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MGIMO University's mission

is to train leaders and outstanding experts in international affairs, making Russia competitive at the global level and ensuring international development of partner countries.

MGIMO University's strategic goal for 2030 is to ensure its academic leadership in education, research, communications; create and maintain an efficient channel for transferring best practices between Russian and foreign university community; establish a university-based resource center of international activity to develop the country's industries and territories.



The MGIMO Priority-2030 program is comprised of five strategic projects:

- » Global Research for Global Russia,
- » Russian International School,
- » Russian International ESG Center,
- » Institute of Global Agricultural Markets,
- » International Sherpa of Russian Tourism



Strategic project #1 Global Research for Global Russia

The project's goal is to ensure MGIMO University's leading positions in the global academic community in the areas of international and political as well as socio-economic research; maintain the status of the university as a focal center of academic diplomacy and international civil dialogues. The key objectives of the Strategic project are better integration between MGIMO University and leading Russian and international think-tanks; hiring the most talented professors and young researchers; promoting MGIMO University's intellectual property in Russian and international markets.

In 2021, a draft agreement on the creation of a research and educational consortium with the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Lebedev Physical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences was prepared. The central component of the consortium will be the creation of a specialized department which will develop and supervise the master's degree program titled *Systems Analysis and Processes and Risk Prediction*.

2021 saw the launch of the flagship laboratories to establish world-class interdisciplinary centers of excellency at MGIMO University; the Regulation was elaborated and the research groups with foreign scholars were created.

In 2021, a work plan was developed to publish an international book series entitled "Advances in International Studies" (together with Elsevier, international publisher) and to launch three journals in English: Russian Journal of International Relations and Law, Russian Journal of Cultural Studies and Communication, and Russian Business Review in cooperation with top-rated international publishers: Pensoft and Emerald (Elsevier).

The Program of Visiting Researchers (visiting professors, post-doctoral fellows) plays a crucial role in developing global research. In 2021, MGIMO University together with the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund and Rossotrudnichestvo organized the first Program of Research Internship InteRussia. The first cohort of the Program included five researchers from Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Tadjikistan.

As part of the Strategic project, the 'research school' concept was elaborated, which can be used for the development of industries and training national talent in international relations. This concept involves: 1) the modernization of methodological approaches to teaching history and international relations through roleplays and case studies to develop critical analysis and decision-making skills; 2) the development of research skills through students' participation in research projects and workshops supervised by scholars from the research institute; 3) the assignment of an additional specialization related to a country or issue to the students based on the constant monitoring of the Ministry's demand for future diplomats and shaping the list of priority qualifications and knowledge; 4) the improvement of the foreign-language proficiency level depending on the specialization (politics, economy, law, journalism) or the industry (energy sector, IT, sport, agriculture, etc.).



Strategic project #2 Russian International School

The project is aimed at promoting education in Russian on the international market through the establishment of a MGIMO-based resource-center to train teachers and develop educational products for the schools, providing education in Russian abroad.

To study the features of the demand for the Russian education abroad, a qualitative education market research was held covering Croatia, France, Germany, and Turkey: the parameters of communication in Russian within the participants' families were studied; the parents' motives for choosing the education in Russian abroad as well as their preferences in terms of the format (in-person, virtual, or blended) were identified.

The expert group held a study whose results were published in the expert and analytical report entitled *Russian Schools Abroad: Challenges and Prospects* in Russian and English. The Report analyzes the features of the main formats of getting education in Russian abroad; challenges and gaps of this education and MGIMO University's prospects for developing Russian international schools (RIS).

On December 20, 2021, the MGIMO Gorchakov Lyceum hosted the strategic session that gathered 26 experts to align positions on the implementation of the RIS program. The MGIMO RIS educational model involves the provision of a wide range of educational services in Russian on the educational market; the creation of conditions for a comprehensive learning process (streamlining skills using the school-university-job model), blended education (in-person and virtual), getting customized and personalized services (the support of tutors, modular programs, remote exams, etc.). On the one hand, the MGIMO RIS will use the best practices of the Russian Embassy schools of the Russian MFA and Rossotrudnichestvo centers, providing quality education that allows its students take a state

examination. On the other hand, the RIS will act as a new educational and communications model which can be modified by participants and partners beyond traditional schooling system, corporate models or private schools.

As part of the project, the financial and economic (investment) model of the Russian international schools has been developed as well as brand identity and a brand book.

Another area of work in developing the RIS educational model was the elaboration of the concept behind the digital basis for the applicants' academic path based on the model of key skills and digital footprint of group and individual activities by the University 2035 R&D Director Andrey Komissarov. In future, the concept will enable the development of an alternative model of entrance exams for the applicants based on the analysis of their digital footprint.

The University is cooperating with EdTech platforms in education, including with the International Blended Learning School (IBLS) educational platform launched by the MGIMO graduates. The IBLS platform is used in several schools, namely in the MGIMO Lyceum and the lyceum classes in Tashkent.



MGIMO Vice-Rectors Artem Malgin and Roman Kotov signed a memorandum on the launch of two Russian international schools in Bishkek and Karakol

In order to shape the system of advanced training programs for teachers and professors, including for the implementation of the RIS educational programs abroad, the concepts of several new programs have been developed: the master's degree programs in pedagogy (*Modern Pedagogy and Educational Design, Neuroscience and Education*), the further education programs for teachers and educational institutions' managers (*Formative Assessment, Technology of Expert and Program Development Management for Educational Institutions*). The outline of a collective monograph entitled "Modern Pedagogy and Educational Design in Foreign Environment" has been prepared.

To fulfil the objective of supporting and developing abilities and talents of children and youth the additional general education programs for high school students were developed in two areas focused on enhancing soft skills, learning more about the Russian culture and setting a platform for a cultural dialogue.

As for developing international partnership with the Kyrgyz Republic, from 30 October to 3 November 2021 a delegation from MGIMO University visited Bishkek. The visit resulted in the signing of the Agreement with the Research and Educational MSU School-Complex in Kyrgyzstan. In terms of developing international partnership with the Republic of Uzbekistan, the dual certificate program with the MGIMO Gorchakov Lyceum continues to be implemented. The license for the MGIMO Gorchakov Lyceum branch in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) has been obtained. The Lyceum will serve as a basis for the launch of the first educational institution under the RIS brand in 2022. A state exams test center was opened at the Tashkent branch of MGIMO University.

Strategic project #3 Russian International ESG Center

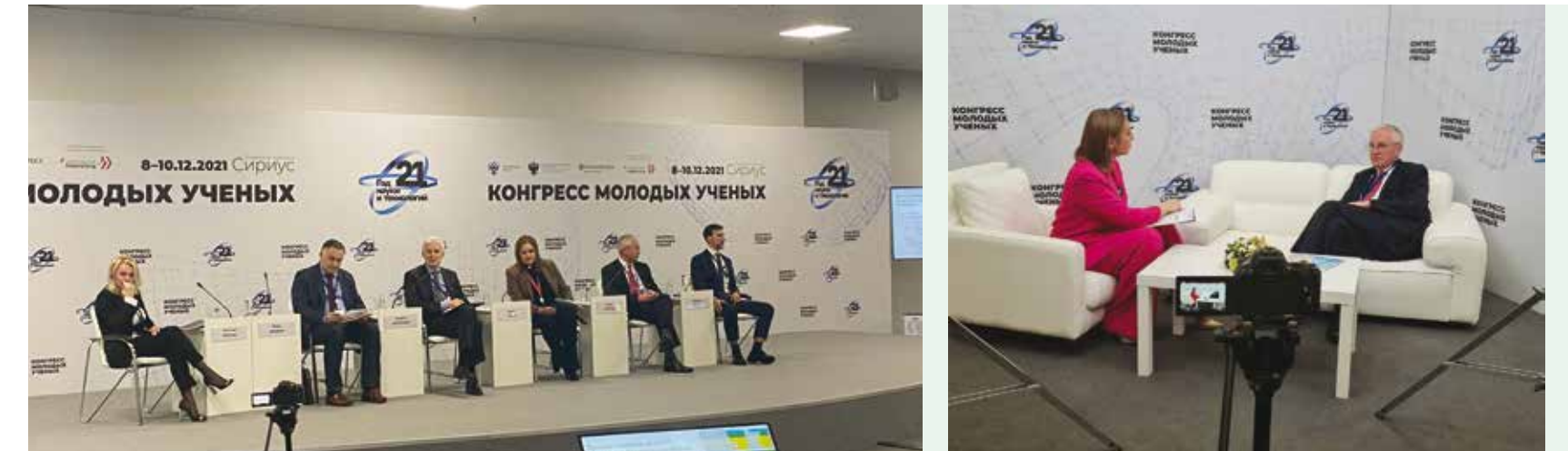
The project's aim is to establish a Russian International Center of Skills in Sustainable Development and ESG that would streamline and develop the best research and educational practices concerning environmental, social and governance-related responsibility as well as make Russia's contribution to their development more significant.

In 2021, the MGIMO Center for Sustainable Development (MCS D) was founded. Its main areas of activity include holding research on sustainable development; providing education to train experts in sustainable development and improve their skills; offering expert and analytical as well as consulting services for businesses, governmental and non-governmental organizations along with developing the MGIMO Sustainable Development Strategy.

In 2021, the MCS D Discussion club organized seven meetings that gathered 35 leading experts and over 1,000 participants devoted to the main areas of the current ESG agenda: the principles of ranking companies and regions,



With one of the founders of LinguaRus, an online school of Russian, Marina Zhigalova and General Director Yuri Suslikov



Carbon Regulation: Challenges and Opportunities for Technological Development session at the Congress of Young Scientists

non-financial reporting, climate- and environment-related risks, alternative energy economy, and managing social risks.

A series of 15 ESG transformation textbooks on managing sustainable development, environmental damage, risks and insurance assessment, and other topics, was published. Eight Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation digests were issued, covering the best practices of responsible financing, carbon regulation and corporate ESG strategies.

The Stratproyekt team participated in several major international forums, including the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, the 1st Ecumene Congress 2021 on Sustainable Development, the roundtable on the Role of the Russian Donor Organizations in implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the Donors' Forum, the international forum Public Diplomacy in the Dialogue Between Russia and the EU, the Carbon Regulation: Challenges and Opportunities for Technological Development



Russian Open International Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation during the 13th RISA Convention



Post COP26: Sustainable Development of Eurasian countries, an international academic conference in Baku

Session at the Congress of Young Scientists 2021 in Sochi, the international research and practical conference International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic in the Time of Climate Change in Saint-Petersburg, and others.

The MCSD organized two international conferences: the 1st Russian Open International Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation during the 13th RISA Convention and Post COP26: Sustainable Development of Eurasian countries, an international academic conference in Baku. A cooperation agreement was signed by MGIMO University and the Caspian Hydrogen Development Group.

A new master's degree program titled *Environmental Management in Corporate Governance* was launched in 2021 together with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU, Saint-Petersburg). Four further education programs were developed: *ESG sustainable development strategies*, *Sustainable Development Goals in the UN Agenda*, *Challenges of Russia's Shift to Carbon Neutrality*, *Environmental Challenges of Modern Russia*. There were also actions taken to promote employment for the graduates in ESG.

As part of the Priority program, a project was launched to rank Russian regions depending on their contribution to sustainable development; the existing Russian and international organizations rankings concerning sustainable development were analyzed; the list of indicators to rank Russian regions was compiled; the pilot regions for ranking in 2022 were chosen.

Strategic project #4 Institute of Global Agricultural Markets

The project's goal is to establish a unique national institute focused on training and providing advanced training for industry experts; applied expert evaluation and a wide range of communications services in the interest of the Russian agro-industrial complex, stepping up its presence in the international market.

On 9 December, 2021, MGIMO University and Agroexport, an institution under the Russian Ministry of Agriculture that provides consulting services for Russian exporters of agricultural products, signed an agreement on establishing a joint consortium.

The experts from Agroexport and MGIMO University developed and organized advanced training programs in *Global Food Markets*, and *International Food Trade System of Law and Regulations*; they also prepared learning resources and presentations for the students. In November–December 2021, 215 students participated in the programs in MGIMO University, Stavropol State Agrarian University, and Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy.



A concept for the basic textbook entitled “Global Agricultural Markets” was elaborated. The book will fill in the gap at the market of learning resources concerning training specialists on exporting agricultural products. Professors from MGIMO University developed a series of textbooks on Arabic, Chinese, English and Turkish for the experts in agricultural markets that reflect the demand of the employers.

Agroexport made a website for the Institute of Global Agricultural Markets strategic project as well as elaborated the concept for its development that mentions the recommended order of the launch and adding content to the website in 2022–2023. The aim of the project is to set up a comprehensive website for the MGIMO Institute of Global Agricultural Markets that would include the analytical dashboards on the key indicators of the industry development; education-wise, the list of educational programs and online-courses; an e-library; a career center and a training case studies center to train and provide further training for experts from the agricultural complex; research- and consulting-wise, the reviews of the situation on the global agricultural markets, a guide on the agricultural product certification; an online navigator to assess the accessibility of the Russian agricultural products, an analysis and forecast matrices.

Development Trends in Global Agricultural Markets, an expert and analytical report, was published in Russian and English, dwelling on the features of the current landscape of the world trade, the description of the driving force that changes the landscape of the world food trade, including the assessment of global trends for the agricultural complex, the industry analysis of the changing world trade in agricultural products.

In 2022, all the above-mentioned areas will be developed, including the update and creation of master's degree programs, retraining programs, advanced training programs and skills enhancement programs for the experts and students, the preparation of the basic textbook and several manuals, the publication of the International Food Trade and Food Security yearbook, the research into the needs of the business community related to the foreign economic activity.

In future a self-regulating organization will be established based on the network principle and including, apart from MGIMO University, Russian agrarian universities, organizations under the Ministry of Agriculture and interested Russian agricultural companies.



Agricultural Education — Invest in Future round table at the EXPO — 2020 in Dubai during the Russian Agricultural Week

Strategic project #5 International Sherpa of Russian Tourism

The key goal of International Sherpa of Russian Tourism strategic project is to train experts and managers for tourism, hospitality industry and event management, who can unleash recreational, cultural and investment potential of the Russian regions.

The marketing study of the educational programs market in Russia in the field of Tourism and Hospitality Industry found out a major lack of systemic programs for training strategic managers, project and territorial branding managers able to redefine the tourism development paradigm as an industry and the tourist sites from a long-term investment perspective. The analysis concerned the needs of business, municipal and state authorities, as well as global trends on developing responsible and sustainable tourism.

MGIMO University developed a range of basic and additional educational programs. For instance, in 2022 the University will enroll students for bachelor's and master's degree programs in Tourism held together with specialized university: Sochi State University (SSU) and Russian International Olympic University (RIOU). The *Guide-Interpreter* retraining program and *Tourism Management MBA* program were developed.

The following advanced training programs were elaborated: *Current Challenges in Tourist Activities Legal Regulation, Ecotourism and Agrotourism Corporate Regulation Fundamentals, Modern Urban Studies as Tourism Resource: the Legal Basis, Legal and Corporate Regulation of Medical Tourism, Security Legal Basis in Tourism*.

To promote new educational programs in tourism a landing page (tourism.mgimo.ru) was developed and launched.

On 17 December, 2021, Sochi hosted the first inter-university conference Russian Universities as Sherpa of International Tourism — a joint project of MGIMO University, South Federal University, Sochi State University, and Russian International Olympic University.



To provide career support for the students in tourism and hospitality an event was held for MGIMO and SSU students in the format of a business game entitled “Concept for Developing Tourist Attractiveness of Sochi and Black Sea Coast of the Krasnodar region”.

The first stage of Russia Reimagined creative works competition for students from MGIMO University, SSU and other universities was the Russia Through the Eyes of MGIMO Students photo contest held together with the Russian Geographical Society.

New Jerusalem State Museum of History and Art hosted a joint workshop by MGIMO University, Moscow Region Government and Center for Tourism Development organization devoted to the tourism potential of the Moscow region and Central Russia.

The following textbooks are being designed: *Tourism and Hospitality Industry: The Basic Course*; *Tourism and Hospitality Industry: The International Case Studies*; *Event Management: The Basic Course*, as well as manuals on foreign languages with a focus on tourism (for English and French).



Concept for Developing Tourism Potential and Attractiveness of Sochi winter school



Innovation and Digital Technologies in Education project strategic session

To put into practice the Program claimed the strategic projects are accompanied by university institutional transformation projects, namely Digital Transformation, and Innovations and Digital Technologies in Education.

In 2021, the MGIMO Digital Transformation Strategy was developed: the audit of the existing technical equipment and software at the University was performed, the key clients and users of the University's information systems were surveyed; the target model of a digital university was defined as well as projects needed to achieve it. Twelve managers participated in an advanced training program in Management Based on Data by University – 2035 during which they were developing digital transformation projects for MGIMO University. The electronic workflow system based on Directum software was introduced, the requirements for its integration in the existing 1C information systems were developed. The training workshops for the system's users were held. The Teacher's Personal Office was modernized. The new modules allow the employees to make reports about their training and research activities in the Personal Office;



Language. Culture. Translation: Cross-Cultural Communication in the Digital Age, international research and practical conference. The Conference was opened by the Director of the Odintsovo branch Elena Kozlovskaya and the Dean of the Department of Linguistics and Cross-Cultural Communication Valentina Ikonnikova

send reports to get points for their effective contracts and competitive re-appointment; enroll in the advanced training programs and receive the e-certificates of completion; find information about the services and send e-requests via one window – the Center of Requests.

There was some progress made in developing and implementing the PhD Student's Personal Office which includes new modules (Student's Profile, Documents, Learning Process, Schedule, Research Activities); the access to the e-libraries is provided; the Antiplagiarism system is integrated.

As part of the project to develop the Applicant's Personal Office, the previously existing programs of documents admissions are fully integrated with the federal Online Admissions superservice; the single applicants' database for the Vernadsky and Odintsovo branches was developed.

While creating new MGIMO website in Russian, over 170 new layouts for the web and mobile versions were designed based on the updated brand book; the structure and the navigation system of the website were optimized.

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MGIMO Enrollees: the Best in Country

Admissions campaign breaks record in quality of admissions

IN 2021 MGIMO UNIVERSITY OFFERED

34 BACHELOR'S
DEGREE PROGRAMS

including ten at MGIMO Odintsovo
and two at MGIMO-Tashkent

competition (per place)

36 applications per
state-funded place
21 applications per
place with tuition fees

The number
of applicants
in the last
two
years
grew by

20%

GPA for enrollees

on full scholarship **96,7**
self-funded **86,8**

GPA

for self-funded enrollees:
International Law School — **94**,
School of International Relations — **92**,
School of International Economic
Relations — **90** баллов

71% **287**
PEOPLE

of enrollees on full scholarships
scored 100 in at least one of
their exams

120 DIPLOMATES

of the All-Russian School Olympiad finals
in history, law, foreign languages, civics, literature,
geography, ecology, economics, and Russian language,
107 of them admitted on full scholarship
(a quarter of all full scholarship places)

summa cum laude high school graduates



58%
of all full
scholarship
enrollees
80%

Scoring 100

28% (**347 PEOPLE**)

scored 100 in at least one of their entrance
exams due to either their performance in
the Unified State Exam or a school Olympiad

68

winners of other privilege granting Olympiads,
including 11 winners of the Television Humanitarian
Olympiad University Challenge and 15 —
of MGIMO Olympiad for schoolchildren,
are admitted without exams

international applicants

199 applicants

from **34** countries

Out of **225**

enrollees scoring 100 on exams, 190 people scored
100 in one exam, 33 — in two,
two people — in 3 or 4 exams



In the 11th Russian Universities Admissions Ranking of 2021 MGIMO University ranks second after MIPT in overall admissions quality (full scholarship and self-funded), it ranks second in full scholarship admissions quality, and third in the GPA of self-funded freshmen.

