



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON GLOBAL SECURITY 2020

**The Anniversary XX International School on Global Security takes place on
September 26 — October 4, 2020.**

The PIR Center International School on Global Security is a unique platform where young politicians, diplomats, military and civil servants, journalists, scholars, and students expand the scope of their professional knowledge and further their education. The School is intended for those who strive to build expertise and improve professional skills and contribute to a more secure world.

The School is an excellent opportunity for those who are studying Russia and the Russian language abroad for a deep immersion in a linguistic, cultural and professional environment established by leading Russian experts in the field of international relations.

Key topics for the International School 2020:

- ◇ WMD nonproliferation and nuclear threat reduction – global and regional agenda. Future of the NPT. WMD in the Middle East. North Korea and security in East Asia. The Iran deal
- ◇ New challenges of chemical and biological safety. Future of the CWC, OPCW and BWC
- ◇ Arms control and new arms race. START, INF, missile defence, weapons in outer space
- ◇ Digital transformation, global Internet governance, information security and cyber security
- ◇ Emerging technologies – real and mythical opportunities and threats (artificial intelligence, lethal autonomous weapons)
- ◇ International law in new technological and political realities
- ◇ New trends in terrorism and military conflicts
- ◇ Russia and its neighbors, Europe, Middle East, Central Asia and Afghanistan
- ◇ Russian foreign policy and defence priorities. Russia and the West. Russia and the East. Russia and the World

Working language of the School is Russian. Participants should be fluent in both Russian and English.

Lecturers – practicing, leading Russian and foreign experts, representatives of the state organizations, research institutions and companies.

In the years 2010-2019, the list of School speakers included: Chairman of the Executive Board of the PIR Center Evgeny P. **Buzhinskiy**, President, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Vitaly V. **Naumkin**, Head of the Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian MFA; PIR Center Director Vladimir A. **Orlov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey A. **Ryabkov**, Head of Peace and Conflict Research unit of Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations E. A. **Stepanova**, Head of Foreign Policy Department, Kommersant Publishing House, E.V. **Chernenko**, Board member, Institute of World Economy

and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences Vyacheslav I. **Trubnikov**, Head of Strategic Projects, Kaspersky Lab Andrey Yu. **Yarnykh**, etc.

Participants. 25 diplomats, officers, young politicians, civil servants, international relations scholars, journalists, graduate students, undergraduate from the CIS countries, Europe, the USA, the countries of SCO and BRICS.

Place. The School takes place in the ancient Russian city of Zvenigorod. Near the city there are unique monuments of the Russian spiritual culture, the Savvino-Storozhesky and Novoirerusalimsky monasteries, places connected with life of the Russian writers and composers.

In case of adverse epidemiological situation caused by COVID-19, the International School will be held in the form of a videoconference. If a part of the selected participants will be unable physically arrive in Moscow due to the closed borders and/or a ban on traveling abroad, the School will be held in a combined format (some of the participants will be present in person, the other part will join all School events remotely in real-time mode).

Partners. The School is organized by PIR Center in cooperation with the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian MFA with support of the Presidential Grants Foundation, the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, and the “Russkiy Mir” Foundation. Among traditional program partners: “Dialogue” Club International, The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation, Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Scholarships. Thanks to the support of our partners, participants will be provided with scholarships, fully or partially covering participation fee (training course, accommodation and transportation). Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to members of research and educational institutions, governmental agencies and other organizations from the CIS and SCO countries.

On all questions regarding administration purposes, please contact the Educational Program Director of PIR Center Yulia Sych by telephone +7 (499) 940 09 83 or by e-mail edu@pircenter.org.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON GLOBAL SECURITY 2020

Applicants who wish to participate in the competitive selection for the International School on Global Security should:

1. **FILL IN** electronic questionnaire [HERE](#) (the link is available on school.pircenter.org)
2. **SEND** to organizers at the e-mail address edu@pircenter.org the following documents:

Essential:

- ◇ Cover Letter (in Russian), in which applicants should explain their goals for participation in the program.
- ◇ Letter of Recommendation from organization's director or advisor of applicants (in either Russian or English);

Optionally applicants can submit any other materials which will allow us to evaluate the application further (CV, publication, etc.).

Please, state in the subject line: International School 2020 Application.

3. **RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION** by e-mail from the organizing committee of School that the application is accepted for consideration.

The organizers may ask for an interview with the candidate (face-to-face or by phone).

Applications should be sent by the e-mail: edu@pircenter.org for Yulia Sych, PIR Center Educational Program Director.

Working language of the School is Russian. Separate performances may be held in English. Participants should be fluent in both Russian and English.

The deadline for the submission of applications is **August 10, 2020**.

The organizers bear the costs associated with the accommodation and meals of program participants representing research, educational organizations and government bodies of the CIS and SCO countries, as well as provide students with the necessary handouts and literature. Travel expenses to Moscow and back to nonresident participants are covered by the sending side. On the basis of individual applications, PIR Center may consider paying for the fare to participants from regions of Russia remote from Moscow and Central Asian countries.

Detailed information on the International School on Global Security 2020 could be found on the project's website school.pircenter.org.

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