## 2.1. Course Outline

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**Topic 1. Russian Federation, its foreign and security policy, and nuclear weapons**

**October 1, Tuesday. 17.30 – 18.50**

_Lecture 1.1._ Introduction to the course: Its subject. Its objectives. Review of literature and key documents for the course  

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

*Summary:* The subject, the course goals and objectives. Review of literature and key documents for the course

**October 1, Tuesday. 19.00 – 20.20**

_Lecture 1.2._ Foreign and security policy of the Russian Federation: understanding the priorities and threat perceptions.

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

*Summary:* Key documents, priorities of Russian foreign and security policy: Transformation of the attitudes of the Russian population towards the role of WMD and threats of its proliferation. Influence of the public opinion on nuclear nonproliferation policy.

**Essential Readings**
- Russian National Security Strategy 2015 (Unofficial translation)
- Russian Foreign Policy Concept, November 30, 2016
- Russian Military Doctrine, December 2014

General Readings

- Presidential Address to the Federal Assembly. (Read from “Now, on to the most important defence issue.”) March 1, 2018
- President Putin Addresses Russian Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives. July 19, 2018
- Lavrov Sergei. Russia’s Foreign Policy in a Historical Perspective. Russia in Global Affairs. № 2 April/June 2016
- Tsygankov Andrei. Towards a New Strategy of Civilizational Concentration. Russia in Global Affairs № 2 April/June 2017
- Вячеслав Никонов. Современный мир и его истоки. Издательство МГУ, 2015, с. 320-447
- Владислав Сурков. Одиночество полукровки. Россия в глобальной политике, 9 апреля 2018 г.
- Дмитрий Тренин. Россия и мир в XXI веке. Litres, 2017 г.
- Тезисы по внешней политике и позиционированию России в мире. Центр стратегических разработок, июнь 2017 г.

October 8, Tuesday. 14.30 – 15.50

Lecture 1.3. History of the Soviet/Russian nuclear-weapon program Dr. Ildar Akhtamzyan

Summary: Lecture focuses on the development of Soviet/Russian nuclear-weapon program, its key stages and stakeholders.

Essential Readings

General Readings

- Ядерное нераспространение. Под общей редакцией Орлова В.А. М., ПИР-Центр, 2002 (2-е изд., переработанное и расширенное).

Topic 2. Evolution of the Russian Nonproliferation Policy

October 15, Tuesday. 17.30 – 18.50


Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

Summary: Transformation of the Russian nonproliferation agenda from 1968 to 2019. Key actors in shaping Soviet/Russian nonproliferation priorities.

Essential Readings

• Strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime in 2016-2020. PIR Center. April 2016

General Readings

• Potter, William C., Bidgood, Sarah W. Once and Future Partners: The US, Russia, and Nuclear Non-proliferation. Routledge, 2018
• Тимербаев Р.М. Россия и ядерное нераспространение. Наука, 1999. 383 с.

October 15, Tuesday. 19.00 – 20.20

Seminar 2.1. / Provisional Test 1. Major Elements of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy of the Russian Federation


Essential Readings

• Position of the Russian Federation on issues pertaining to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. PIR Center, 2018
• Briefing for representatives of mass-media by Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov on the issues of preparation to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Moscow, April 26, 2019
• Eastern Economic Forum plenary session. Vladimir Putin took part in the Eastern Economic Forum. The President spoke at a plenary session of the Forum. September 12, 2018

General Readings

• Statement by the delegation of the Russian Federation at the Third Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (general debate). New York, April 29, 2019
• Strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime in 2016-2020. PIR Center. April 2016


### Web resources

• [U.S.-Russia Relations: Quest for Stability](#). Carnegie Corporation of New York Project by Cynthia Lazaroff, Bruce Allyn, 2019

• [PIR Center Projects](#)

• [The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#)

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#### Topic 3. Preventing proliferation risks in various regions of the globe: Russia’s role

**November 25, Monday. 14.30 – 15.50**

*Essay Presentation 3.1 / Provisional Test 2, 3.*

Preventing proliferation risks in various regions of the globe: Russia’s role. (Part 1)

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Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

**November 25, Monday. 16.00 – 17.20**

*Essay Presentation 3.2 / Provisional Test 2, 3.*

Preventing proliferation risks in various regions of the globe: Russia’s role. (Part 2)

*Diplomatic Academy, Bolshoy Kozlovskiy pereulok, 4 building 1*

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

**Summary:** Russian position on nonproliferation issues, regional and global challenges to nonproliferation.

### Essential Readings

• [Strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime in 2016-2020. Recommendations](#) by PIR Center, April 2016

### General Readings

• White Paper “Ten Steps Toward a Weapon of Mass Destruction-Free Zone in the Middle East”. PIR Center, 2013


• Ядерное нераспространение. Учебник в 2 томах. Том 1, Том 2. ПИР-Центр, 2002 г.
December 2, Monday. 14.30 – 15.50

Final test

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

Essay topics

1. Russia’s views on strategic stability: is a dialogue with the United States feasible?
2. INF Treaty collapse: implications for Russia.
4. Russia-DPRK dialogue on nuclear-related issues: what it means for US policy vis-à-vis North Korea
5. Russia and the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone.
6. Russia and a WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East.
7. Russian attitudes on India’s nuclear weapon program.
8. Russia and China: their views and dialogue on nuclear arms control.
10. Russia and the U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe. The issue of nuclear sharing.
11. Russia and the IAEA safeguards.
12. Russian nuclear energy projects in the Middle East