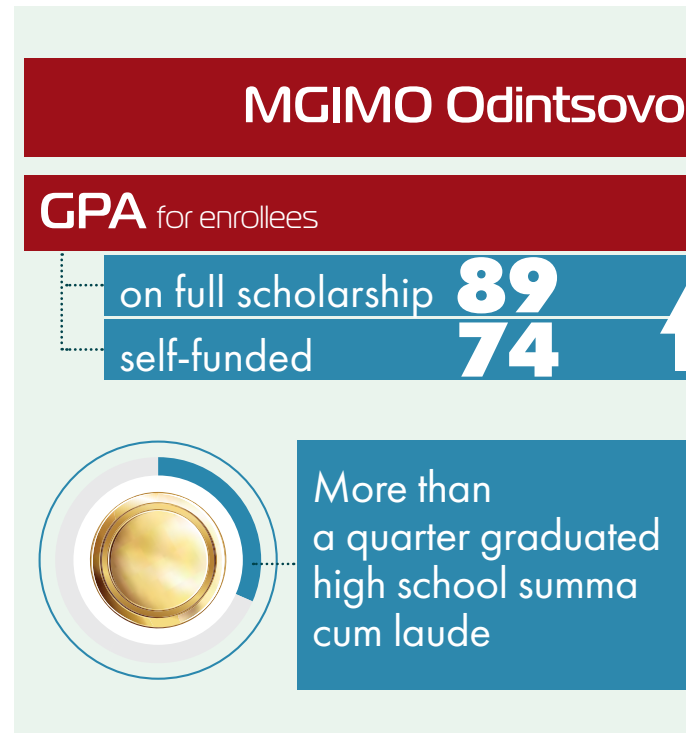
Almost half (49%) of MGIMO enrollees come from all across Russia, and 51% are from Moscow. MGIMO enrollees come from 81 regions of Russia.

MGIMO Odintsovo demonstrated impressive admissions results. In 2021, 320 people were admitted to 10 bachelor's degree programs, 11 master's programs welcomed 176 new students.

MGIMO has 62 **master's degree programs** in 15 areas of training, including 22 double diploma programs with leading universities in Europe, the US, and Asia, and networking programs with leading Russian universities — with the National Research University MISIS (*Strategic Management of International Mineral Companies*), with the Stavropol and Kuban State Agricultural Universities (*Global Agricultural Markets*) under the aegis of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, with the Russian State Oil and Gas University (*International Management in Oil and Oil Products Transportation*), joint programs in English with Lomonosov Moscow State University (*Post-Soviet Politics and Policies and Russian Policies*), Artificial Intelligence with MIPT, supported by ADV Group, Microsoft and NVidia.

In partnership with major Russian companies, MGIMO offers the following master's degree programs: *Management in Defense Industry and High Technologies* (Rostec), *Economic Strategies of International Oil and Gas Companies* (Rosneft), *International Banking* (Gazprombank), *International Management for Oil and Oil Products Transportation* (Transneft), *Investment Strategies in Global and Regional markets* (Region).

More than 2000 people applied for MGIMO master's degree programs, 49% of them got their bachelor's degree at MGIMO, 51% are graduates of other universities. More than 10% of enrollees are foreign nationals, 70% come from outside the CIS, from France, Italy, China, the US, India, and countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

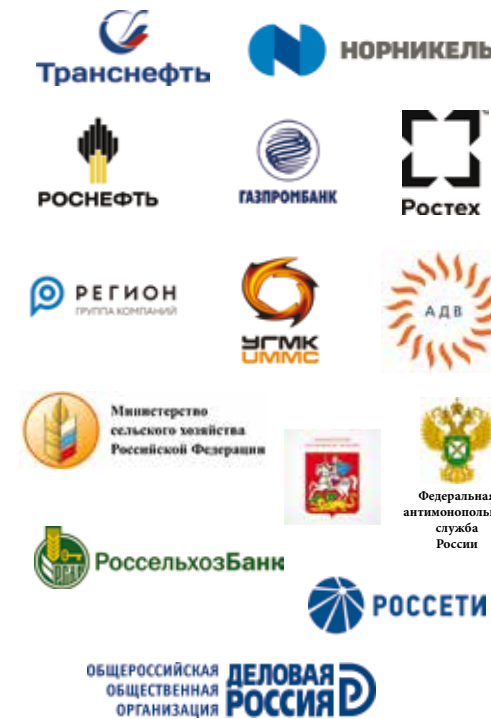


This year's admissions were highly competitive. After entrance exams in foreign languages and other disciplines, 1183 applicants were admitted.

The MGIMO Tashkent branch offers training in *Law, Business Informatics, Management, and Linguistics*. At present, the branch has two bachelor's programs and three master's programs.

In 2021/2022 MGIMO–Tashkent admitted 83 applicants to bachelor's programs: *International Private and Civil Law* (Law) — 45 people, *Analysis and Modeling of Socio-Economic Processes* (Business Informatics) — 38 people. 46 people enrolled in MGIMO–Tashkent master's programs: *International Private, Commercial and Financial Law* (Law) — 24 people, *Systems Analysis for International Business* (Business Informatics) — 11 people, *Event Management* (Management) — 11 people. The total number of students at MGIMO–Tashkent is 303.

Average competition: over 6,5 applications per state-funded place, 3 applications per self-funded place.



MGIMO University has over 20 specialized departments, including Global Agricultural Markets and Foreign Economic Activity in the Agro-Industrial Complex (Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with the Russian Agricultural Bank), the department of Asset Management (Region), Global Energy Policy and Energy Security (Rosneft) and Rosneft Center for Corporate Training and Development at MGIMO, Foreign Economic Activities in Energy Transportation (Transneft), Corporate Security Management (Nornickel), Economics and Banking Business (Gazprombank), Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence (ADV Group), International Transport Operations (UMMC), Economic and Antitrust Regulations (Federal Anti-Monopoly Service), Global Commodity Markets (Non-Commercial Partnership for Mining Industry Development Assistance), World Electric Power (Rosseti), Entrepreneurship and Corporate Management (Business Russia), Urban Infrastructure Management and Territory Development (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the Moscow Region).

Gorchakov Lyceum

2021 marked the anniversary of the Gorchakov Lyceum. Five years ago, the opening of the Lyceum gave impetus to the development of the entire educational cluster of school projects and pedagogical programs of the University.

For the first time, the Lyceum ranks first in the Best Schools of Russia Ranking in the category of Social Sciences and Humanities based on graduates' competitiveness according to RAEX Agency (RAEX-Analytics). This means that the Lyceum's graduates have the highest acceptance rate to the top 50 Russian universities from the RAEX ranking in the corresponding field of training.

The Agency also evaluated how well-prepared the students are to get admitted by universities in the following large areas of training: *Economics and Management, Technology, Natural Science and Exact Sciences, and Medicine*. the Lyceum ranks 39th in the overall ranking.

Currently, the MGIMO Lyceum has 220 students. In 2021, 82 students were admitted to grades 8–11.

In 2021, 118 students graduated from the Lyceum. Five graduates scored 100 in their Unified State Exams. One graduate performed exceptionally well in her Chinese exam: she was the first to score 100 in the Chinese language in the Moscow region since the USE in Chinese was introduced. Her achievement was even covered by China's central television — the CGTN network prepared a piece on the study of Chinese at the Lyceum.



For the first time, the Lyceum students took part in all 24 disciplines at the All-Russian School Olympiad. In 2021, 220 students won in total 110 first prize and prize diplomas of the Olympiad's municipal stage, and 41 students made it to the regional stage. The Lyceum's students performed

very strongly in linguistic disciplines. They were also quite successful in law — 7 students qualified for the regional stage of the Olympiad. A special mention should be made of the successful performance of the students of the new natural science stream, who study in MGIMO–MED group —



at the municipal stage, they won 6 medals in biology and ecology. In September the Lyceum rolled out the new chemistry and biology stream (in partnership with Marc Kurtser's MD Medical Group).

Another novelty at the Lyceum is a deeper focus on languages, with Italian available as a new foreign language. For the first time, for all classes, some disciplines are taught in English (7 disciplines), German and French (1 discipline each). Both extra curriculum activities and additional classes incorporate elements of bilingual education.

Another news is the introduction of some separate elements of IB (International Baccalaureate): English literature, Littérature française, Social studies, History, Law; a level system for teaching Russian in grades 10 and 11; MGIMO English course, and language competitions. In line with its individualized approach, the Lyceum launched a mentorship program.

All the teaching staff acquired new tutoring competencies. Teachers now have mandatory internships, the first of which took place at scientific and cultural institutions of the Tumen region and was covered by federal media outlets.

Today the MGIMO Lyceum offers one of the most complex structures of specialization opportunities. The Lyceum's educational model offers opportunities to

design a bespoke combination of subjects studied at an advanced level, for example, to study advanced mathematics and advanced history.

Apart from regular disciplines, a student can choose from a number of electives in international diplomacy, journalism, intellectual competitions, and game processes. In 2021 the Lyceum became an official platform for TED-Education events. It also held the first meeting of its own Model UN. It is especially valuable that these were the students, who are into the UN Model movement, who suggested the Lyceum have its own Model.

In January 2022, a team representing the Gorchakov Lyceum went to Boston to participate in the 69th Harvard National Model UN, the oldest and one of the most reputable international Models. The initiative and inspiration to hold HNMUN come from the UN itself, Harvard University is the conference's operator. Valery Chernikov, 11th-grade student, and methodologist and English teacher Elena Zarudnaya joined the conference attended by 4000 delegates from different countries. In 2021, the Lyceum team successfully passed a rigorous selection process that gathered more than 3000 schools from around the world.

As part of the work on quality standards for educational organizations, in 2021 the Lyceum began piloting several mixed creative groups based on

competency profiles of students and teachers, modern lesson standards, and trimester reporting on student progress for parents and children.

The principles of learning autonomy, co-authorship, and student involvement in the creation of the educational environment are implemented through two key project-research conferences held on the Lyceum platform:

- » Russia and the World: Generation Z Vision — a culmination of project and research work the Lyceum students do during the year and accomplish unique results thanks to the expert support of practitioners.
- » School Students: Exploring and Changing the World — second project and research conference, where more than 70 young participants aged 6–17, presented the results of their work at the children's project stream of the Parent-Teacher program. The program promotes the student's autonomy: children work on their own, with some support from adults, to determine the path for their development and participate in drawing up objectives, content, and organization of the education process. This year's new initiative is joint projects with graduate students of MGIMO master's program, *Modern Pedagogy and Educational Design*, where graduate students team up with the Lyceum's students to work on social projects.

The Lyceum is continuously upgrading its infrastructure. With the support from the Endowment, it equipped classrooms for natural science stream students.

A project to create a network of MGIMO lyceum classes based on the Gorchakov Lyceum is underway. 2022 will see the wrap-up of the work on comprehensive educational and financial models, and the launch of pilot regional projects based on the standards designed. Partner schools will have tested self-evaluation tools and road maps for opening lyceum classes. Regional re-training and additional training programs for teachers are kicking off as well.

On 1 December, 2021, Ilya Demakov was appointed principal of the Gorchakov Lyceum.



Lyceum Classes in Tashkent

Classes at the International House — Tashkent Academic Lyceum and the Academic Lyceum of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy

MGIMO is expanding its presents in Uzbekistan both in higher and secondary education.

The Gorchakov Lyceum's programs in Tashkent for grades 10–11 issue both Russian and Uzbek and Russian state certificates of secondary general education for Uzbek and Russian nationals. The education is organized in a network format at International House — Tashkent, a unit of the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers, and the Academic Lyceum of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy.

Currently, the Gorchakov Lyceum has seven classes at International House (two 10th and 11th grades) and the Academic Lyceum (two 10th and an 11th grade). The total number of students is 172.

In 2021, 54 lyceum students became the first to receive dual certificates.

Thanks to close cooperation with the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science, senior years students of MGIMO lyceum classes could take their USEs in Tashkent's partner lyceums. The MGIMO Tashkent branch will continue to offer students the opportunity to take their USEs.



The success of dual certificates in Uzbekistan makes it possible to expand this program to other countries, where there is interest in secondary education in Russian, state final examination, and Russian certificates of secondary education.

Entrance exams to Russian universities at MGIMO–Tashkent

MGIMO–Tashkent does not only hold the USEs.

Following 2022–2023 Russian government's quotas for international students in Russia, on 20–21 January 2022, at Tashkent MGIMO 31 Russian universities held interviews for international applicants for master's degree, residency, PhD programs, and creative undergraduate programs.

In two days, Russian universities' representatives held over 300 interviews with applicants who had passed entrance exams.

This procedure will now become annual with the support of the Rossotrudnichestvo cooperation agency in the Republic of Uzbekistan.



Students of two MGIMO Lyceum classes at International House Tashkent during their internship in Moscow



Winners of the first MGIMO–Tashkent Olympiad for School and Lyceum Students

New Vision School and Partner Schools



The New Vision School project aims to create a state-of-the-art all-grades education center, operating on the principles of the human-centered approach. This center will have its own modern campus in downtown Moscow.

September 1, 2021, marked the launch of primary classes at New Vision School's unique campus — the historical Trubetskoy Estate in the district of Khamovniki.

Currently, the primary school has 49 students. 34 in three first and second grades, and 15 — in preschool. The School offers a curriculum that promotes a personalized approach to every student, each class has no more than ten students. The school places special emphasis on the all-round development of the child — by broadening their knowledge and promoting their research and entrepreneurial thinking.



The school's priority is to create a space of choice and self-determination through a variety of extracurricular activities: children are welcome to try their hand at different pursuits at 16 clubs and studios (linguistics, arts, sports, natural sciences).

The school's building boasts a cutting-edge educational environment. The fenced and secured premises of almost

5,000 square meters is fully dedicated to children and teachers' activities.

MGIMO University signed agreements to partner with 44 institutions of general education, these schools have their own pre-professional MGIMO classes: 20 academic classes, 23 media classes, and one linguistic class.

Soon the campus in Khamovniki will open its doors to middle and high schoolers of New Vision School. School's plans for the 2022/2023 academic year:

- More students (the school plans to open three first forms and two preschool groups)
- More extra-curriculum activities (a mathematics club, a dance studio, a martial arts club)

The construction and development project of New Vision School is supported by Sergey Sudarikov, Board member of Region Group



As part of career counseling for schoolchildren, together with the Department of Education and Science of Moscow, the School rolled out an annual project, University Saturdays at MGIMO. 32 MGIMO staff members held 33 interactive



workshops (lectures, master classes, business games, quizzes) on international relations, diplomacy, foreign languages, history, and geography for 1500 students.

In 2021 MGIMO joined the list of universities participating in the Media Classes in Moscow Schools initiative. This preprofessional education initiative seeks to help students develop skills necessary for the work in media and mass communications. Through this project, the faculty of the School of International Journalism designed learning and teaching materials as well as an English textbook *Media and Communication Studies* for students of Moscow media classes.

The Coordinating Center for Pre-University and Additional Language Training holds events for future university applicants. To identify and support talented students, and to develop an early career counseling tool, the Center held a meeting with the management of Kurkino Profil (school 1298) and a career guidance seminar for 10th and 11th-grade students of school 2025. The staff of Pre-University Training held an event for students from the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), where they learned more about programs that MGIMO had to offer.

In 2021, MGIMO signed an agreement of cooperation with the Administration of Reutov. Under the agreement, MGIMO University's Pre-University Training Program together with Gimnazia School (Reutov, Moscow Region) offers additional network educational programs for 10th-grade students. The innovative programs include training in English and public and municipal management.

In Rostov-on-Don and Volgograd, high school students from MGIMO Odintsovo's partner schools and their parents had a chance to meet MGIMO representatives during University Days.



Oeconomicus — Makarenko Economic Club MGIMO remotely held an educational case game for students of Polenov School 1231. The event was facilitated by the Club's working group on attracting investment to Russian regions.

In July 2021, at the General Peace Assembly in Artek secondary school students took part in educational activities prepared together by MGIMO University and Artek ICC. The first part of the activities included lectures about the UN and the Model movement, an educational game, and a quiz. The second part — the children's UN Model — saw the kids discussing a global issue, children's right to free education. Each of 48 young diplomats represented a position of a randomly chosen UN member-state.

On 17 September 2021, as part of the Year of Science and Technologies MGIMO opened its doors for 9th and 11th-grade students of schools 2025 and 1317. They attended the lectures of young researchers of the Institute for International Studies and had a tour of the University's building and museum.

In November 2021, MGIMO University took part in the education program of the Big Break, a national competition of the presidential platform, Russia — Land of Opportunity. The competition's finals were hosted by Artek ICC and gathered 1500 high school students from all over Russia. MGIMO representatives held a series of workshops in English and Russian and showcased MGIMO at its expo stand.



On 1 April, 2021, MGIMO University rector Anatoly Torkunov visited the Defense Ministry Boarding School for Girls, a cadet corps school in Moscow. In February, the School hosted for its students a meeting with the deans of MGIMO.

On 24 April Avangard Training Center of Youth Patriotic-Military Education held an Open Day. A military tactical game, Cadet's Day, gathered 10th and 11th-grade students from schools in Moscow, Moscow region, Tula, Kaluga, and other regions of Russia, as well as university students. As part of the event, MGIMO and the Avangard Center signed a cooperation agreement.

Alexey Borisov, Head of the UNESCO Department, First Deputy Chairman of the United Nations Association of Russia, and Vice-President of the World Federation of UN Associations, moderated an All-Russian Lesson on Human Rights. This large-scale initiative united students from almost 400 secondary schools as well as university students. Russia's Commissioner for Human Rights Tatiana Moskalkova.

Both of MGIMO University's Olympiads (University Challenge and MGIMO Olympiad for School Students) reaffirmed their status and were listed on the National Olympiad Registry, thus giving admission preferences.



The unveiling of a memorial plaque to Soviet diplomats Alexander and Oleg Troyanovsky on the building of a gymnasium in Tula which bears their names



All-Russian National Lesson on Human Rights



At present, Applied Computer Science (various fields) is the technical specialization the College offers. The College continues pivoting towards digital programs: in 2021 it successfully obtained the license for a new, Information Systems and Programming (included in the TOP 50 professions of secondary vocational education). The enrollment will start in 2022.

MGIMO College



In 2021, 163 people enrolled in three secondary vocational education programs (*Law and Social Security, Banking, and Logistics Operations*), 15 of them are full-scholarship students. The enrollees' GPA attests to the high quality of admissions: The overall number is 4.5, and for full-scholarship enrollees, it is 5.0 out of 5.0.

The total number of college students is 459. 23 college students of class 2021 then enrolled in MGIMO University's undergraduate programs.

The College partners with WorldSkills Russia.

Some of the landmark events with WorldSkills Russia in 2021:

- » additional general development program Application of WorldSkills standard for Banking (skill T-48) in students' professional activity;
- » preparation and accreditation of the central site for the Demo Exam in Banking;
- » new advanced education clubs to develop students' IT skills (WorldSkills standard for Web Technologies);
- » third place in the qualifiers of the 8th Open Regional Competition WorldSkills Russia of the Moscow

region. Skill: Virtual and Augmented Reality. This is the first victory of MGIMO College's student team in such competitions. Oleg Saveliev developed an augmented reality application for smartphones and a virtual simulator, which operates with a virtual reality helmet and controllers. The application, including audio, a splash screen, and a menu, was fully completed in six hours as per the task. Sergey Falileev developed in a short time and presented to the judges a fully operational 3D model.

As is tradition, the College takes part in educational events and projects for young professionals.

In 2021 the College held a practical conference My Choice — My Future with the participation of software engineering and finance professionals from relevant organizations, the 3rd Inter-university Research Conference Topical Issues of Student Research in Modern Information Society, Days of Student Research, Inter-University Research Conference The City: A Microclimate in a Macro space, held together with Moscow Youth Research Society, etc.

- Other accomplishments of the College in 2021:
- » applied computer science students' victory in the Moscow Cybersport Competition,
 - » a research paper on cyber security: third-year student Oleg Saveliev and his scientific advisor Andrey Titov presented a new technology — Random System.

MGIMO College provides additional language training for students to improve their competitiveness in the labor market and when applying to undergraduate programs.

To strengthen its staff's professional capacity, the College initiated cooperation with the Department of Educational Systems and Pedagogical Technologies of MGIMO Odintsovo. A seminar was organized for the college teaching staff on the topic of Setting Core Trajectories of Pedagogical Development. In 2021 eight teachers from the college were recognized as WorldSkills experts and chief experts.

The College's plans for 2022:

- participation in WorldSkills competitions in Banking and Virtual and Augmented Reality,
- transition to a new SFE format for secondary vocational education — demo exams and WorldSkills Demo Exams.



MGIMO Olympiads. University Challenge

University Challenge

October 2021 marks the new, anniversary 30th season of the Television Humanitarian Olympiad University Challenge: Bright Girls, Bright Boys (Umnicy i umniki). University Challenge host Yuri Simonov (Vyazemsky), Head of the World Literature and Culture Department at MGIMO School of International Journalism discussed the televised Olympiad in a phone call with Russia's President Vladimir Putin.



