkiy Mir Foundation, the Historical Perspective Foundation, the "Petersburg Dialogue" Forum, the Russian Political Science Association, the Russian International Studies Association, the British Studies Association.

The Institute of Europe, together with the Finnish Martti Ahtisaari Centre, conducts the annual international conference "European security: searching for joint responses to threats and challenges". IE RAS cooperates with the University of Coimbra and the New State University of Lisbon. Agreements on scientific cooperation are signed with the University La Sapienza, the EURISPES Institute for Political, Economic and Social Studies (Rome, Italy), the Institute for the Study of the History of Reforms (Hungary), the University of Arad (Romania), KU Leuven (Belgium) and others.

Leading partners of the Institute:

“Russkij Mir”
Foundation



The Alexander Gorchakov
Public Diplomacy Foundation



Diplomatic Academy
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Russian Federation)



Moscow State University
(n.a. M.V.Lomonosov)



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German Institute for
International and Security Affairs



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Foundation



Konrad Adenauer
Foundation



Foundation Maison de
Sciences de l'Homme



German-Russian
Forum



Petersburg Dialogue
Forum



French Institute of
International Relations



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German Council on
Foreign Relations



European Russian
Forum



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Oxford
University



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Birmingham



University of
Edinburgh



The Royal Institute of
International Affairs



Federal Academy for
Security Policy



Institute for International
Political Studies



Centre for
European Policy Studies



Institute for Political,
Economic and Social Studies



College of
Europe





Among major works, published by members of IE RAS, are: "Dilemmas of Britain" (M.: Ves mir, 2014), "Modern Germany. Economics and Politics" (M.: Ves mir, 2015), "The Lessons of WWII for Europe of the XXI Century" (M.: Russkiy souvenir, 2011), "Russia and Central Europe in New Geopolitical Realities" (M.: IE RAS, 2013), "The Military Policy of the European Union" (V.V.Zhurkin. M.: Mezhdunarodnye otnosheniya, 2014), "The Visegrád Europe" (M.: IE RAS, 2014). Our researchers contribute to foreign academic publications, e.g. "Rivista di studi politici internazionali" (www.rspi.it), IAI Research Papers.



The multi-volume Series "The Old World – the New Times" has been published since 2007 (18 volumes by 2016).

The series "IE RAS Reports" – is a creative laboratory for the Institute’s research. To date, more than 320 issues have been released. The series allows to test the results of new research, develop scientific methodology and promote analytical discourse.



THE "CONTEMPORARY EUROPE" JOURNAL



Victor Mironenko,
Editor,
Cand. of Science (History)

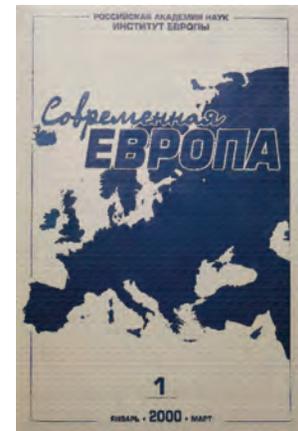
The journal "Contemporary Europe" was founded in 2000. This is a unique academic publication in Russia entirely devoted to European Studies. Since its launch, the journal has become one of the main venues for research on numerous issues of Europe's development.

The journal boasts a broad range of distinguished authors. Among them Academicians N. Shmelev and V.Zhurkin, Corresponding Members of RAS M.Nosov and V.Fedorov, political and public figures – M.Gorbachev and E. Bar, H. Modrow (Germany), Prince Alois (Liechtenstein), V.Jaruzelski (Poland), E. Stoiber (Germany), A.Vershbow (USA), K. Stephanopoulos (Greece), religious leaders Metropolitan Kirill (now Patriarch), Ravil Gainutdin, Aga Khan IV; prominent experts D. Coulmy (France), E. Reiter (Austria), M. Ricceri (Italy), R.Sakwa (UK), etc.

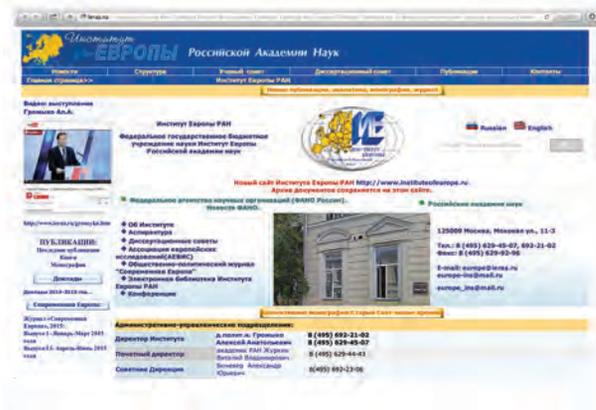
The journal opens doors not only to established scholars, but also to young researchers and post-graduates.

According to the Science Index of the Scientific Electronic Library (elibrary.ru), "Contemporary Europe" holds the 1st place among academic journals in section "Integrated Study of Countries and Regions" (includes 27 periodicals), the 9th place in section "Policy. Political Science" (63 periodicals) and the 48th place in section "Economy. Economic Science" (291 periodicals) (impact factor 0.533). The journal is included in the list of Russian peer-reviewed journals of the State Commission for Academic Degrees and Titles (VAK) in four scientific specialties.

"Contemporary Europe" is on the shelves of leading Russian libraries, universities and academic research institutions, government agencies and foreign partners, available for subscription through Rospechat Agency.



THE WEBSITE OF THE INSTITUTE



The traditional Internet site of the Institute of Europe of Russia is located at: www.ieras.ru. Over the years it has become a popular source of information on various aspects of European Studies.

The new Internet site www.instituteofeurope.ru was launched in 2015. This resource meets the increased research capacity of IE RAS. The objective is to make it a unique up-to-date electronic platform – a major source of academic and expert publications for a wide audience in Russia and abroad.

"Working Papers of IE RAS" is one of its new products.

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