- ● **The situation with our TV Olympiad, if you allow me, is changing because I have a new viewer, whom I've been waiting for for a long time. [...] His name is Vladimir Putin; he is the President of the Russian Federation."**

Yuri Simonov emphasized that after the phone call with the President there were a number of proposals to expand the audience and attract new participants.

In 2021 the Olympiad's creators — writer and host Yuri Simonov (Vyazemsky) and chief editor Tatiana Smirnova — received the Government Prize for Culture.

In June 2021, Yuri Simonov, who turned 70 on 5 June, was awarded the Order of Alexander Nevsky for his significant contribution to mass media and many years of fruitful work. The decree was signed by President Vladimir Putin.



The MGIMO Olympiad keeps a very high bar:

- » all Olympiad diploma holders proved their right to admission preference with their exam results,
- » after success at the MGIMO Olympiad, many of them won prizes at the All-Russian School Olympiad (9 people).

More than half of the prize winners were admitted to MGIMO University.

The methodology for the MGIMO Olympiad is constantly perfected. The collection of tasks and methodological guidelines, the list of recommended academic literature, and study materials are annually updated and supplemented.

The requested funding for the Olympiad in 2022 is 2.2 million rubles (\$0.03 mln).

The MGIMO Olympiad for School Students in Humanities and Social Sciences runs on its own official website, created with the support of the MGIMO Endowment. This allows a large number of students in grades 7–11, including those from remote regions of Russia and other countries, to participate remotely. In 2021, the Olympiad's finals were held remotely, and not in person, for the first time. There were 256 participants from all over Russia: from Arkhangelsk to Simferopol and from Kaliningrad to Vladivostok. Each year, up to 3500 students take part in the Olympiad. The number of regions of the Russian Federation and neighboring countries represented by at least five participants increased from 70 to 80 last season. The Olympiad is traditionally organized in partnership with Rossiyskaya Gazeta, an official paper of the Russian Government.

For the new academic year, the Olympiad's interdisciplinary content includes topical issues of modern social sciences, as well as history and theory of international relations to further ensure the Olympiad's tasks are professionally oriented and reflect the content of bachelor's degree programs. The Olympiad's interdisciplinary materials are updated with current international economic and environmental issues, issues of digitalization and Internet addiction, etc. At admissions, the Olympiad's prize winners are awarded the highest USE score (100 points) in history and civics provided they scored at least 75 in corresponding USEs.



MGIMO is improving distance learning technologies as part of pre-university training:

1. In 2022–2023 a distance learning course for the USE in Russian history will be developed and phased in (on the Stepik platform),
2. Starting the academic year 2021/2022, MGIMO will hold a competition in Eastern languages (Arabic, Korean, Turkish, and Japanese) for 11th-graders of secondary schools. According to the concept, the competition will be based on innovative methodological solutions using modern digital technologies,
3. English language curricula for evening courses will also be adapted to the use of distance learning technologies.

Supported by the MGIMO Endowment

In April, Moscow hosted the finals of the All-Russian Olympiad in the Chinese language for school students. The Moscow team, coached by Vladislav Kruglov, lecturer of the Department of Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai and Laotian languages at MGIMO University, won 14 prizes, setting a new record at the Olympiad.

As part of Moscow's competition of interdisciplinary skills and knowledge Intellectual Megalopolis. Potential (Pre-professional Skills Contest/Pre-professional Examination) in Economics and State and Municipal Management, the School of International Economic Relations and the School of Governance and Politics organized 30 events to attract and select gifted applicants. In April 2021, MGIMO hosted the practical part of the competition. A total of 412 11th-grade students from different regions of Russia participated. 105 winners and runners-up were awarded additional points for individual achievements to be factored during admissions to the University. 63 of them were admitted to MGIMO.



The MGIMO Endowment supports the 2022 project of a MGIMO Chinese Language Olympiad for high school students in Moscow, the Moscow region, and other regions of Russia.

In 2022, competitions are to be held in the areas of socio-economic, state and municipal administration, and the humanities.



Teaching Teachers, Teaching Parents

In January 2021, an inter-school Department of Educational Systems and Pedagogical Technologies (headed by Vitold Yasvin) began its work at MGIMO Odintsovo. The Department is a research and methodology resource center for the ecosystem of MGIMO-affiliated secondary schools. The Department trains highly qualified education professionals — instructional designers, tutors, project consultants, learning environment designers, marketing specialists, and education managers.

The Department is a partner of the Consortium of leading pedagogical universities that are developing an innovative research inter-university master's program in Personal Potential Development in Education.

In August 2021, the department's staff held a summer school for teachers (more than 100 participants), which included a number of seminars and workshops on designing and organizing an educational environment for personal development, drawing up individual professional development plans, introducing innovation in the instruction process, educational measurement, etc.

Under the guidance of Associate Professor Marina Pinskaya, the department developed and successfully rolled out a pilot version of a master's degree program *Modern Pedagogy and Educational Design*. This is the first program in Russia which is based on the principle of school teams training. The program's inaugural class includes 23 students from five schools in Moscow, Voronezh, and Grozny.

The Department plans to co-found an academic methodological peer-reviewed journal *School Technologies*, included in the list of publications recommended by the Higher Attestation Commission for publishing research results.



The main objective of the master's program is to update the teacher's skill set so that they are able to implement a human-centered approach and best global pedagogical practices. The key teaching method — lesson study — prepares experienced instructors to conduct their own research and design their own methods and projects (lessons and educational programs).

The Department's staff is actively engaged in the professional retraining program in Modern Education and Applied Pedagogy (Parent — Teacher) in partnership with the MGIMO School of Business and International Proficiency and Nashi Penaty School, a leader in distance learning.

The idea behind the program is to form a community of parents who are ready to become professional educators for their children. The 10-month program prepares future teachers and additional education instructors, tutors, supervisors, distance learning consultants, and course authors.

In 2021, as part of the second stream of the program, piloting training projects on a real site became part of the training process architecture. The Program's graduates pilot their projects in schools, education camps, and communities — courses and methods of their design, innovative education models, and environment solutions, aimed at solving current problems in education. Their projects tackle inclusive education, modeling individual educational strategies, family deschooling, creating thinking development labs, and digital tools.



On 6 September 2021, the Parent — Teacher program held a project fair. The purpose of the event is to allow participants to present their projects to educational organizations from different parts of Russia and potentially sign a cooperation agreement. More than eight agreements were signed with institutions in Moscow, Perm, Nefteyugansk, Samara, St. Petersburg, the Orenburg region, Naro-Fominsk, and Novosibirsk.

Qualified professionals, trained in specialized programs at MGIMO, are responsible for the educational process at New Vision School.

45 principals of educational institutions and five employees of the Odintsovo District Department of Education are the first 50 graduates of the MGIMO Business School program Personal and Team Effectiveness — Working for Result. The graduation ceremony, where graduates received their certificates, was held on 22 December, 2021, in the Administration building of the Odintsovo District.

At SPIEF — 2021 MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov moderated a session School and University: Problems of Co-Adaptation, which is part of a thematic track People in the New Reality. Responding to Global Challenges.

The panel included Minister of Education Sergey Kravtsov; Head of the Talent and Success Foundation member of the Presidential Council on Science and Education Elena Shmelyova; CEO and HR Director at Yandex in Russia Elena Bunina; Paul de Siney General Delegate of France to the French language; Roman Kotov, Vice-Rector for Educational Programs, Secondary General and Vocational Education; BCG Partner Anton Stepanenko; Pavel Shevtsov, Deputy Head of Rosstrudnichestvo.

On 27–30 October, Dushanbe hosted the 6th Congress of Educators and Education Professionals of the CIS member states, entitled “Education Space Commonwealth of Independent States — a Strategic Source for its Sustainable Development”.

The 6th Congress gathered educators and education professionals from Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as the CIS Executive Committee. The Russian delegation was represented by the MGIMO Vice-Rector for Educational Programs, General and Secondary Vocational Education, Roman Kotov with his report on Future Scenarios for School Education.



The 6th Congress of Educators and Education Professionals of the CIS

Education Programs and Opportunities for Students

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- International Internships
- Private and Corporate Scholarships

Diplomacy of the Future

In 2021, more than 80 Russian graduates were recommended for vacant diplomatic posts at the Foreign Ministry and its foreign missions, the vast majority of whom graduated from MGIMO.

As part of a strategy to expand the number of specialized courses taught in English, the School of International Relations collaborated with the Institute of International Relations and Management to create a pool of elective courses available to students of both of them.

In 2022, the School of International Relations opened a new undergraduate program in Big Data and International Relations Modeling, this is a joint program with IMEMO and the Lebedev Physical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (FIAN RAS).

International Aspect, a student journal published since 2020, was included in the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI). The journal is also included in the University Journals Support Program, based on the high quality of the articles published and regular publications.

Students meet with diplomats on a regular basis. Every year on 1 September, the University hosts a meeting with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who opens the new academic year at MGIMO.

The Diplomatic module remains one of the most popular disciplines with students. It has recently celebrated its anniversary: for 15 years, high-ranking employees of the Russian Foreign Ministry have been sharing their experience with MGIMO students, who seek to enter the diplomatic service.



In 2021, Andrey Sushentsov, former head of the Institute for International Studies at MGIMO, was appointed Dean of the School of International Relations.



In 2021, as part of the Module, Deputy Foreign Ministers Alexander Pankin, Sergey Ryabkov, and Alexander Grushko, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation Mikhail Shvydkoy, heads of territorial and functional subdivisions of the Ministry all visited MGIMO.



A new format of meetings with professionals — the Ambassador Dialog — was successfully launched. As part of the Dialog, students had in-person and online meetings with ambassadors of various countries to Russia Among them:

- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Carlos Rafael Faria Tortosa;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Russian Federation Atanas Krystin;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Russian Federation Alexander Ben Zvi;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to the Russian Federation Alison LeClaire;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland to the Russian Federation Antti Helanterä;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to the Russian Federation Krystyna Marty Lang.





Ambassadors who visited MGIMO to meet with the University's management:

- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Russian Federation Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Russian Federation Rodrigo de Lima Baena Soares;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Brunei Darussalam to the Russian Federation Haini Hashim;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom to the Russian Federation Deborah Jane Bronnert;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Russian Federation Dang Minh Khoi;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hellenic Republic to the Russian Federation Ekaterini Nassika;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Spain to the Russian Federation Marcos Gomez Martinez;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Russian Federation Yermek Kosherbayev;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to the Russian Federation Andreas Zinonos;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Russian Federation Eytvydas Bajarūnas;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Russian Federation Krzysztof Adam Krajewski;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Russian Federation Abdulrahman Sulaiman Al-Ahmed;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic in the Russian Federation L'ubomír Rehák;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand in the Russian Federation Sasivat Wongsinsavat;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Tunisian Republic in the Russian Federation Tarak Ben Salem;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro in the Russian Federation Milorad Scepanovic;
- » Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden in the Russian Federation Malena Mard.



On 10 September 2021, the 4th Stolypin Forum saw the most international session of the event, Politics vs. Economy What Matters in the New Reality, with the participation of the diplomatic corps of foreign countries in Russia.

An important component of studies at the University is students' engagement in various events on diplomatic topics. For example, the 22nd Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations gathered a record number of delegates — 776 secondary school and university students from 31 countries. These events are an opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and understand how the UN system works, work on public speaking skills, defend the position of the country they represent in a well-argued and respectful fashion and keep abreast of the current world agenda. From 31 March to 3 April, the Kazan Model United Nations, organized by Kazan Federal University together with the Russian Association of the United Nations and MGIMO, was held.

The University hosted the finals of the Gromyko CIS Young International Professionals Competition to mark the 110th anniversary of the outstanding Soviet statesman. 55 young international professionals, civil servants, and analysts from 11 countries, selected by the jury out of 513 contestants, made it to the competition's finals.

MGIMO Karlov Diplomatic Club (MGIMO Student Research Community) holds regular events.



Alexander Nevsky

In 2021, Russia and the world celebrated the 800th anniversary of the great statesman and diplomat Alexander Nevsky. To celebrate the anniversary, MGIMO prepared a large series of events.

In April, the Center for Church and International Relations at MGIMO organized an academic conference in the University's Church of Saint Prince Alexander Nevsky entitled The Name of Russia: the 800th Anniversary of the Holy and Right-Believing Prince Alexander Nevsky.

On 1 September, the first monument to Alexander Nevsky in Moscow was unveiled on the territory of the church (sculptor: Karen Sarkisov). The ceremony was attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov, MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov, First Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Andrey Turchak, Chairman of the Synodal Department for Church's Relations with Society and Mass Media Vladimir Legoida, member of the Board of Trustees on perpetuating the memory of Alexander Nevsky, journalist Evgeny Popov.

In the summer and autumn of 2021; the parish of the university church organized a historical reenactment event, Path of Alexander, where the participants followed the route of the Saint Prince's druzhina (retinue).

The Alexander Nevsky Week at MGIMO on 22–26 November crowned the series of commemorative events. It opened with an exhibition by young artists — students and graduates of art colleges and universities — Alexander Nevsky: Defender of the Russian Land. Students asked to organize a screening of Alexander Nevsky, a film by Sergey Eisenstein. Naum Kleiman, the main expert on Eisenstein, took part in the event. Inspired by the political life of the Novgorod Republic in the mid-13th century, Cassiodor, a history club with the Students Research Community held a history and business game Novgorod Veche. MGIMO's young scholars held a round table — Alexander Nevsky Mythologized. Nevsky's Image in Russian and International Historiography.

World and Education Publishing House with the support of UMMC Holding published the third edition, extended and updated, of Alexander Nevsky. Prince, diplomat, warrior, a profound academic work of historians united by MGIMO professor Victoria Ukolova.

Polis. Political Studies Journal published the article "On the Eternal and the New in the Current Context of World Politics" written by Anatoly Torkunov, Rector of MGIMO, to mark the 800th anniversary of Alexander Nevsky.



Patriarch Kirill awards Anatoly Torkunov the Order of Holy Prince Daniel of Moscow of second class.



Economic Education

The School of International Economic Relations regularly invites practitioners from various sectors of the economy and international lecturers to give lectures and teach courses. 2021 saw a series of master classes: case studies on identification and analysis of enterprise risks with the help of information and analytical solutions by Interfax Group, an Interfax course on transfer pricing for MGIMO graduate students, a lecture course on international financial reporting standards (IFRS) by Ernst & Young, a series of master classes — Investment and Startup Course — by Sistema SmartTech Investment Fund, a master class from the president of the Russian Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistic Organizations on the transforming role of logistics intermediaries in international business.

In February–May 2021, the School of International Economic Relations for the second time held the Digital Economy Leadership School for all students of MGIMO University. The School was attended by 26 sophomore and third-year students of the School of International Economic

Relations, the School of Applied Economics and Commerce, and MIEP MGIMO. Together they worked on collaborative projects and case studies from partner companies. In addition to theory, the course helps to develop relevant competencies: cognitive flexibility, networking skills, etc.

The School of International Economic Relations signs student training agreements with leading Russian and international companies. In 2021 an agreement was signed on cooperation and interaction with the Sodruzhestvo Association, a self-regulating organization of auditors. To further improve students' skills in the field of international logistics and customs, a student training agreement was signed with Union Logistics-Customs Group.

Potential employers are members of the Expert Council, an advisory and supervisory body of the School. At regular meetings, representatives of the School's departments, with the help of invited experts from various fields of economics, review and update bachelor's and master's degree programs, taking into account the requirements and demands of the market.



Investment and Startup Course from the Sistema SmartTech Fund



Agreement with Union Logistics — Customs Group

In 2022 enrollment opens for the new master's program in Data Analysis and International Process Dynamics (in cooperation with Ivannikov Institute for System Programming of RAS). The program will have its own educational standard and focus on the acquisition of a large number of practical skills.



Practitioners from the public sector and private companies advise on the list of priority topics for online courses and participate in their development.

In 2021, the Institute of International Relations and Management launched a new bachelor's program in International Business and Finance taught fully in English. The program aims to train financial analysts, corporate managers, regulators, expert consultants, and future academics, who will have an understanding of business processes both at the corporate level and at the level of national and global economies. The program's students develop skills and competencies in both modeling and analyzing economic processes and managing those processes as both leaders and entrepreneurs and hired managers.

The Department of Commerce and Trade Regulation at the School of Applied Economics and Commerce launched a new master's program, the Ecosystem of International Trade.

Every year, and this year was no exception, the School of International Economic Relations hosts Liventsev Readings, an international research conference, Novus Economicus Ordo Seclorum (New economic order of the centuries) a research conference in English, and a competition — The Best Student in the Language of the Profession.

The School is working on a journal in economics, finance, management, and education. The journal's

mission is to find effective and efficient solutions to current global, regional, and national socio-economic problems based on a comprehensive approach to current economic processes and trends. The journal's objective is to select, analyze, systematize and promote new and relevant ideas proposed by modern Russian and international researchers in the field of economics, finance, management, and education.

As part of Moscow's competition of interdisciplinary skills and knowledge Intellectual Megalopolis. Potential (Pre-professional Skills Contest / Pre-professional Examination), the School of International Economic Relations provides consultations in economics for students who take the practical part of the Pre-Professional Examination in Economics at MGIMO, as well as for teachers of economics and social studies on the theoretical part of the exam. Winners and runners-up receive additional points for individual achievements to be factored during admissions to the University. Following the partnership roadmap between MGIMO and its partner secondary education institutions, students in 10th and 11th grades attend career guidance events and Open Days.

Students are also invited to participate in conferences, intellectual and business games, quizzes, and other events held at MGIMO. There is a variety of regular events for school students: economic quizzes, economic intellectual

In 2022, enrollment will be open for a new undergraduate English-language double degree program in International Economics and Finance (jointly with the Swiss School for International Relations, Geneva, Switzerland).

St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF 2021)



games, open lectures for school students by the best lecturers of the University, educational case championships by Oeconomicus — Makarenko Economic Club MGIMO.

In 2021, Oeconomicus held more than 50 events both at MGIMO and at other venues in Russia and abroad. In 2021 during the winter holidays, the Oeconomicus Winter School was held remotely for the first time. The Winter Schools offered 18 spots for students wishing to join talks on personal growth and development of professional competencies, meetings with alumni of the Club, team building activities, business games in the format of the debates, and lectures by experts.

On 6–8 April, the Economic Club held online the 6th International Youth Forum on Sustainable Development. Participants worked in six committees, each dedicated to a specific sustainable development goal, and tried their hands at cases focused on global issues of the environment, education, production, gender equality, and healthcare. The cases were developed jointly with partner companies, which have their own ESG strategies.

On 29–30 April, Oeconomicus, together with the European Studies Institute of MGIMO, held the 3rd EU-EU International Forum. The opening and closing of the Forum were attended by representatives of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), as well as the EU delegation to our country. The cooperation roadmaps developed by the forum participants were forwarded to the

above-mentioned bodies, and today they are used by the EEC as additional materials for consultations, including consultations with business representatives of third countries.

On 5 June, 2021, the Economic Club organized the discussion track “Investment Attraction Model: Focus on ESG” at SPIEF 2021. Students presented their research “ESG Agenda for Russia and the World. The View of the Young.” They analyzed the current situation with the ESG criteria in Russia and the world and presented their proposals from the perspective of the three main stakeholders: the government, businesses, and society.

In the summer of 2021, the Club’s internship program, Oeconomicus, was rolled out for the first time thanks to the alumni’s initiative. 20 participants were able to get internships with such employers as the Moscow Innovation Cluster, the Project Office of the Department of Investment and Industrial Policy of the Moscow City Government, the World Alliance of International Financial Centers, etc.

On 2–5 September, members of the Economics Club took part in the Eastern Economic Forum (Vladivostok) as part of the MGIMO delegation. the Club’s Chairman Grigory Golub spoke at the session “Partnership in the Age of Digitalization and New Challenges to Global Security” of the 5th Russian-Singapore Business Dialog.

As part of its educational program, the Club regularly holds lectures and master classes on the technology market, profiling, public speaking, and neuroeconomics.



Digital Competencies

MGIMO makes it its priority to include digital competencies in the training of international professionals.

The School of Financial Economy (Finec) at the Odintsovo branch is the University’s innovation platform and offers programs that develop various digital skills. The School’s bachelor’s degree programs updated in 2021:

- » Information Technology in International Business: data analysis and management module expanded; distributed ledger technology block expanded;
- » Financial Management: new modules on the digital transformation of business management processes;
- » Financial Economics and Financial Technologies: corporate finance added.

Since 2021, the program offers a full scholarship. A set of specialized fintech disciplines, covering new technological solutions for the financial sector, was designed together with the international consulting company Accenture.

A new master's program in IT Economics and Data Management opened in 2021. The program is intended primarily for non-tech graduates who wish to pursue a career in information technology. The program focuses on the economics of the development and implementation of IT technologies and the emergence of new digital markets from the perspective of IT companies, their customers, users, and investors.

The School of Financial Economy, with the support of Google, has developed an online course, Data Analysis and Machine Learning Project Management, which is currently being integrated into the undergraduate and graduate curricula. The course will allow students to become qualified business customers of machine learning solutions. The chosen approach makes it possible to involve more people with non-technical backgrounds in the work with data science projects.

The departments of the School work closely with renowned industrial partners. For example, in 2021, Information Technology In International Business seniors had their internship at the Development Department of RosBusinessConsulting. As a result, three students received offers from RBC.

In 2021, a training program was successfully piloted with Digital Assets Capital, a company founded by MGIMO Finec alumni, including hands-on training in launching digital businesses.

In October 2021, the University officially launched the Artificial Intelligence Center to conduct research on ethics and international economic cooperation in AI and sustainable development. The main competencies of the Center are advising government agencies and companies on AI technology development, including regulatory issues, specialized conferences and round tables, and regular publication of research results and periodicals (newsletter Digital Economy: International Agenda).

In October 2021, MGIMO was among major Russian companies and research organizations to sign the Code of AI Ethics, which establishes common ethical principles and standards of conduct for stakeholders. The document was drafted by the AI Alliance Russia and signed by such companies and organizations as Yandex, Sber, VK, MTS, Rostelecom, HSE, Rosatom, Sirius University, SkolTech, and the Skolkovo Foundation.

As part of Priority-2030, the School is working on a program in Digital Finance (with additional qualifications for Law and Business Informatics minors). Graduate students will have two areas of training — New Corporate Finances and Fintech.

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The Center's experts provide academic and administrative support for the master's degree program in Artificial Intelligence, which has been in place since 2018. To date, the partners of the master's program are NRU MIPT, Skoltech, St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University, Digital Academy, and Tetractys.

On 28 March, 2021, the mAgICmo team won first prize in the AI for Good Hackathon by Microsoft Rus. The hackathon's main task was to implement AI solutions in health care, environment protection, natural disasters and catastrophes response and prevention, assistance to people with disabilities, as well as preservation of cultural heritage. Ten student teams developed and presented their projects online on the Microsoft Teams platform. A team of first-year master's degree students from MGIMO, Artificial Intelligence, proposed an operational version of a Microsoft Azure-

based application for art objects recognition and AR or audio-based information reproduction.

The student team was also the only one to receive the first-prize diploma at the International Innovation Projects and Start-ups Contest "Potential of the Future", organized by the Lomonosov 2021 International Scientific Conference for undergraduate and graduate students, and young scientists. The software package project — augmented reality glasses for museums — can be modified and scaled up for other industries.

Students of the joint MBA program in Digital Economy (MGIMO — MIPT) regularly visit major enterprises and institutions, immersing themselves in the working environment of real companies and learning in practice modern approaches to the digitalization of the economy, business, and science.

- » Phystechpark;
- » MaximaTelecom;
- » Kaspersky Lab;
- » Skolkovo Technopark;
- » Invitro;
- » Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts;
- » Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology in Dolgoprudny;
- » Internet Initiatives Development Fund (IIDF);
- » Rostelecom Solar;
- » Federal State Statistics Service.

June 2021 saw the launch of Digital Business Transformation, an online professional development



program. The main goal is to build skills for using and developing digital services, as well as digital financial assets.

33 language instructors and 10 instructors of MGIMO's special departments took an advanced training course, Fundamentals of Digital Didactics (designed by Elena Voevoda). Special attention was paid to the formats, methods, and technologies of training and assessment in MGIMO's digital educational environment.

The Department of Asset Management (School of International Economic Relations) has launched the Global Digital Economy Leadership Research Lab. The department works to develop the Russian segment of financial technologies, AI, and neurotechnologies in the global markets by studying the formation of mechanisms of international and inter-sphere coordination.

In the spring of 2021 TAdviser, the largest Russian online platform on information technologies in government and business, and the Department of Public Management of MGIMO started the first stage of the strategic partnership with a series of joint events. TAdviser experts held a series of lectures for the School of Governance and Politics students on the digital development of public bodies. The course is as close to practice as possible thanks to the involvement of leaders in the digital transformation of the Russian regions.

The School of Business held the Second MGIMO MBA Digital Case Challenge 2021, gathering companies such as Sber (PayZakat startup), Abrau Durso, and CleverDATA. An important distinction of the project is that it was implemented exclusively in the digital environment. Over two months,

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As part of the Priority-2030 program, MGIMO drafted and enacted. An agreement to start a consortium with the Ivannikov Institute for System Programming (RAS)



students worked on real challenges that face real businesses in Russia.

The University and the Institute combine research capabilities and a conducive environment to carry out joint research projects in the field of digital transformation of international relations. Regular meetings of the Working Group are in place to monitor the progress of planned initiatives. MGIMO and ISP RAS work together to create at the University a laboratory for smart data analysis in international relations, update IT architecture, and develop educational programs to train highly qualified professionals skilled in building mathematical models to solve practical foreign policy issues.

Events

In February 2021, MGIMO hosted eTarget. Building Information Space, a conference on reputation management. The conference is organized by the School of Business and Ashmanov and Partners Group, one of the leaders in Russia's Internet-marketing market. It was the third conference on reputation management at MGIMO, and it once again brought together top digital experts.

The first Russian-French AI Forum took place online on 26 February, under the auspices of the Trianon Dialogue. The event was organized by the Trade Mission of Russia in France with the support of the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia.

On 6 April, the first Youth Internet Governance Forum was held at Skoltech, where the Youth Digital Ombudsman team was selected. Six students from leading Russian universities were running for this office, including a graduate student from the International Law School of MGIMO, the head of the Law Club, Alexey Starikov. As a result of the popular vote, Alexey had almost ten thousand votes, become one of the top three candidates, and was invited to join the office, whose task is to coordinate IT initiatives.

On 25 November, MGIMO hosted Internet for Youth:



Youth Internet Governance Forum



Rostelecom Delegation

Opportunities and Risks, a forum dedicated to children and youth's rights protection in the digital environment and Internet safety of the young generation. It was organized by MGIMO, the Center for Global IT Cooperation, and the Office of the Youth Digital Ombudsman, with grant support from the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs. The forum brought together leading Russian and international experts in the field of education, public administration, digital technologies, and youth policy, as well as a significant number of participants — over 400 students from 36 Russian universities.

On 14 December, 2021, with the support of Lomonosov Moscow State University, the Regional Public Center for Internet Technologies, and the Dialog Center, the first meeting of the discussion platform on human rights protection in the digital environment was held at MGIMO. The event was attended by representatives of various industry organizations, leading Russian universities, and executive authorities. The experts discussed topical issues of human rights protection in the digital environment, as well as the need for state regulation of the digital environment. The meeting was opened by Alexey Goreslavsky, director of the Internet Development Institute. It was decided to continue the work on a regular basis to draft legislative proposals.

MGIMO experts participated in major events such as the annual Russian Internet Governance Forum (RIGF), the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Skoltech) International Conference *Trustworthy AI*, and the session *Artificial Intelligence or Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind?* at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.



Internet for Youth: Opportunities and Risks



Meeting with Skoltech Vice-President for AI and Mathematical Modeling, Maxim Fedorov

MGIMO Business School



For the second time, the School of Business MBA program was featured in the QS Global MBA 2022 ranking of the world's best programs. The School of Business and International Proficiency did not only strengthen its position but was also the first among Russian business schools to enter the Top 100 (places 61–70) Business Schools in Europe. MGIMO Business School ranks 22nd among the best business schools in the Entrepreneurship and Alumni Outcomes indicator.

The School of Business and International Proficiency got in the Top 50 (41st) of the Regional QS Global EMBA Rankings 2021, improving its 2020 result by 10 positions. This year's ranking included 202 business schools from around the world. The School of Business and International Proficiency performed the strongest in the Executive Profile metric (average experience in managerial positions and the number of top managers among students), where the School of Business ranks 6th (with 89.5 points out of 100 and exceeding the average level for this metric by 26.3%).

In 2021, the School of Business and International Proficiency was in the top three business schools in the country according to the People's Ranking of Russian Business Schools 2021, prepared by the MBA in Moscow and Russia portal www.mba.su. The People's Ranking is the most objective rating of Russian business schools since it is based directly on evaluations of MBA graduates/ Executive MBA graduates.

The School of Business actively participates in conferences, webinars, and master classes of AMBA (Association of MBA, UK). MGIMO Business School graduates have access to a special platform for graduates of world AMBA-accredited business schools.

In December 2021, MGIMO joined the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The association is one of the top three international accreditation agencies and offers the most sophisticated "strategic accreditation of educational programs". Of the world's 14000 business schools, 799 schools from 50 countries are AACSB-accredited.



New programs

All master's programs of the School of Business are practice-oriented and meet the current requirements of training specialists for a variety of industries — from the sports industry to the sphere of arts. In 2021 the School added a new offer to its range of master's degree programs — a double degree Art and Culture Management

program (jointly with the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, CNAM, France) to train professionals in creative management and creative industries.

In 2021 the Business School opened a new MBA specialization — Strategic Marketing and Management” (a double degree program with Universal University).

Available advanced training programs:

- » Residential Block Management: Major Repair Works of Communal Property (jointly with the Association of Regional Repair Operators);
- » Modern Reform of Solid Household Waste Management in Moscow Region: Theory and Practice (Department of the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services of Moscow Region, Urban Infrastructure Management and Territory Development);
- » Healthcare Management: Personalized and Preventive Models (jointly with the National Association of Healthcare Organizations and Managers);
- » Comprehensive Development of Negotiation Competencies in Business (jointly with Broca&Wernicke Consulting Company);
- » Multimedia Translation (jointly with the RuFilms School of Multimedia Translation);
- » Modern Trends in Translation and Interpretation Training Methodology. Current Industry Requirements (jointly with the Association of Translation and Interpretation Trainers).



Since December 2021, MGIMO offers online professional development programs, Digital Marketing and SMM Advertising and Editor (Copywriting), as part of a charity initiative by MGIMO and todogood (I Can) with the support of Google.org. More than 60 women in difficult life situations became trainees of the first cohort.

The Business School also implemented a number of advanced training programs as part of the Priority-2030 program. Among them:

- » Open course *Team Management. Effective Team Building*
- » Open course *Art and Business* with the support of the master's degree program in Art and Culture Management;
- » Innovations and Digital Technologies in Education (MGIMO Odintsovo);
- » Information System Oracle Hyperion Planning (Oracle);
- » Effective team building. Team Management (Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport, Youth and Tourism);
- » Academic writing (Russian International Olympic University);
- » Data Analysis and Visualization in Russian International Olympic University (School of International Economic Relations, MGIMO);
- » International Business Protocol (Kazan Federal University).





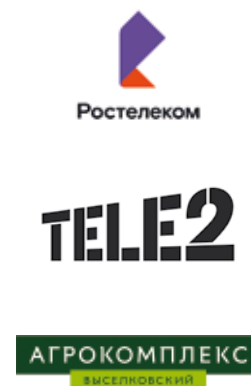
In December 2021, MGIMO deans, professors, and lecturers, as well as invited experts gave lectures on relevant topics as part of the Deans' Modules course. The module was a unique opportunity for MGIMO students to receive information not as part of their curricula, but through direct communication with leading experts who shared their professional opinions on the issues of interest.

MGIMO students completed an open course in Digital Business Management Fundamentals, that was designed by heads and experts of Rostelecom's IT Cluster. Experts from telecommunications company Tele2 also took part in the development of the course. The main topics were digital technologies, digital ecosystems, and platforms, programming languages, personal and corporate security, and big data. The program included lectures, master classes, and seminars. With their mentors' guidance throughout the course, students worked on projects, including the MGIMO navigation system — a user-friendly mobile solution for timetables, events and jobs search, electronic document management and classroom booking, a student ID card, a mobile application for young scientists, MGIMO-Event, MGIMO-GIS. Other initiatives include the automation of the sports facilities, a special electronic questionnaire for the dormitory check-in, etc. After the successful presentation of their group projects, students received certificates from Rostelecom and MGIMO advanced training certificates.

More than 1500 students of MGIMO and other Russian universities enrolled in advanced training within the framework from November to December 2021.

MGIMO partners involved in the programs include leading companies in the commercial sector, technology companies, digital services providers, consulting agencies, agribusiness holdings, and universities.

The Business School had a series of programs commissioned by Agrocomplex Company in Krasnodar. 120 employees of Agrocomplex completed advanced training programs *The Role of Financial and HR Management in Effective Company Management and Effective Manager: Team Leadership and Motivation*.



Agriculture

On 6 July, 2021, the first graduates of the master's program *World Agricultural Markets* received their diplomas. This is the first, unparalleled in the country, master's level program that trains management professionals for the Russian Ministry of Agriculture. Training is overseen by a specially created department, Global Agricultural Markets and Foreign Economic Activity in the Agro-industrial Complex. The program's mission is to train world-class experts, who can be effective agribusiness managers and represent Russia's interests in the world agricultural markets.

The partners of the program are the leading agricultural universities of the country — Kuban and Stavropol State Agricultural Universities, where the field training modules take place. During modules, students work at regional companies and visit leading export-oriented agribusiness enterprises.

The program *Global Agricultural Markets* partners practitioners — state agency experts, owners and top managers of large agricultural enterprises, staff members of consulting companies, major Russian grain traders, and international companies — who teach at the program. In 2021, the program offered a series of lectures by experts from Agropromkomplektatsiya Group of Companies, Cherkizovo Group's training module, etc.

For students of MGIMO and Russian agricultural universities, the MGIMO Business School offered advanced training courses *Agroexport Federal Center*. As part of the Institute of World Agricultural Markets initiative (Priority-2030), MGIMO University rolled out two courses: *World Food Markets* and *Food Trade: System of Standards and Rules*.





Round table: Agricultural Education — Invest in the Future. Expo 2020

Center for sports diplomacy

For the academic year 2021–2022, the Center for Sports Diplomacy rolled out the second stage of the professional retraining program for the management of Russian sports federations — World Sport: Legal Regulation, Positioning, Communication. The program is held in a modular format in cooperation with the Russian Olympic Committee and the Russian Olympians Foundation.

The program's key objective is to train international-level officials, who will defend the interests of the Russian

sport. The representatives of more than 20 Russian sports federations were invited to take part in the program. Classes are taught by renowned Russian and international experts in international cooperation, state sports regulations, sports management and marketing, sports psychology, international law, and anti-doping regulation. In 2021 famous Russian athletes of our country — world champions, record holders, Olympic champions Yelena Isinbayeva, Irina Privalova, and Sofia Velikaya — joined the program.



Center of Academic Competencies

In the fall semester of the 2021–22 academic year, the School of Business and International Proficiency conducted eight advanced training programs for the faculty and administrative-management personnel of MGIMO University and other universities. In total, the Center of Academic Competencies instructed around 400 people.

In 2022, MGIMO University plans to launch new updated training programs for professors and staff:

- » Using Big Data in Learning (together with the Institute for International Studies)
- » Agile management
- » The case-study method in learning
- » Visualization and structuring of information. Working with MS PowerPoint
- » Group and teamwork. Teambuilding. Facilitation
- » Creating online courses on educational platforms

Entrepreneurship Projects

MGIMO University has maintained its position in the Expert Analytical Center's rating of the best universities for entrepreneurs. MGIMO University is confidently among the top 10 in the categories of Number of startups founded by graduates and Number of startups founded by graduates majoring in economics.

Stolypin Forum

As part of the Open Air format on the MGIMO University campus, the Fourth Stolypin Forum, which is highly rated among Russian entrepreneurs and business communities, took place on 9–10 September 2021.

More than 2,000 participants took part in the forum, while more than 60,000 people from Russia, European countries, BRICS countries, the US and 50 accredited media organizations watched streams of the event.

More than 200 speakers from Russia and abroad discussed the key problems and trends in the new economic

reality during 23 business sessions. The business program for the 2021 forum was dedicated to an analysis of the changes in the global and Russian economies, primarily the critical issues of greatest relevance in regards to a wide range of topics ranging from cryptocurrencies to the green economy.

The forum's speakers included Anatoly Torkunov, MGIMO University Rector; Boris Titov, Presidential Commissioner for Entrepreneurs' Rights; Oleg Deripaska, a Russian entrepreneur, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Volnoe Delo Foundation, Founder of the Basic

Element Company and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Stolypin Institute for the Economy of Growth; Alexei Chekunkov, Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East and Arctic; François Fillon, former Prime Minister of France and member of JSC Zarubezhneft's board of directors; Arkady Dvorkovich, Chairman of the Skolkovo Foundation; Anastasia Tatulova, Ombudsman for small and medium-sized businesses, and founder and owner of the Anderson chain of family bakeries and cafes; Ksenia Sobchak, journalist and TV presenter; and others.

In March 2021, the Third Stolypin Forum — The Immune System of the World Economy, which was held in 2020 — was named Business Forum of the Year by Event of the Year, which gives out annual awards for event marketing and special events.

The organizers of the Stolypin Forum are the Stolypin Institute for the Economy of Growth, MGIMO University and Mr. Titov.



Startups

With the support of MGIMO University, the Trianon Dialogue and HEC Paris, the First French-Russian Youth Economic Forum FORUM took place on 27 April, 2021, uniting students, experts, entrepreneurs and representatives of Russian and French state bodies in both online and in-person formats. The event was the initiative of the Junior Business Club France Russie, which unites students and graduates from Russian and French institutes of higher education and was established by members of MGIMO University's French Student Association with the active support of the university's leadership. The notable event of the FORUM program was the pitch session, during which 10 startups from France and Russia presented their initiatives to the event's guests and the members of the jury.

The Third Trianon Startups forum took place in the Palace of Versailles on 7 June, 2021. There were business meetings between 13 major French companies and 26 Russian startups during the event. The event is one of the major projects of the Trianon Dialogue as part of the interaction between the Russian and French business communities. From the French side, corporations such as TotalEnergies, Air France, Orange, Saint-Gobain, Renault Group and others took part in the forum. Among the Russian participants were startups and graduates of the Sber500 Startups Accelerator; Nor Nickel's Digital Lab; Sistema; the Skolkovo Fund; and the investment company Classic Invest.





A special regional version of Trianon Startups dedicated to green technologies took place on 12–13 October, 2021, in Yekaterinburg. A series of B2B meetings were organized between seven French startups focused on energy-saving technologies, the production of

ecological materials, “smart” projects and constructions, data analysis and green consulting and leading regional companies, including Russian Copper Company, Ural Mining and Metallurgical Company, Uralhimmash, VSMPO-AVISMA and many others.



For more than five years already, students of the Industrial Marketing of Goods and Services (OMTU) master’s program majoring in Entrepreneurship have had the possibility to work in teams to develop and defend their actual business projects as part of their graduate work. 2021 saw a new and in-demand program of Digital Marketing taught in cooperation with major IT companies (Neyroseti Ashmanova and Group-IB), major media projects and production studios (Chicken Curry, 4Sons Production and Multogram) and blogger agencies (DidenOK Team).

MGIMO University is carrying out joint programs for entrepreneurs from different countries to exchange experience by collaborating with universities outside of Russia. From 29 March to 1 April, 2021, the fourth applied educational course on entrepreneurship for students at Henley Business School and in the OMTU master’s program took place. Every year, more than 60 students from the two schools, with the support of mentors, work to develop collaborative business ideas and prepare final presentations for expert appraisal. An education media outlet created specifically for this event features training sessions filmed with professional equipment, as well as different digital materials and live streams.

RE:START, an international innovation program to support student startup projects, took place from November 2021 to January 2022. The program is carried out by the MGIMO University Business Incubator — the university’s center for startup businesses — in cooperation with the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center. As part of the program, American entrepreneurs and business experts shared their experience and views with Business Incubator residents from different years; students in the OMTU master’s program; residents of Technopark Strogino; and external participants, such as representatives of Russian business incubators and startup entrepreneurs. The program ended with a crowd-pitching session, during which residents of the MGIMO University Business Incubator and students in the OMTU master’s program presented their startup projects to an international jury.

More than 60 students pass through the MGIMO University Business Incubator’s training and mentoring program every year.

In March 2021, the MGIMO University Student Union organized the online business game BusinessLand. Thirty teams from MGIMO University and other universities worked on different business cases to earn the title of best entrepreneur. More than 100 students took part in the event.

On 30 November, 2021, more than 200 students from MGIMO University’s School of Governance and Politics (SGP) visited Skolkovo Technopark. The students visited four research-and-development centers and became acquainted with the products of innovative companies; how startups begin and operate; and the principles of green construction and energy efficiency. An agreement was reached for students of School of Governance and Politics to intern with Skolkovo’s entrepreneurial residents. Technopark employees will be invited to SGP to give lectures, and their leadership will join SGP’s public council.

The MGIMO Endowment organized a series of meetings with major Russian companies for students in MGIMO–Tashkent’s master’s programs Systemic Analysis for International Business and International Private, Commercial and Financial Law (May–June 2021), as well as its bachelor’s program Business Informatics (October–December 2021). The speakers who talked about the digital transformation of business included Albert Usmanov, Digital and eCommerce Director at S8 Capital; Vasily Pushkin, Director of the Ministry of Economic Development’s Digital Economy Development Department (MGIMO School of International Economic Relations, 2002);

Adel Valiullin, Head of Artificial Intelligence in Gazprombank’s Department of Data Analysis and Modeling;





Artur Moiseenko, Director of Portfolio Management of Projects at Bank VTB's Center of Technological Strategy; and Victor Orlovski, a Russian entrepreneur and founder of the venture fund FortRoss Ventures. Alexander Vysotsky, Director of Corporate Relations at Yandex Go (MGIMO School of International Relations, 2008), delivered a lecture for the students during their visit to the office of Yandex. There were trips to the offices of S8 Capital and Sber500, where students met with Ilya Blokhin, Executive Director of Sber500; Alina Myalo, Head of Youth Accelerators; and alumni of the accelerator.

Master's program alumni Anastasia Moiseenkova (School of International Relations, Global Politics and International Political Analysis) and Sergey Semenov (WMD Proliferation, Nuclear Policy and Global Security double degree program), as well as third-year SGP student Pavel Aibazov, were winners of the Leaders of Russia national management competition for 2021–22 in the Student category. The goal of the competition is to discover the most talented young people with management potential. More than 12,000 applications were submitted, out of which 127 were selected for the final and 54 named winners.



MGIMO Business Club

In September 2021, the MGIMO Business Club undertook a comprehensive reevaluation of the club's development strategy and started to work on a new, up-to-date agenda. The club's growth strategy will now focus on project activities, including an extensive plan of events in coordination with major companies. As the past years have shown, the practice-oriented Case Club event is especially enticing for students.



Environment and Sustainable Development

MGIMO University today has assigned itself the goal of strengthening the preparation of its students in ESG and sustainable development.

The MGIMO University Center for Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation (MCUR), which was created to carry out research-and-development, expert-analytical and educational activities in the sphere of sustainable development, started its work on 20 September 2021. Ruslan Aliyev, Head of MGIMO University's Department of Integrated International Ecological Problems and Wildlife Management, was appointed the director of the center.

In 2021, the MCUR Discussion Club held seven meetings. The club provides a regular networking platform for professionals interested in ESG. As part of the club's work, 35 leading experts took part, and more than 1,000 people participated in the session on the main points of the current ESG agenda: ratings principles, non-financial reporting, climate and ecological risks, the economics of alternative energy sources and the management of social risks.

MCUR's digest is a consistent source of information that brings readers up to speed on the main global and Russian news regarding ESG topics, green financing, sustainable development at the international and corporate level, responsible financing and the climate agenda.

The center's employees took part in a series of major international forums, conferences and seminars, such as:

- » The UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow
- » The first Ecumene 2021 Congress on sustainable development
- » A round-table discussion during the donor forum The Role of Russian Donor Organizations in Achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals
- » The international forum National Diplomacy in the Russia-EU Dialogue
- » The Congress of Young Scientists session Carbon Regulation: Processes and Possibilities for Technological Development
- » The international academic and research conference Arctic Days in St. Petersburg – 2021: International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic in the Era of Climate Change.





The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow



In October 2021 was MCUR's First Russian Open International Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation, which was part of the 13th Russian International Studies Association Convention. The conference opened with a plenary session and continued in sections:

- » Green Transition, or the New Phase of Trade Wars: The Roles of Green Diplomacy
- » Sustainable Development and ESG transformation: Challenges and Opportunities for Business
- » Science and Education in Sustainable Development.

Asides from this, there were trips and working meetings abroad, including with the leadership of the Eurasian Economic Commission and Governor of the Tyumen Oblast Alexander Moor. On 30 March 2021, Advisor to the President of Russia and Special Presidential Representative on Climate Issues Ruslan Edelgeriyev visited MGIMO University.

On 20 December, 2021, as part of Priority-2030, MCUR organized the international research conference Post COP26: Sustainable Development of Eurasian Countries in Baku, Azerbaijan, during which MGIMO University and the Caspian Hydrogen Development Group signed a memorandum of cooperation. The most important part of MCUR's activities is consulting and executing applied research-and-development projects connected to transitioning a business to a sustainable-development model. In December 2021, the MCUR team finished its first project on developing ESG strategies for a major insurance company in Azerbaijan.

The Management of Sustainable Development master's program began in 2021. The program is the joint effort of MGIMO University's School of Business and International Competencies and MCUR. The program has partnered with the Samolet Group, which gave out corporate scholarships to two students. The program's 25 graduates will be able to assess the risks of sustainable development in relation to the issues facing the modern ESG agenda and offer adequate solutions for different management levels: corporate, regional and state. Among the program's teachers are leading MGIMO University professors and practicing experts at fuel and energy companies, as well as leaders in ESG initiatives in the commercial sphere, banks, insurance companies and brokerages.



In 2021, the practice-oriented master's program Environmental Management in the Corporate Sector for students majoring in Ecology and Natural Resource Management began in MGIMO University's School of Applied Economics and Commerce (FPEK). The joint program is being carried out in cooperation with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU, St. Petersburg).

EcoCommunity MGIMO, a community of the university's prospective students, current students, alumni and employees interested in ecology and sustainable development, was created within MGIMO University's Alumni Association at the initiative of FPEK's Department of Integrated International Ecological Problems and Wildlife Management.

FPEK alumni and students, activists in the MGIMO Goes Green Club, specialists in ESG and representatives of leading Russian companies regularly hold discussions in the format of business breakfasts. The events bring together experts to exchange experience, discuss upcoming events and plans, and bring attention to the university's ongoing initiatives.

FPEK and the department's leadership initiated a series of major international forums on the environment, sustainable development and ESG transformation at MGIMO University. In April 2021, the leading speakers at the two-day forum MGIMO.Green Sustainable Development: International Experience, State Regulation and Corporate Practice (with the support of the MGIMO Alumni Association) were Anatoly Chubais, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with International Organizations for achieving the goals of sustainable development; Renaud Seligmann, World Bank's Country Director for the Russian Federation; and Dmitry Gorshkov, director of the International Wildlife Fund in Russia.

As part of Student Day, there was a round-table discussion with Viacheslav Fetisov, Representative of the All-Russian Society for the Protection of Nature and a member of MGIMO University's Supervisory Board; and Tazio Schilling, CEO of the Association of European Businesses. There was also the Goals of Sustainable Development business game with UN modeling activities.



The Department of Integrated International Ecological Problems and Wildlife Management, with the volunteer help of the MGIMO Goes Green Club, regularly organizes paper waste recycling.

In 2021, MGIMO University published the department's primary textbook "General Ecology. Integrated Ecological Problems. International Environmental Politics and Sustainable Development". Eighteen textbooks have already been prepared as part of MCUR and Priority-2030.

From 15 November to 30 December 2021, the School of Business and International Competencies, together with partners, carried out the initial course ESG Transformation: The Russian Track for students at MGIMO University and Russian institutions of higher education.

The fourth-year student-environmentalists A. Lyapin, V. Koltinova, A. Beketova and M. Kudryashov were winners in the case championship RZD Ecoton, which is overseen by the Federal Passenger Company and brings together students and graduates of environmental programs from all over Russia. Within the framework of Green Logistics: Creating Ecotours in Protected Places in Russia, the team presented a developed ecotour in the Taganay National Park in the Chelyabinsk Oblast.

In December 2021, the editors of MGIMO University's Mezhdunarodnik student newspaper presented an online project "Ecology: From the Government to Each of Us". In this special publication on its website, the newspaper collected more than 20 materials about the role the environment is playing in politics, the economy, art and — most importantly — in everyday life.



In May 2021, the International Center for Hydrogen Energy, an ecologically clean fuel of the future and one of the most prospective energy sources, was established within the International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy (MIEP).



In October 2021, as part of the international forum Russian Energy Week and in the presence of Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak, the Russian energy agency MinEnergO, MGIMO University and the International Institute of Energy Politics and Diplomacy signed a memorandum of cooperation.

Law

In 2021, the International Law School significantly improved its position in the QS World University Rankings. In the subject of Law, MGIMO University cracked the top 200 universities in the world along with Moscow State University, the Higher School of Economics and RUDN.

MGIMO-Tashkent saw its first graduating class from the International Private, Commercial and Financial Law master's program. A new master's program, Legal Regulation of Digital Development, began on the Odintsovo campus.

Significant changes were made to the curriculum of the Administrative and Financial Law program, which is now being carried out together with the School of Financial Economy and infers a number of financial-economic disciplines.

As part of Priority-2030, the International Law School strengthened its interaction with the university's other departments.



An agreement has been reached on a joint project with the Far Eastern Federal University's School of Law.



An agreement on cooperation was signed between MGIMO University and the law firm BGP Litigation for the company's lawyers to participate in the School of Law's learning process, as well as the provide the possibility of giving students pre-graduation experience.

For master's students in the School of International Economic Relations, the university is developing a number of disciplines on legal regulations of international economic activities. The new Digital Finance master's program in the School of Financial Economy, along with the School of Governance and Politics' Multilateral Diplomacy bachelor's program, are being carried out together with the Swiss School for International Relations, which together provide a number of disciplines for forming advanced professional competencies in the field of law.

Preparations have been made to update the publication of classic MGIMO University textbooks on constitutional law in foreign countries, civil and trade law, and international law. With the support of the Trianon Dialogue, the first textbook on the current system of constitutional law in Russia, prepared by a group of authors in the Department of Constitutional Law, was published in France.

English Language Department No. 8 has prepared a unique online language course for that includes parts on international public law and the Anglo-American legal system.



In 2021, Nikita Molchakov was named Dean of the International Law School.

The International Law School is working with Russian regional universities. In 2021, together with the Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University's law school, MGIMO University held the international research conference

Law Between East and West for the first time in Russia, bringing together more than 100 participants from Russia and other countries.



Students in the International Law School are active participants in Russian and international legal competitions and championships:

- » The university's team defended its title of national champion in the final of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Twenty-seven teams took part in the Russian stage of the competition.
- » The MGIMO University team once again achieved success at the 28th Willem C. Vis Annual International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, reaching the final round and finishing among the 32 best teams out of more than 385 universities from around the world. The MGIMO University team has been the only one from Russia in the past three years to reach the playoffs and battle against the competition's 64 best teams.
- » The MGIMO University team finished second overall at the Sixth Models of International Commercial Arbitration, which is held annually by the Kutafin Moscow State Law University's Legal Modeling Department. The MGIMO University team finished above 29 teams from Russia and other CIS countries.
- » The IFA Russia International Moot Court 2021 competition, which is held in English, took place in a remote format on 24 April, 2021. The International Law School's teams finished first and second, the first time teams from the same university finished in the two highest spots.
- » The MGIMO University team was the only team from Russia to finish in the top 16 tax law teams during the International and European Tax Moot Court (KU Leuven), which is organized by the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium.
- » The MGIMO University team was the best team from Russia and the CIS at the global oral rounds of the international student competition on investment arbitration Foreign Direct Investment Arbitration Moot, which took place in October 2021.
- » Y. Prokopyuk, a second-year student in the International Financial Law master's program, won the All-Russia stage of the international tax competition Ernst&Young — Young Tax Professional of the Year 2021, and she was awarded the right to represent Russia at the international stage of the competition in Amsterdam.



As part of the International Law School, there is the Legal Club, which organized in 2021 academic and research events for students of leading law schools in Russia and abroad. These events included the European Moot Court of Human Rights, the MGIMO University Model Parliament, the model civil court MGIMO University Civil Moot Court and the model criminal court MGIMO Moot Court.



During the qualifying round of the second All-Russia legal case championship MGIMO Law Championship, which has a major prize fund, more than 3,000 people in 824 teams representing 27 institutes of higher education and 19 cities from across Russia registered. The championship was carried out with the support of the International Law School's Alumni Appreciation Foundation.

On 20 October, 2021 was an academic and research conference in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Moscow Journal of International Law.

The first meeting of the discussion space on defending one's rights in the digital space took place at MGIMO University, and it included the participation of the President of Russia's Council for Civil Society and Human Rights,

Moscow State University, the Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg State University and others.

In May 2021, the European Studies Institute together with the Council of Europe and the support of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a short-term course called Realizing International Constitutional Guarantees of One's Rights in Russian Law and Law Enforcement Practice: 25 Years of Cooperation as part of the Council of Europe. The basic goal of the course was for representatives of state institutions, researchers and experts to gain additional specialized knowledge on those issues of cooperation between Russia and the Council of Europe related to national legislation and law enforcement practices as demanded by the European Convention on Human Rights in different areas of their activity.



Other Educational Programs

From 21 June to 6 July, 2021, in line with the order of the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science (Rosobnadzor), MGIMO University underwent state accreditation for its educational activities.

A total of 126 programs of higher and secondary education underwent the process.

In 2021, new master's programs on event management and modern pedagogical and educational design were opened at MGIMO University Odintsovo. The School of Governance and Politics began a new bachelor's program, Public Management of Big Data, as part of the State and Municipal Management program.

New Bachelor's Programs at MGIMO University

- » **Big Data and International Relations Modeling**
(together with the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of World Economy and International Relations and the Lebedev Physical Institute), part of International Relations
- » **International Security**
(together with the Kurchatov Institute), part of International Relations;
- » **Multilateral Diplomacy**
(in English, together with the Swiss School for International Relations) part of International Relations;
- » **International Economics and Finance**
(in English, together with the Swiss School for International Relations) part of Economics;
- » **Tourism and the Hospitality Industry**
part of Tourism;
- » **Statecraft**
part of Political Science;
- » **Statecraft**
(in English, together with the Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli [LUISS]), part of Political Science;
- » **Digital Governance** (in English, together with LUISS), part of State and Municipal Management.

New Master's Programs at MGIMO University

- » **Data Analysis and the Dynamics of International Processes**
(together with the School of International Economic Relations and the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute for System Programming) part of International Relations;
- » **Digital Finance**
part of Economics;
- » **Law, Digital Innovation and Sustainability**
(in partnership with LUISS) part of State and Municipal Management;
- » **Tourism and the Hospitality Industry**
(together with the Russian International Olympic University) part of Tourism;
- » **Psychology**
part of Psychology

MGIMO-MED Medical University



At the initiative of Andrey Vorobyov, Governor of the Moscow Oblast, the MGIMO-MED Medical University (an autonomous, non-commercial educational institution of higher learning) was established by MGIMO University and the MD Medical Group Mother and Child.

The project prepares specialists for general medicine based on a network of collaboration between MGIMO-MED, MGIMO University Odintsovo, Mother and Child group of companies, and a number of established medical and research health systems in Moscow and the Moscow Oblast.

The learning process at MGIMO-MED will take place at the Lapino Clinical Hospital (Mother and Child), where a separate structure is planned for construction in the near future; on the grounds of the Odintsovo campus; and also with partners in an online format.

A curriculum, study plan and disciplines have already been prepared; a project team is being formed; a search for and selection of a professorial-teacher and administrative staff is being carried out; and purchases of material-technical equipment for the program are being made. The learning infrastructure is being organized, and classrooms are being equipped with specialized equipment and learning materials. The first class of students is planned for the 2022-23 academic year, and pre-entrance trainings are expected to be available in fall 2022.

The curriculum for the program includes a significant amount of language preparation, which allows students to study disciplines from leading foreign specialists and to actively use English-language sources.

To ensure a high level of preparation of students, the project expects to partner with leading foreign universities and clinics, as well as organize internships abroad for students.

There will be 50 students for the 2022-23 academic year. Their acceptance will be based on their Unified State Exam results in Russian, chemistry and biology, or on the results from entrance exams conducted by MGIMO-MED itself.

The development of the project will provide different types of training, in particular residencies, as well as further education programs. Extensive practical experience and the results of Mother and Child's scientific research provide the basis of the programs for teaching specialists.



MGIMO–Tashkent

In January 2022, MGIMO–Tashkent successfully underwent Rosobnadzor’s accreditation procedure for all of its bachelor’s and master’s programs.



The hallmark of MGIMO–Tashkent’s educational programs is the Moscow semesters, during which both bachelor’s and master’s students can continue their education at MGIMO University’s campuses at Prospekt Vernadskogo and Odintsovo, ensuring not only that students experience high-quality teaching but also that they feel part of the larger MGIMO University family.

In the past year, 65 teachers from MGIMO University’s Moscow campuses have taught on the

Tashkent campus, along with 30 specialists from Uzbekistan. Moreover, all teachers in the Tashkent campus’ language center have completed advanced training courses at MGIMO University.

In 2021, students in the second year of the International Private, Commercial and Financial Law and Systemic Analysis for International Business master’s programs, as well as students in the Analysis and Modeling of Social and Economic Processes bachelor’s program, studied in Moscow.



The Moscow semesters provide a large number of extracurricular lectures, excursions and courses thanks to MGIMO University’s partners and their direct participation. In 2021, companies partnered with the MGIMO Endowment gave lectures on digital transformation to the Tashkent branch’s bachelor’s and master’s students.

Rector Anatoly Torkunov regularly meets with MGIMO–Tashkent students. He met with them in Tashkent on 26 October, 2021, and he spoke with bachelor’s students in Moscow on 19 November, 2021.

On 15 July, 2021, the master’s students who finished the training programs International Private, Commercial and Financial Law and Systemic Analysis for International Business were awarded their diplomas in a solemn ceremony as the first graduates of MGIMO–Tashkent. Sergey Lavrov, Russia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the university’s Board of Regents and Supervisory Board; and Abdubajar Abduvakhitov, Advisor to the President of Uzbekistan and Deputy Chairman of MGIMO–Tashkent’s Board of Regents, awarded 37 diplomas to graduates.

2021 was the starting point for the active development of extracurricular activities for MGIMO–Tashkent students. Eight clubs — IT, Model UN, Model Parliament, Legal Club, Chess Club, Speaking

Club, What? Where? When?, and the Alliance of Mass Media and Media Sources — were established. The first joint Model UN between MGIMO–Tashkent and International House Tashkent Lyceum on 27–28 November, 2021 was one of the most successful events of its kind in Uzbekistan. Students also took part in School on Central Asia 2021, an annual young scientific-educational program held by the Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund that took place on the campus of MGIMO–Tashkent from 13 to 17 December, 2021.

One of the Tashkent branch’s key activities is its work with the International Chodiev Foundation (ICF). In the framework of the memorandum on cooperation between MGIMO–Tashkent and ICF, the foundation funds grants for students until 2025, and it has already provided resources for modernizing material-technical equipment and purchasing transportation.

On 6 September 2021 was a solemn ceremony to award the foundation’s grants, which fully cover the study costs for 10 first-year students.

Special attention is placed on pre-university training. Through classes for schoolchildren on the grounds of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy and the International Tashkent House Lyceum, the Tashkent branch is preparing prospective bachelor’s students.



Official observers
of Uzbekistan's presidential election



The second Russian-Uzbek Education Forum

Upcoming projects:

- » A year-long MBA program at MGIMO–Tashkent
- » More spaces for students entering MGIMO University's preparatory lyceum classes in Uzbekistan
- » Advanced trainings for MGIMO–Tashkent employees
- » Opening a center for taking Russia's Unified State Exams in Uzbekistan on the grounds of MGIMO–Tashkent
- » Opening programs of further education for students on a self-funded basis
- » Developing partnerships with state institutions and subordinate organizations
- » Opening corporate language courses for Uzbekistan's state institutions..



International Students

As of early 2022, 1,183 international students were studying at MGIMO University. In 2021, there were 218 international first-year students in Russian-language and English-language bachelor's programs.

Documents were submitted through the use of the International Applicants platform, which allows the Acceptance Committee to optimize the work of processing the received information, forming lists and statements, as well as to prepare mailing materials.

In 2021, the average competition for MGIMO University's international master's programs, leading to the receiving of two or more diplomas, was 2.8 people. More than 10% of those recommended for acceptance were citizens of foreign countries: France, Italy, China, the US, India, and countries in Central and Eastern Europe.



As part of the program for international student mobility, 114 international students arrived at MGIMO University from partner institutions of higher education in 2021. Fifty-six international students studied in short-term international management programs on a self-funded basis. In the fall semester of the 2021–22 academic year, 80 international students from partner institutions of higher education started their studies at MGIMO University.

Foreign citizens studying Russian as their main language accounted for more than half of the students at the MGIMO School of Government and International Affairs. The school has bachelor's programs with full educational cycles in English. In 2017–21, 125 students from more than 20 countries graduated from the institute. At the beginning



of 2022, 239 students from 32 countries were studying in the institute's English-language programs. The leading countries from which students are accepted are Bulgaria, India, Kazakhstan, Slovakia, France and South Korea. The number of applicants who ended up getting accepted in the past two years has increased by one-and-a-half times. Around 20 percent of the School of Government and International Affairs' teachers are native English speakers who received their master's and doctoral degrees from some of the world's leading universities.

In 2021, the institute began the International Business and Finance bachelor's program in Economics. In the 2021–22 academic year, 20 students from Russia and five other countries studied in the program.

MGIMO University has kept prospective Russian and international students interested in the institute's base English-language bachelor's program in international

relations. In 2021, the program enrolled 25 students, including from Armenia, Bulgaria, India, Kazakhstan, the UAE, South Korea and the US. As part of the program, students were offered a wide range of disciplines from the field of law, including constitutional and financial law; international public and private law; legal aspects of current international conflicts; arms control; and sanctions policies. The new name of the program is Government, International Politics and Law.

In 2021, the school finished an integrated series of English-language courses at the bachelor's level on Russia's history, domestic and foreign policy, economics and culture. These courses include intense training in Russian as a foreign language, which these students receive during their four years of education to be fully acquainted with Russia while they study at MGIMO University.

In addition to a series of integration measures, Priority-2030 provides marketing research for determining the priority audience and the instruments for carrying out education programs at MGIMO University, as well as the introduction of integrated programs on international students' socio-cultural adaptation. "Get to know MGIMO University – get to know Russia" is directed at the active engagement of English-speaking students in the university's general life, teaching them Russia's cultural peculiarities and imparting on them the institutional values of MGIMO University students and graduates.

The university launched the International Student system to support the arrival of international students. Through the help of specially created online platforms, international students are able to interact with MGIMO University's administrative units (questions about arriving, medicine and insurance, as well as migration assistance with visa applications, registration, etc.)

For international students arriving at MGIMO University, as well as students from MGIMO University's partner institutions of higher education arriving for internships, there are special orientation sessions. The integration weeks help students to adapt to studying in Russia and quickly integrate into the university's student life. The program includes introductory sessions with representatives of MGIMO University's administration on migration legislation, living in dormitories and applying for medical insurance, as well as an interactive quest MGIMO University Tour to familiarize oneself with MGIMO University's infrastructure, student organizations and extracurricular activities. Before the start of the academic year, there are lectures on Russian history and culture for international students, as well as an introductory excursion in Moscow.

In October 2021, a traditional excursion to VDNKh was organized for international students. Every year, the MGIMO Student Union organizes a Day of National Cuisine at the university, where students present the culture and traditions of their countries.

In December 2021, the Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VTsIOM) surveyed the opinions and ratings of MGIMO University's international students about studying at the university and living in Moscow on the campus and outside of it. Two hundred and sixty-six students (about 25% of MGIMO University's international student body) submitted online applications, and 20 took part in a qualitative examination via in-depth interviews. Based on the analysis of the answered questions, suggestions to improve the development of the university's English-language sphere and international programs were proposed.



Endowment Student Grant Competition

In the 2020–21 academic year, 25 projects were named winners in the MGIMO Endowment 10th Student Grant Competition. For the first time ever, the submissions required elements of digitalization.

The majority of events, which were earlier held in person in the university's auditoriums, now take place in a hybrid format. This allows for a wider audience thanks to the possibility of more students from other Russian cities being able to participate in conferences online. Besides from this, the use of distance-learning technologies has allowed organizers to invite foreign speakers.

At the end of the event, students together with special assembly operator and specialist teams release reports and films on their social media pages. The creation of these videos, as well as the live streaming of the event, attracted a greater number of viewers. Anyone could connect online and watch recorded videos at any time.

The support of Andrei Epifanov helped to implement the following winning projects from the MGIMO Endowment's competition

Business and entrepreneurship

The entrepreneurial project JobGuide was the winner of the 10th MGIMO Endowment Student Grant Competition in 2020–21. The platform aggregator helps young specialists to find jobs, search for internships, learn information about companies and special roles in them, and speak with potential employers. In summer 2021, the team carried out the social reality project Prokachka, in which 10 participants received mentoring from experienced HR specialists. During the three months, experts gave students advice about developing an individual career track, creating a resume, writing cover letters and preparing for interviews to receive offers to the desired company.

The MGIMO Endowment's grants are financing ongoing projects in social media, targetology, site maintenance, the development of special designs and

others. The collective is developing a special interface for MGIMO University students, in which those searching through their personal university accounts will have access to a separate vacancy section called "MGIMO only".

The third international academic and research conference MGIMO Innovation Week 2021 took place on the Odintsovo campus, which saw a series of lectures and round tables on forming innovative ecosystems in Russia and abroad. The events of Innovation Week traditionally include the active participation and presentation of doctorate work not only by renowned scientists and expert practitioners but also talented PhD students, master's students and bachelor's students from MGIMO University, Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas and other leading universities.



Education and research

The annual general university conference of the Scientific Student Society, Days of Science, took place at MGIMO University. The theme of the event was The World in the 2020s.

During the student academic and research conference Model OPEC 2021, which was held for the first time from Vienna in an online format with a greeting and report on the current state of global energy, Abderrezak Benyoucef, Head of the Energy Studies Department at the OPEC Secretariat, gave a speech. Also for the first time in the six-year history of the event, a video greeting to the delegates was sent from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna.

During the qualifying stage of the MGIMO Civil Moot Court, which was organized by MGIMO University's Legal Club with the support of the Lebedev Department of Private International and Civil Law, 74 teams from 10 Russian cities and 16 Russian universities took part.

A discussion of the legislative agenda on current socio-economic and political-legal questions took place in the MGIMO University Model Parliament.

Almost 600 people submitted applications to take part in the Model European Court of Human Rights, and only 180 of the best students representing more than 40 Russian and international institutes of higher education were invited to the final stage. The recordings of the lectures and master-classes from major specialists in the field of human rights — from lawyers at the Secretariat and European Court of Human Rights to the heads of departments at the Council of Europe and Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs — gathered more than 30,000 views on social media.

On 6–8 April, 2021, MGIMO University's Economics Club held the Sixth International Youth Forum on Sustainable Development in an online format. Participants in six committees tried to find solutions to global issues of ecology, education, production, gender equality and healthcare.





Representatives of partner companies, whose activities are related to achieving the goals of sustainable development, proposed a case to participants that they needed to solve during the three days of the forum.

The Third EU-EEU International Forum, the Russia — Africa Forum and the Middle East Seasons forum were dedicated to separate countries and regions.

The first international forum *Russia — Africa: What Next?* took place thanks to the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Agency for CIS Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) and the MGIMO Endowment. Yevgeny Primakov headed the program committee, and on the committee were dignitaries of Russian Africa experts, active diplomats and representatives of the university's administration.

In April 2021, the MGIMO Middle East Club held a major conference called *Social Development in the Middle East and North Africa on the Modern Stage* dedicated to the basic social problems of Arab countries and the specific state policies in this field. As a whole, the event led to a special book of reports.

As part of the educational track, the MGIMO Endowment provided financial and organizational support to record the lectures for courses on the African continent's history, economics and international relations in Africa in 80 Hours. The media project won an additional grant competition held by the MGIMO Endowment, University in Your Laptop. Lectures about the history of Ethiopia and Tanzania from ancient times to the 21st century are available on the MGIMO Endowment's YouTube channel.

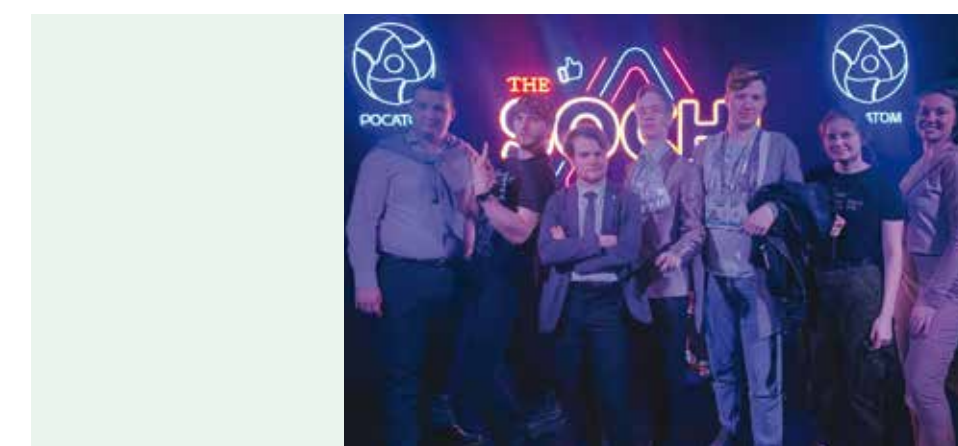


Culture and art

Cultural projects complemented the learning process. On 18 November, 2021, the university's Fifth Battle of the Schools, the main creative competition for first-year students organized by the MGIMO Student Union with the help of the Department of Educational Work, took place. The goal of the event is to bring together new students and present them with the opportunity to perform on MGIMO University's main stage already in their first month of studies. Every school presents on stage a video presentation and creative number, as well as selects four representatives to take part in an intellectual competition.

The flagship KVN team Three Bogatyrs successfully took part in the 32nd KiViN 2021 international festival in Sochi. Based on their result at the festival of the Moscow student league of institutions of higher education and colleges, the MGIMO University team was invited this season to the official Moscow student league, but the team decided to take a break from participating within the Moscow and Moscow Oblast leagues for the next year.

In March 2021, MGIMO University's choir Proxenos performed at the Coro di Linguisti international choral festival, winning the festival's highest honor — the World Cup with a Gold Diploma. The collective recorded a new video, a music video for the song "Along Petersburg" timed for release with Russia's participation in the annual historical Ommegang festival in Belgium as a country and honored guest.



The project was carried out with Russian House Brussels, the Mayor of Brussels and the Government of Moscow. In June, Proxenos, as part of the combined choir of the Mendeleev Choral Congress, gave a charity concert in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary in Moscow that was broadcast on Vatican Radio.

The Miss MGIMO contest was another memorable project of the MGIMO Student Union. The casting included 30 students from different university departments from the Prospekt Vernadskogo and Odintsovo campuses. Nine girls performed in the final in the guise of ancient Greek goddesses.

In April and November 2021, with the support of the MGIMO Endowment, the Department of Educational Work and the Cultural Center held the 36th Spring Ball and 37th Fall Ball. The ball is traditionally one of the most festive and social of the university's events, attracting not only university students and employees but employees from

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the capital's cultural elite and business circles. Interest in the ball was confirmed by its coverage: Besides from photographs and student media, the event was captured by a film crew from the federal television channel Rossiya 1. The ball's program consists of four parts: the historical part, 20th century dances, national dances and Latin American dances.

From 9 to 10 October, 2021 was the student online festival of intellectual games MGIMO-Cybernational 2021, which was organized by NSO MGIMO, the club of intellectual games. Ninety-five teams took part, and this was the first online festival of intellectual games at MGIMO University that was oriented not only towards the university's students but schoolchildren as well, with the event attracting 19 school teams. The event consisted of tournaments in three disciplines: a sporting "What? Where? When?", "Brain Ring" and a sporting "Our Game".



Student media

In the new academic year, the student information channel MGIMO 360 continued to work on content and launch new formats. The team presented the rubric Formula for Success, in which members of the television channel chat with well-known speakers and learn their professional secrets. For the last year, the videos put out by MGIMO 360 have seen improvements in quality and sound thanks to a grant from the MGIMO Endowment to purchase new equipment: cameras, stabilizers and recording equipment.

From May 2021, the channel's correspondents, as part of the journalist pool for Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, have covered the working visits of Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov.



MGIMO 360

ОСВЕЩЕНИЕ РАБОЧИХ ВИЗИТОВ МИНИСТРА ИНОСТРАННЫХ ДЕЛ



С мая 2021 года корреспонденты канала в составе пула журналистов Министерства иностранных дел РФ освещают рабочие визиты министра иностранных дел С.В. Лаврова. Длительность в этом направлении направлена на популяризацию внешней политики России среди студентов.

Sport

MGIMO University is experiencing great success in sports. The MGIMO University Diplomats, the university's hockey team, competed for the first time in the top Masters division of the Moscow Student Hockey League in 2020–21, finishing among the leaders but failing to win the bronze medal.

The team's results for the season were nine wins in the regular season and playoffs, and more than 80 goals scored. In April 2021, the team was invited to the All-Russia Final of the Student Hockey League Championship in Dmitrov, where the Diplomats were the only team making its first appearance in the tournament.



In addition, defender Danil Kuzmin won an individual award for best new player in the Masters division for 2020–21. The Diplomats also set two other records: its fourth-place finish was the best finish of any team in its first season in the Moscow Student Hockey League, and the Diplomats were the first debutant in the MSHL to receive an invite to the SHL championship.

The MGIMO Endowment financed the team's training (e.g. paying for ice time) and also paid for its manager, new game jerseys and training jerseys, its deposit to compete in the league, and merchandise for fans in the supporters' group.



At the end of December 2021, the MGIMO Endowment made its selections for the 11th Student Grant Competition. Students submitted 62 applications for a general sum of more than RUB 13mln (\$0.17 mln). This year, thanks to co-financing from Priority-2030, there was a record number of winning projects spanning different fields: education, science, culture and art, business and entrepreneurship, the social sector, media and sport.

In September 2021, MGIMO University's golf team, with the support of the MGIMO Endowment, took part in the Russian Student Cup, which took place at the Raevsky Golf Club in Novorossiysk. Anna Meleshkina, a master's student at MGIMO University, won the women's competition, while the MGIMO University team finished first in an additional round among mixed teams.

In MGIMO University's sports complex, there were competitions in futsal organized by the MGIMO Student Union. Sixteen national teams took part in the intra-university tournament to name the university's best team.

LIST OF WINNING PROJECTS FROM THE 11TH STUDENT GRANT COMPETITION 2022

From the MGIMO Endowment's funds

1	ICA (International Commerce Arbitration) Moot MGIMO
2	MGIMO Innovation Week 2022
3	MGIMO Moot Court
4	Model Eurasian Economic Union
5	Model European Court of Human Rights
6	Model Barents Euro-Arctic Council
7	Series of TED Talks conferences on "The Economy and..."
8	MGIMO Business Club
9	MINT
10	Middle East Seasons 2022
11	China Week 2022
12	International Model UN at MGIMO–Tashkent
13	Intellectual game "Brains and Gains"
14	MGIMO-Cybernational 2022 festival of intellectual games
15	MGIMO Student Union cultural-entertainment events
16	MGIMO 360
17	Mezhdunarodnik student newspaper
18	Battle of the Schools 2022
19	MGIMO Music Awards 2022
20	MGIMO University PROXENOS choir
21	38 th MGIMO University Fall Ball
22	MGIMO University hockey team
23	MGIMO University golf team
24	MGIMO University carting team
25	[OC]2 — Organization of United Student Societies



Projects to be financed under Priority–2030 with the organizational support of the MGIMO Endowment

1	OPEC Model 2022
2	MGIMO Green Cultural Fest
3	Fourth EEU International Forum
4	ESG Solution Cup
5	International Youth Forum on Sustainable Development
6	MGIMO University Odintsovo Student Union website
7	Media studio for MGIMO–Tashkent students
8	MGIMO University Odintsovo Model UN
9	MGIMO University New-Sci Generation Symposium
10	Developing Cities student urban forum
11	Mallette magazine

International Internships

As part of the international internship program, third- and fourth-year students in bachelor's programs, master's students and PhD students can undertake educational internships of one semester or academic year at a partner university.

In 2021, 106 students took part in exchange programs with MGIMO University's partner institutions in Azerbaijan, Brazil, the UK, Hungary, Germany, Spain, Italy, Jordan, China, Mexico, Norway, Poland, South Korea, the US, France, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Japan.

The internship program is financed from the MGIMO Endowment's investment income, as well as from MGIMO University's direct partners such as Alisher Usmanov and the Art, Science and Sport Foundation, and Patokh Chodiev and the International Chodiev Forum.

A separate large-scale MGIMO University project is traineeships in Russian embassies and trade missions, as well as international organizations, which are being carried out with the support of the Vladimir Potanin Foundation. The foundation pays for international internships for the best graduates of MGIMO University's courses chosen by a panel of the university's experts. In summer 2021, 30 master's students were sent for training to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' foreign missions in Abkhazia, Armenia, Belarus, the UK, Greece, Egypt, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Cuba, Norway, the UAE, Serbia, the Seychelles, Tanzania, Turkey, Finland, Ethiopia and Japan.

MGIMO University students undergo training annually in the UN's Information Center in Moscow; the Moscow representative of the UN Human Settlements Program; regional departments of food and agricultural organizations; the UN Industrial Development Organization in Vienna; regional offices of the UN Development Program in Belgrade, Dushanbe, Yerevan and Minsk; and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In 2021, more than 200 students took part in international internships in partner institutions, Russian embassies, trade missions and international organizations, as well as participated in international competitions and conferences.



Individual and Corporate Scholarships

At this moment, MGIMO University awards 32 nominal and corporate scholarships to more than 800 students, 460 of which are active recipients of presidential grants. This includes established scholarships from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Government of Moscow and MGIMO University's rector, and also scholarships named after leading researchers and social figures.

Over many years, based on competition, stipends have been paid out by the Vladimir Potanin Foundation and the International Chodiev Foundation (ICF).

In summer 2021, the ICF started to pay grants to MGIMO–Tashkent students entering bachelor's programs.

Partner companies pay out a monthly stipend (Metalloinvest, Gazprombank, Rostec, Transneft, Rosneft and Norilsk Nickel) and grants that fully cover the costs of studying in a master's program (Rosselkhozbank, Region and Samolet).

The governors of the Moscow and Vologda oblasts give out scholarships.

In 2021, at the initiative of Michael Shelkov, Vice-Chairman of VSMPO-Avisma's Board of Directors, a corporate monthly stipend for seven MGIMO University students of RUB 20,000 was established.

A program was started by MGIMO University and KEB HNB Bank (a subsidiary credit organization of Hana Financial Group, a major Asian financial group and one of the leaders in South Korea's banking sector). As a result, 10 students received a one-time payment of \$1,000.

Efendi International Group established a scholarship program for five students in the Azerbaijan Student Union who achieve high results in their academic, scientific and social activities.

At the initiative of Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MGIMO University established the Prikhodko scholarship in May 2021. The scholarship is paid out by the university to the three best students for extraordinary success in their studies, and also for their active participation in academic and research activities.

The total sum paid out to students in the 2020–21 academic year reached RUB 120mln (\$1.5 mln).



Academic Recognition

Year of Science and Technology

Research Grants

Institute for International Studies

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Human Potential, World-Class Research Center

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Training Researchers

Year of Science and Technology

On the initiative of Russian President Vladimir Putin, 2021 was declared the Year of Science and Research in order to engage young talents in research, achieve a comprehensive understanding among Russian citizens about the current state and business initiatives as well as latest science and technology, and get professional community more involved into the implementation of the Strategy for Science and Technology Development.

MGIMO University took an active part in the events of the Year. The Co-Chairs of the Russian Year of Science and Technology Organizing Committee, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Government Dmitry Chernyshenko and the Aide to the Russian President Andrey Fursenko, noted the University's contribution to the Year by awarding it a commemorative medal.

On 8–10 December, the Sirius educational center in Sochi hosted the key event of the Year of Science and Technology — the Congress of Young Scientists.

The Congress of Young Scientists was organized by the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the Coordination Council for Youth Affairs in the Sphere of Science and Education under the Presidential Council for Science and Education, and the Roscongress Foundation. The main operator of the Year of Science and Technology in the Russian Federation is National Priorities (Natsionalniye Prioritety) organization.

The major achievements of the Year of Science and Technology in Russia were widely covered during the Congress. Special attention was paid to the thematic months which were one of the main features of the Year. For instance, March of the Year of Science and Technology was devoted to the new medicine, April's focus was the space exploration, while May concentrated on new challenges and threats to security. June's main topic was "New Production Materials and Technology". Among other topics covered were "Territories Connectivity and Space Development" (July), "Climate and Ecology" (August), "Genetics and Quality of Life" (September), "Energy of the Future" (October), "Artificial Intelligence" (November), and "Humans, Nature, Society and Technology" (December).



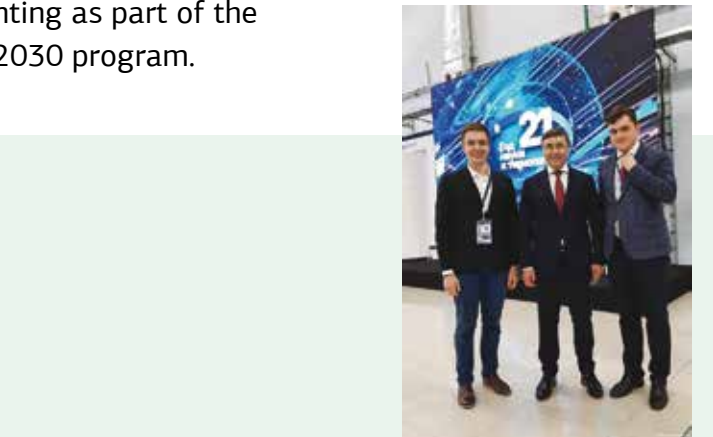
Among the participants of the Congress were the Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko, the Aide to the Russian President Andrey Fursenko, the Minister of Science and Higher Education Valery Falkov, the President of Kurchatov Institute national research center Mikhail Kovalchuk, and other high-ranking officials and academics. MGIMO University's administration was represented by the Vice-Rector for Science and Research Andrey Baykov, the Vice-Rector for Strategic Development — Head of the Rector's Office Artem Malgin, the Director of the School of Business and International Proficiency Angelika Mirzoeva, the President of All-Russian Union of Insurers and Head of MGIMO ESG Resource Center at MGIMO Professor Igor Yurgens, the Head of the MGIMO Department of Integrated International Ecological Problems and Wildlife Management Ruslan Aliev.

The business program of the Congress of Young Scientists included several roundtables, sessions, panels and discussions in other formats devoted to various topics of research activities.

The delegation of the MGIMO Scientific Students Society and the students who received the Presidential grants took an active part in the Congress's sessions on the support of the student research organizations and young scientists, innovations, technological development, and other areas of science in today's Russia.

The Year of Science and Technology culminated in the 8th Vuzpromexpo Annual National Exhibition. MGIMO University presented its own stand in the area for universities.

On 8 December a panel discussion entitled "Priority in Agriculture 2030 — Global Shift to Agriculture 4.0: a Window of New Opportunities for Educational and Research Programs" was held as part of the business program of Vuzpromexpo. The Vice-Rector for Strategic Development – Head of the Rector's Office and the Director of MGIMO Development Program Artem Malgin told about the Institute of Global Agricultural Markets strategic project which MGIMO University is implementing as part of the Priority-2030 program.



Research Grants

In 2021, the University completed 52 research projects with total external funding of 191.7 mln rubles. MGIMO University received most of them as competitive grants. The research covered a wide range of topics, including international relations, regional studies, global security, military and political research, economy and finance, migration, international law, history, sociology, and many others. Most of the research projects are long-term, with over 500 faculty members, PhD, BA/MA students taking part in them.

The projects were commissioned by ministries and agencies (Russian Ministry of Education and Science, Russian Ministry of Defence, Department of Education and Science of Moscow), research institutions (IMEMO RAS), research foundations (Russian Foundation for Basic Research, Russian Science Foundation), major companies of the real economy sector (Rosneft Oil Company, KAMAZ, Management Company GAZ Group, Gazprombank, Almaz-Antey Corporation).

Post-Crisis World Order: Challenges and Technologies, Competition and Cooperation is a three-years joint research project of MGIMO University, IMEMO and four other RAS institutes.

In 2021, 13 projects were supported within the framework of a popular 11th Competition of Young Scientists “Scientific Idea” (Nauchnaya ideya). In their research the teams prepared articles for the journals indexed by Web of Science and Scopus bases. For the first time, one of the requirements was the team’s application for an external competition. In total, the research teams won 6 projects with external funding of over 20 mln rubles.

Two projects that involved the Department of Demographic and Migration Policy and the Department of Sociology were completed within the framework of a presidential program to support leading research schools, with young researchers taking an active part in them. Several dozens of articles in the leading academic journals were published, with a few PhD and master’s degree theses written.

The implementation of the current research programs and grant projects results in stronger research indicators of the University. In 2021, 467 articles by authors from MGIMO University were indexed in Scopus, with 181 (39%) of them being in the Q1–Q2 journals. Compared with the previous year, the increase in Q1–Q2 publications amounts to 30%. In total, as at 1 January 2022, 2197 publications were indexed in Scopus. In the University’s priority areas of research, the citation rate of MGIMO authors is higher than the world’s average, as per Scopus.



In January 2022, an agreement was signed between MGIMO University and the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR). The document addresses cooperation in supporting research, whose output can serve as a basis for practical measures to develop and improve the practice of academic diplomacy in the interest of the Russian foreign policy.



Institute for International Studies

The driving force of University’s research activities and the operator of research investment is the **Institute for International Studies**.

In 2019–2021, the IIS was modernized in accordance with the road map of development which allowed MGIMO University to increase the quantity and quality of its presence in a number of research areas.

Within the framework of the internal grants program, the IIS is implementing 13 projects with the total funding of about 62 mln rubles a year, with over 70 experts from the University, mainly, IIS researchers, being involved in this work. One of the central result of research funding from MGIMO’s own budget and from the Priority–2030 program budget will be over 100 publications in Q1–Q2 journals.

The general practice of sustained funding for publications in the leading academic journals allows to shape teams within the University’s research programs that will, in the new composition, attract additional external funding. In 2021, the IIS accumulated external funding of about 104 mln rubles.

The IIS acts as an operator of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Human Potential, World-Class Research Center, established within the consortium with Higher School of Economics, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, and the RAS Miklukho-Maklay Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology.

The IIS research teams are involved in a number of research projects on a regular basis, including in cooperation with Russian and international research organizations and institutes.

MGIMO University prepared an application for the 9th Megagrants Competition of the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education with a project entitled “The Strategic Analysis of Socio-Political Development of Asian Countries and their Foreign Policy Behavioral Patterns”. The research involves a leading scholar Mark Bisson, Professor at the University of Western Australia. The MGIMO research teams is led by the Director of the IIS Center for East Asia and SCO Alexander Lukin. In the competition 155 organization applied with 293 projects.

In 2021, Maxim Suchkov was appointed the Director of the Institute for International Studies.





The IIS Laboratory of International Trends Analysis team in cooperation with the Kurchatov Institute are doing research into the behavior of American establishment in international conflicts. Based on the coded linguistic markers, the researchers are trying to find out the conflicts the USA planned to engage in and the ones the administration responded ad hoc.

The IIS researchers are doing economic and mathematical studies on macroeconomy, banks, and human capital (including based on the grants of Charles University in Prague and joint projects with the Central Bank of Russia, the universities of Zurich, Leuven, the Bank of Finland, and other international organizations and institutions).

The IIS continues the MGIMO tradition of studying towns that present themselves as the capitals without

the actual statehood as well as small-numbered peoples of Russia that do not live in their majority regions. In 2021, the IIS Center for Spatial Analysis in International Relations held a research expedition to the Likhoslavsky district of the Tver region which is considered to be the center of Tver Karelia. The main research method used was the coded in-depth interview. Based on the collected materials, the researchers plan to prepare publications for the highly-rated research journals.

In January 2021, the IIS Center for Advanced American Studies was established, drawing on the traditions of the MGIMO American studies school. It focuses on three subject areas: the evolution of party platforms, the strategy in regional crises, and the return of the great powers competition in the era of technological progress.



The 18th annual meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club

Expert and analytical activities

The crucial task of the IIS is to strengthen MGIMO University's status as one of the most reputable world think tanks in the area of international relations. In 2021, the Institute became a dialogue platform that hosted over 180 lectures of Russian and international experts and practitioners.

KEY EVENTS

- » The 8th All-Russian Congress of Political Scientists (under the aegis of the Russian Political Science Association (RPSA) in cooperation with the Department of Comparative Politics);
- » Annual Moscow Conference on Political Risks and Forecasting "International Uncertainty";
- » The 13th International Research and Practical Forum "Migration Bridges in Eurasia: New Migration Reality amid COVID-19" (together with the Department of Demographic and Migration Policy and the RAS Institute of Socio-Political Research);
- » International Conference "Arms Control in a New Light: New START Extension, New Dimensions, Prospects for New Agreements";
- » International Workshop "Applied Research in Labor Market Economics and Human Capital".

During the *CAAS BOOK Talk Series*, seven book presentations by leading international and Russian experts on the US domestic and foreign policy and global issues were held.



The program of developing international ties includes the Dialogue on Urgent Issues project led by the Director of the IIS Euro-Atlantic Security Center Alexander Nikitin. The meetings are aimed at a trust-based informal exchange of opinions between experts, politicians and diplomats on urgent and relevant issues of modern international relations.

The IIS organized the kick-off meeting of the Belarusian-Russian Expert Dialogue, a series of discussions on relevant issues of bilateral relations and international agenda. The dialogue was founded by the IIS together with the Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations and aimed at finding common approaches to a wide range of international issues, holding joint research and preparing practical recommendations for the foreign ministries of the two countries. The initiative to create a permanent dialogue was supported by the ministers of foreign affairs of Russia and Belarus, Sergey Lavrov and Vladimir Makei respectively.

One of the main areas of the IIS activities is the preparation of regular expert and analytical materials for the federal and regional authorities as well as corporate clients. Annually, the IIS produces about 80 policy brief and analytical reports.



Researchers teach

The IIS strategic priority is the continuous transfer of research results to classroom, the synergy of the IIS and MGIMO educational departments, primarily the School of International Relations.

- In 2021, the IIS:
- » enrolled students to the newly developed area of study entitled “Global Security” within the master’s degree program of the European Studies Institute called “Integrated Studies of the European (EU) and the Eurasian Integration Processes”;
 - » successfully trained 25 faculty members and employees of the Military Academy of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces as part of the International Security innovative advanced training program for public officials;
 - » developed and published new educational online courses of the Coursera platform. The Political Geography course in English was among the top-35 most popular courses globally that were launched in May 2021;
 - » organized work placements and research internships for over 100 MGIMO students, with 12 of them being accepted to a one-year paid internship program.

In 2022, the first steps to establish a research school on the basis of the School of International Relations will be taken. The synergy of the IIS and the School of IR will allow the fellows of the Institute to integrate into the MGIMO educational processes and strengthen the research dimension of students’ training.

Academic mobility

Together with the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund and Rossotrudnichestvo the IIS held the pilot stage of the new project on organizing short-term academic mobility program and enhancing international academic cooperation — the InteRussia program of research internships for international experts.

Out of 47 applicants, who are accomplished researchers with high publication activity, five young experts from the ex-USSR countries (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Tadjikistan) were accepted. The program is a step towards shaping a horizontal network of experts in international relations on the post-Soviet territory.



The main advantage is the opportunity to work under the supervision of an academic consultant as part of the University's research team. The research projects of the interns are devoted to the current trends and key issues in the CIS.

Institutional cooperation

In September 2021, MGIMO University and the RAS Ivannikov Institute for System Programming signed an agreement on establishing the Laboratory of Intelligent Data Analysis in International Relations at the IIS. The project will allow the researchers to adapt technically more sophisticated systems of automated big data analysis for the use in applied research in international relations. This will result in broader information basis for analytical materials, improved efficiency of foreign policy decision-making. The starting point of the project was the cooperation of MGIMO researchers with experts from the Kurchatov Institute as well as the experience of using Semantic Archive information and analytical system.

The IIS will be the operation of institutional partnership between MGIMO University and the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) of Tokyo University. The signed bilateral agreement on cooperation in humanitarian and social sciences implies the joint research, academic exchanges, roundtables and conferences.

The Institute for International Studies is developing cooperation with the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), one of the leading Swiss expert centers that focuses on advanced training for decision-makers in international relations and public administration. They plan to develop new areas of cooperation which concern the public officials, joint academic events, participation of MGIMO students in GCSP Cyber Strategy Challenge for students, internship for MGIMO students at GCSP.

Publication activities

In 2021, the IIS research fellows published over 60 articles in Russian and foreign journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, with 74% being in the Q1–Q2 journals.

In 2021, the IIS leadership amended the target indicators to ensure high quality of academic papers. A separate indicator was introduced concerning academic articles published in Q1–Q2 Scopus and Web of Science journals co-authored with foreign scholars from QS top-300 foreign research and educational centers.

As a result, in 2021 the IIS fellows co-authored two articles in top specialized journals — European Journal of International Relations and International Political Studies Review. The IIS researchers also were the first Russian authors in 50 years to publish an article in Journal of Contemporary Asia, the 6th most cited regional studies journal globally, as per Web of Science.

The special issue of a reputable journal called “Journal of Eurasian Studies” (Scopus Q1) on the topic “From Greater Europe to Greater Eurasia” included

three articles published with IIS grant support authored by the research team led by the Director of IIS Center for East Asia and SCO Alexander Lukin.

The research programs allowed to increase the number of published articles per an employee. By 2021, the number of publications in Scopus and Web of Science journals amounted to 1.8 articles per year per a full-time research fellow.

In January 2022, the TASS press-center hosted the annual presentation of *International Threats 2022. Retaking the Initiative*, the MGIMO analytical report.



IIS brand

To implement the IIS media strategy, its fellows cover the Institute's main achievements in social networks, publish interviews and expert columns in federal Russian and leading international outlets, speak at the leading Russian and foreign expert platforms and forums. The Institute has its own podcast and a Youtube channel.

In 2021, out of 53 applications for Digoria, the first national award for the young political scientist, three articles of IIS researchers published in top-rated Scopus Q1 foreign journals won in the category of Political Research (IIS fellows Aleksei Tokarev and Adlan Margoev as well as master's degree student A. Prihodchenko). The award was established by the Social Research Expert Institute and is supported by the Russian President's Administration and Rosmolodezh. Andrey Sushentsov won the Research Excellence Award Russia 2021, a prestige award granted annually by Elsevier to the most cited Russian authors. The award was given in the Social Sciences category for the advanced research of Russian and US conflicting interests in Europe, the Middle East, and ex-USSR countries.



The IIS plans to participate in the implementation of the MGIMO development program in the following areas: the use of IIS research and hiring experience in elaborating interdepartmental research program on major topics as well as the IIS participation in establishing consortiums that would unite research potential of the leading Russian universities and academic institutions.

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Human Potential, World-Class Research Center



The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Human Potential is the only world-class humanities center established within the Science National Project in 2020. The Center is a consortium of four organizations that are leaders in studying the human potential, uniting HSE, RANEPa, MGIMO University and the RAS Miklukho-Maklay Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology. Its main goal is

to address a range of relevant basic and applied science issues of interdisciplinary character in the area of shaping and developing human potential.

The Center focuses its work on five key areas: doing research, implementing educational programs, enhancing international cooperation, holding academic events, and developing research infrastructure.

Research covers seven subject areas:

- » Social and humanitarian dimension of human potential
- » Demography and active ageing
- » Employment and shaping skills and competencies
- » Humans in the era of technology transformation
- » Neurocognitive mechanisms of social behavior
- » Natural and climatic determinants of sustainable development
- » Human potential and security in the global world

By 2025, the Center would have had 414 employees, including 250 leading Russian and foreign researchers.

The share of researchers younger than 39 will be 56%, with 250 articles published in foreign Scopus / Web of Science Q1–Q2 journals.

The MGIMO University's funding in 2020–2025 will be 377.6 mln rubles, including 73.9 mln rubles in 2021.

The year 2021 was the first year of proper implementation of the project, but it has already brought three tangible outputs: the synergy of research schools and methodological approaches of the project's participants, the establishment of a collective use virtual center

and the implementation of a single public awareness raising strategy on the results of the Center's activities (joint academic events, the press conference at TASS, the publication of a monthly academic digest).



In future, the Center will continue its work on implementing research projects, developing and putting into practice innovative technologies of personnel training in international security, establishing new research school of the space analysis of the human potential regional distribution factors, as well as elaborating the concept of political elites human potential and original methodology to study regional political and business elites human potential.

RISA Convention

On 14–16 October, 2021, MGIMO University hosted the 13th Russian International Studies Association Convention, embracing several major international conferences, over 70 discussion sessions, special events of multilateral and bilateral dialogue platforms as well as partner research and educational institutions.

The Convention gathered over 2,000 leading scholars, experts, statesmen and businessmen from Russia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, France, Greece, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, the UK, the USA, Uzbekistan, ASEAN and Latin American countries.

Among the participants of the plenary session entitled Sustainable Development — a Platform for a Broad International Dialogue were the Special Representative of the Russian President for Relations with International Organizations to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals Anatoly Chubais,

the Director-General of the WTO (2005–2013) Pascal Lamy, the Deputy Chairman of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan Adil Aliyev, the Member of the Board — Minister in charge of Energy and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission Temirbek Asanbekov, the Governor of Kamchatka Krai Vladimir Solodov, the Dean of the HSE Faculty of Social Sciences and one of the RISA founders Andrei Melville, the member of the State Great Khural, Minister of Environment and Tourism (2012) and Foreign Minister of Mongolia (2017–2020), MGIMO graduate Damdiny Tsogtbaatar, the Rector of Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Abdukhalil Gafurzoda, the General Director of the Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM) Valery Fedorov.

The Convention hosted the 1st Russian Open International Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation, and Russia and ASEAN in the Asia-Pacific Region: Dynamics of Cooperation, Regional Processes and Global Context conference.



The Convention served as a platform for the sessions and events of partner organizations, including the Valdai International Discussion Club, the Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, the PIR Center, the Russian International Affairs Council, the RAS Institute of Latin America, the RAS Institute of General History, the RAS Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences, the RAS Institute of Europe, the RAS Institute of Africa, the RAS Institute of Geography, the Institute of CIS Countries, Russia in Global Affairs journal, Far-Eastern Federal University, and the research centers of the MGIMO Institute for International Studies.

The RISA Convention was supported by S8 Capital company, Russian Railways, the RAS IMEMO, the MGIMO Alumni Association and Endowment, the Center for Sustainable Development, the ASEAN Center, the French-Russian Trianon Dialogue, and the Austrian-Russian Sochi Dialogue.

The information support was provided by TASS agency (the general information partner), Vedomosti business newspapers as well as Expert and Diletant journals.



Academic Journals

MGIMO University participates in publishing 13 academic journals whose quality and relevance for the international academic community meet all of the requirements of the international data bases

- » MGIMO Review of International Relations is indexed in the international scientometric Scopus basis and included in the Web of Science Russian Science Citation Index. Since 2017, it is added to the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index.
- » Polis. Political Studies is included in all major international data bases, occupying leading positions. In the RSCI subject ranking in Political Science, Polis has 1st place. In 2021, the journal celebrated its 30th anniversary.
- » International Processes is among top-5 Russian academic journals indexed in Scopus in the Political Science and International Relations subject area.
- » Concept: Philosophy, Religion, Culture;
- » Linguistic and Polyglot Studies;
- » Moscow Journal of International Law;
- » Journal of Law and Administration;
- » Comparative Politics;

indexed in
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- » International Analytics;
- » Iberoamerican Papers;
- » Professional Discourse and Communication;
- » World and National Economy;
- » Digital Law.



There are also three student journals published: Relevant Issues of Industrial Markets and International Commerce (the School of Applied Economics and Commerce), International Aspect (the School of International Relations), and Journal of Governance and Politics (the School of Governance and Politics).

In 2021, the University also implemented the support program of ten academic journals founded by MGIMO University. In total, over 30 mln rubles were allocated to the development of journals and enhancement of their academic reputation.

In 2021, two journals published by the MGIMO Institute for International Studies were conceptually relaunched: International Analytics, and Iberoamerican Papers.

Publishing Program

In 2021, MGIMO Publishing, its partners, and foreign publishers (Aspect Press, Knorus, Urait, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, etc.) published more than 170 books in Russian, English, French, and other languages.

Palgrave Macmillan published a monograph *Industry 4.0. Exploring the Consequences of Climate Change*, a monograph edited by Eleva Zavyalova and Elena Popkova.

Routledge published *Russian Public Diplomacy. From USSR to the Russian Federation* by Marina Lebedeva.

Edition Hagia Sophia (Wachtendonk, Germany) published *Nach dem Menschen. Ideologic und Propaganda des Transhumanismus in der Postmoderne* by Vasily Shchchipkov in German.

A textbook by Igor Okunev, *Political Geography*, was published in Polish by Wydawnictwo Polskie Towarzystwo Geopolityczne.

The following works were published in French under the aegis of the Trianon Dialogue.

- » Russian Constitutional Law: a Textbook by Inna Rakitskaya, Elena Kremyanskaya, Tatyana Kuznetsova, N. Molchanov;
- » Children and Math by Alexander Zvonkin.

Published in Russian.

- » Analytical Report by the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) RAMSES 2022;
- » Monograph *The University and The City: A Dialogue in Postindustrial Discourse (Example of Russia and France)*;
- » Journal of the Antarctic Expedition 1903–1905, Jean-Baptiste Charcot;
- » A book by Advisor to Jacques Chirac Héléna Perroud *A Russian Named Putin*;
- » A special section on the Trianon Dialogue in issue 4 (18) of the Petersburg Dialogue forum newspaper;
- » VCIOM Report: *Attitude of Russian and French Youth to the Concept of Sustainable Development.*



Published in Russian.

- » *Modern International Relations (1991–2020): Europe, Northeast Asia, Middle East, Latin America: A Textbook*, ed. by Boris Martynov, Yuri Borovskoy, Olga Shishkina.
- » *Pandemic COVID-19: Challenges, Consequences, Counteraction*, ed. by Anatoly Torkunov, Sergey Ryazantsev, Victor Levashov;
- » *Megatrends: Main Trajectories of the World Order's Evolution in the 21st Century*, ed. by Tatiana Shakleina, Andrey Baikov. 3rd Edition;
- » *Digital Public Administration* by Sergey Kamolov;
- » *Sustainable Development in a Changing World. The Role of State and Business* by Evgenia Starikova;
- » *International Information Security: Issues of Multilateral and Bilateral Cooperation* by Elena Zinovieva;
- » *General Ecology. Comprehensive environmental issues. International Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development* by Ruslan Aliev, Natalia Ryazanova, Andrey Nikiforov et al.;
- » *Information Security: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic*, ed. by Evgenia Zinovieva;
- » *Political Geography: Modern Russian School: Chrestomathy*, compiled by Igor Okunev, Marianna Shestakova.
- » *Urban Diplomacy: A Monograph* by Raffaele Marchetti, Marina Lebedeva. Translated from English by Yulia Karaulova
- » *Creative Economy: A Textbook* by Olesya Ryazanova, L. Leontieva, L. Orlova, V. Zolotareva
- » *History of Russian Economy of Russia: A Textbook*, ed. by A. Uripina.



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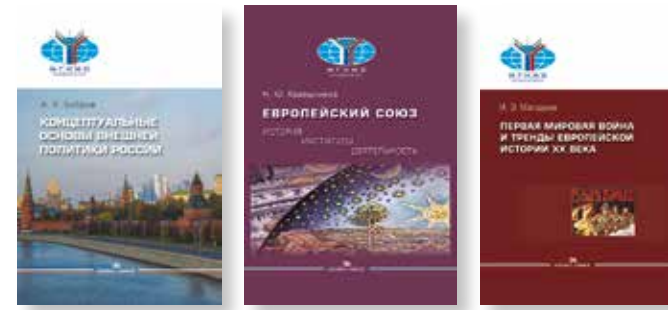
- » *The Great Northern War of 1700–1721 and Russian Diplomacy* by Vladimir Degoev, foreword by Anatoly Torkunov member of the Russian Academy of Science;
- » *Soviet-British Relations in 1943–1953: Documents and Materials*, ed. by Alexander Chubarian, Odd Arne Westad;

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- » *Security Policy in the Countries of the Modern East* ed. by Dmitry Streltsov;
- » *European Union: History, Institutions, Activities* by Nikolay Kaveshnikov;
- » *English for Students of International Relations — 2:* textbook for universities in two parts by Elena Yastrebova, Olga Kravtsova, Oxana Palagina, Anna Galiguzova;



- » *30 Years of Russian-Israeli Diplomatic Relations: Past, Present, and Future* ed. by Zvi Magen and Daniel Rakov;
- » *Born a Diplomat. Nikolai Soloviyov: a Collection of Memoirs*, compiled by Alexander Panov, Kirill Barsky;
- » *Does Russia Have a Future? A Collection of Articles* by Andranik Migranyan;
- » *Conceptual Foundations of Russia's Foreign Policy* by Alexander Bobrov;
- » *World War I and Trends of 20th-century European History* by Iskander Magadeev.



Training Researchers

MGIMO University maintains its leading position as a federal center for training and certifying researchers and academics. At present, more than 350 PhD students are enrolled in PhD programs, updated and reviewed against new federal requirements. About 20% of those postgraduates are foreign nationals.

At MGIMO, by the beginning of 2022, the average percentage of full-time PhD students who defended their thesis on time over the past three years was 60%, which surpasses significantly the results of reference universities and the national average.

MGIMO has set itself the task of bringing this figure to 80% by 2030.

The order of the Ministry of Education and Science in 2021 approved a new nomenclature of professions for which academic degrees and titles are awarded. MGIMO University was actively engaged in drafting the new nomenclature.



In 2021, 52 candidate (first doctoral degree) and doctoral second doctoral degree) dissertations in 9 areas of research were defended at MGIMO University.

2022 will see the launch of an integrated Master + PhD program, where students will both study and work as research interns. The program will offer support to the students through the Full-Time Postgraduate initiative, and organize thesis defenses in English as part of the joint meetings of the dissertation councils of MGIMO University and its international partner universities.

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MGIMO University in Rankings

In QS World University Ranking of the international rating agency Quacquarelli Symonds (UK), MGIMO occupies 362nd place. MGIMO is the only specialized university from Russia in the ranking and one of five specialized universities in the world in the top 400.

The University demonstrated the biggest development in Academic Reputation, International Faculty Ratio, International Students Ratio, and Faculty Student Ratio. This year, the University significantly improved its absolute research metrics (according to the Scopus database) and joined the category of the world's most productive universities.

For QS World University Rankings by Subject, experts evaluated 1453 universities from 157 countries in 51 disciplines, grouped into five broad subjects. Since last year, MGIMO University moved up to 1st place in Russia and 41st globally in Politics, the University's key discipline. The University significantly strengthened its position in Modern Languages (Top 150) and Law and Legal Studies (Top 200), and for the first time joined the published rankings for Linguistics (Top 250), Business and Management Studies (Top 350), Economics and Econometrics (Top 350).

In addition, MGIMO made it into two broad subject areas: Social Sciences and Management (201st place) and, for the first time, Arts and Humanities (311th place).

In QS EECA University Rankings (for Emerging Europe and Central Asia) MGIMO University retained the maximum 100 scores in the region for Faculty Student Ratio, and also strengthened its position in Academic Reputation and International Research Network.

MGIMO University ranks number one in the QS Graduate Employability for Graduate Employment Rate Indicator, scoring 100 out of a possible 100. This means that the maximum number of graduates find a job within the first year after graduation. MGIMO is in the 201–250 range and is one of only four Russian universities to be included in the final ranking. The ranking includes a total of 550 of the world's best universities.

According to Superjob, MGIMO University traditionally is number one in the Ranking of Russian Universities Graduates' Salaries in terms of salaries for economics and finance students. Also in 2021, MGIMO University was ranked number one in the Superjob's ranking of Russian Universities Graduates' Salaries for Legal Students.

According to the RAEX100 Rankings, MGIMO University is in the top 10 universities in Russia in 2021. In terms of the individual metrics of the evaluation, MGIMO University, along with Lomonosov Moscow State University, MIPT, St. Petersburg State University, and MEPhI is in the top five in Environment for Quality Education.

In 2021, MGIMO University made it to the top 3 of Interfax Group's ranking of universities offering programs in Public and Municipal Administration, strengthening its position compared to last year. The final ranking includes a total of 50 Russian universities.

MGIMO University is among the leaders in the Russian Universities Through the Eyes of Students 2022 Survey and the Russian Movement of School Children.

Russian Universities Through the Eyes of Students 2022 Rating is a joint survey of Social Navigator (Rossiya Segodnya) and Tipichny Abiturient (Typical Applicant), covering more than 300 universities. The evaluation methodology is based on more than 4000 reviews. The ranking awarded MGIMO University a green label and placed it among the top five universities based on positive feedback from students.

The Russian Movement of Schoolchildren conducted a survey on future professions among 10th and 11th-grade students. Schoolchildren answered questions about what professions and universities they consider the most prestigious, as well as where and what they plan to study themselves. Over 23000 schoolchildren from 85 regions were interviewed for the survey. MGIMO University is one of the top five universities schoolchildren want to go to.



Anatoly Torkunov awarded the Golden Laurel Branch by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria



Anatoly Torkunov awarded the Order of the Rising Sun (Third Class) for his contribution to academic exchange and understanding between Japan and Russia



Anatoly Torkunov awarded Mongolia's highest state award, the Order of the Polar Star

International Programs and Projects

By early 2022, MGIMO had 232 cooperation agreements with international partners from 71 countries — universities, diplomatic academies, institutes, schools, and research centers

In 2021–2022, MGIMO signed 29 new agreements on cooperation with foreign universities, as well as several agreements on joint programs and research exchanges.* Among them:

- » University of Groningen (Netherlands)
- » National University of Singapore
- » Seton Hall University (USA)
- » Marmara University (Turkey)
- » Sciences Po Lille (France)
- » National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations INALCO (France)
- » Geneva School of Diplomacy (Switzerland)
- » International Christian University (Japan)
- » University of Tokyo (Japan)
- » Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan
- » University of Chichester (UK)
- » University of Murcia (Spain)
- » Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany)
- » University of Ottawa (Canada)
- » University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus
- » Fudan University (China)
- » Monterrey Institute of Technology (Mexico)
- » Nebrija University (Spain)
- » Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
- » Azerbaijani State Academy of Physical Culture and Sports

* cooperation with some universities is suspended in February and March 2022



The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between MGIMO and the Azerbaijan State Academy of Physical Culture and Sports

An agreement on a double Russian-Swiss bachelor's degree program between MGIMO and the Swiss School for International Relations (Geneva). First students will be admitted to the Multilateral Diplomacy program as early as 2022.

In December 2021, MGIMO held a signing ceremony for the agreement on MGIMO — LUISS Guido Carli (Rome) double bachelor's degree. In addition to the existing joint master's programs, the School of Governance and Politics has come up with the initiative to create Russia's first Russian-Italian double bachelor's degree program.

The double master's degree program in Management in the Arts and Culture has welcomed its first students. The program is offered by MGIMO and the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (CNAM, France) with the support of the Trianon Dialogue, a French-Russian forum of civil societies.

In the fall of 2021, the MGIMO School of Government and International Affairs and the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs (Georgia Institute of Technology) completed a joint research and education project. For two years, the two institutions gave two full-fledged distance learning courses on foreign policy resources, tools, and states' foreign policy behavior. One of the main outcomes of this research and educational collaboration was a special issue of the journal *International Trends Journal* in Russian and English. For the journal, it was the first collaboration with guest editors — Chair in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech, Adam Stulberg, the School's Associate Professor Jenna Jordan, and the head of the School of Government and International Affairs, Mikhail Troitsky.

Supported by the MGIMO Endowment

Michael Reynolds, Director of Program in Russian,



The signing of the agreement on MGIMO — LUISS Guido Carli (Rome) bachelor's double degree



Sébastien Leoncel, Director of European and International Development — CNAM



East European and Eurasian Studies at Princeton University visited MGIMO in 2021 for research purposes. In January–February 2022, as part of the Fulbright Program, Michael Reynolds, who is a leading U.S. expert on Russia and Turkey taught a course on U.S. policy in the Middle East to the University's students.

MGIMO's School of Business and International Proficiency continues its joint program with ADA University (Azerbaijan) — MBA Finance. As part of the Program's first Moscow module, students had courses on corporate digital finance and fintech, they also visited major Russian companies to study in detail their financial and investment activities. In June 2021, a full-time module was held in Baku.

In 2021, MGIMO held a joint course with the Fletcher School (Tufts University, USA) on Contemporary Issues in US–Russian relations.

In September 2021, a delegation of students from the Italian independent organization East West European Institute (EWEI), headed by EWEI Chairman Giuseppe Scognamiglio, visited MGIMO. The program of the trip included meetings with representatives of Russian universities, banks, and visits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the Italian Embassy.

At the end of December 2021, MGIMO University, MIEP MGIMO, and



the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) signed a memorandum of understanding. The document lays the groundwork for a joint master's program in Science Diplomacy.

In January 2022, MGIMO and the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) of Tokyo University signed a comprehensive cooperation agreement in the humanities and social sciences. MGIMO

and RCAST plan to conduct joint research, academic exchanges, roundtables, and conferences. Global security, diplomacy, and the relations of different stakeholders, including sectarian groups, in Eurasia and the Middle East, will be key areas of attention. The Institute for International Studies will be the focal point on MGIMO's side.

International Professors and Guests of Honor

In 2021, the title of Honorary Doctor of MGIMO was solemnly conferred to :

» the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres



- » the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat

Throughout the year, many international guests gave lectures at MGIMO University:

- » Abdullatif bin Rashid al-Zayani, Foreign Minister of Bahrain;
- » Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta;
- » Karin Kneissl, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria (2017–2019), Board Member of Rosneft;
- » Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan;
- » François Fillon, former Prime Minister of France, Board Member of Zarubezhneft;
- » Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General of the UN and High Representative for Disarmament;
- » Selwin Hart, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Climate;
- » William Potter, Founder and Director of the Middlebury Institute's James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies;
- » Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- » Professor John Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago, a leading expert in international relations, (online lecture);
- » Dino Patti Djalal, Head Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI);
- » Munkhbayar Byambadash, Head of the University of Finance and Economics of Mongolia;
- » Renaud Seligmann, World Bank's Country Director for the Russian Federation;
- » Tadzio Schilling, Chief Executive Officer at the Association of European Businesses.



Guy Mettan, a Swiss journalist and political scientist, presented at MGIMO University his book *Le Continent Perdu* (*The Lost Continent*) dedicated to relations between Europe and Russia.

In July, Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO PrepCom) visited MGIMO University. The agreement between MGIMO University and the CTBTO PrepCom was signed in the spring of 2021 as part of the effort to establish ties with the UN agencies and organize internships for students.



The Science Diplomacy Center, based at MIEP, is headed by Professor Paul Berkman (USA), a renowned scholar who leads the Science Diplomacy Program at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and is a visiting professor at Harvard University (USA).

Regular lecture courses for MGIMO graduate students are given by:

- » Professor Mark Galeotti of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies;
- » Professor Stefano Pilotto of Trieste University;
- » George Washington University Professor Camille Pagani et al.

In 2021, MGIMO welcomed at its events and as guest lecturers:

- » Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Chairman of Supervisory Board and Board of Trustees of MGIMO;
- » Alexey Chekunkov, Minister of Development of the Far East and the Arctic;
- » Ruslan Edelgeriev, Special Representative of the President on the Climate Change; Boris Titov, Presidential Commissioner for Entrepreneurs' Rights;
- » Viacheslav Fetisov, First Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Ecology, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Member of the Supervisory Board of MGIMO;
- » Igor Artamonov, Governor of the Lipetsk Region;
- » Aleksandr Moor, Governor of the Tyumen Region;
- » Vladimir Solodov, Governor of Kamchatka Krai;



Lassina Zerbo at MGIMO University

- » Georgy Muradov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Crimea –Permanent Representative of the Republic of Crimea for the President of the Russian Federation;
- » Ilkhom Nematov, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee – CIS Executive Secretary;
- » Konstantin Zatulin, Director of the Institute of CIS countries, Member of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russia;
- » Oleg Deripaska, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Volnoe Delo Foundation, founder of Basic Element;
- » Alexey Goreslavsky, General Director of the Internet Development;
- » Dmitry Gorshkov, Director of WWF-Russia;
- » Alexander Kalashnikov, Head of the Federal Penitentiary Service;
- » Igor Krasnov, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation;
- » Daniyar Turusbekov, Director of the Protocol and Organizational Support Department at the Eurasian Economic Commission.

On 23 September, before the International Research Conference *The Birth of an Empire. Russia Between the East and the West* dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Treaty of Nystad, a stamp cancellation ceremony was held at MGIMO University. The event was attended by the Chairman of the Russian Historical Society Sergey Naryshkin, Vladimir Medinsky, Aide to the President and Co-Chairman of the Russian Historical Society, and Anatoly Torkunov, Rector of MGIMO University.



Russian-French Forum — Trianon Dialogue



The Trianon Dialogue has become one of the key mechanisms of cooperation between civil societies and professional communities of the two countries. Its role is particularly important amid crisis tendencies in political relations between Russia and a number of European countries.

In different years, the main topics of the Dialogue were urbanism and territorial development (2018), education and awareness (2019), climate and

the environment (2020), ecology, healthcare, and science (2021). Key topics of 2022 are regulatory issues in digital development and environmentally oriented (“sustainable”) tourism.

The bilingual digital platform dialogue-trianon.ru/fr serves as the main source of information about the Dialogue, a platform for contests, surveys, a virtual archive, and a one-stop-shop for applying for grant support or participation in the Trianon initiatives.

Science and education

2021 was marked by efforts to expand research cooperation between civil societies in Russia and France.

The first Russian-French AI Forum was held on 26 February, 2021, at the initiative of the Russian Trade Mission in France.

On 31 March, 2021, the Trianon Dialogue together with the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) launched a series of expert meetings on climate change.

On 8–10 July, 2021, the Dialogue experts participated in an international conference on genomics at the Sirius Science and Art Park (Sochi), organized jointly with the Sochi Dialogue, a Russian-Austrian civil society forum.

The Trianon Dialogue supported the International Forum of Mathematical Education Promotion (6–13 October 2021), organized by the Rossotrudnichestvo Agency and the Russian House of Science and Culture in Paris.

The 13th Convention of the Russian International Studies Association (12–14 October 2021) was a major event. The Convention was marked by speeches by the President of the Paris Peace Forum, Director General of the



WTO (2005–2013) Pascal Lamy, Director of International Projects at the French National Agency for Biodiversity Cyrille Barnérias, Mathias Vicherat, President of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and Danone Secretary-General in 2018–2021.

On 25–26 November, 2021, St. Petersburg hosted Arctic Days — 2021, an international research conference, organized by the Russian State Hydrometeorological



University (RSHU). The event gathered top managers and experts from leading French scientific institutions: the Institute of Human Paleontology, CNRS National Center for Scientific Research, and the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. The bilateral cooperation has developed just as intensively cooperation in the field of education.

The conference *Educational Cooperation between Russia and France during the Pandemic: Strategy and Prospects* was held on 12 March, 2021. The event was part of the Forum of Presidents of Humanities Universities and Deans of Humanities Departments of Russia and France.

On 21–22 April, 2021 an inter-university research conference *Teaching French: New Realities, New Approaches* gathered more than 80 educators from Russian and foreign universities, as well as representatives of the Institut Français in Russia. General issues of linguistics and cultural studies were the main topics of the 19th inter-university seminar *Linguistic and Cultural Studies:*

Analysis Methods of Analysis, Teaching Technologies (22–23 June 2021).

The 3rd French–Siberian Salon of Higher Education and Science was held on 13 October, 2021. The event included a presentation of the Salon's new Internet platform, created with the support of the Trianon Dialogue to exchange experience and develop cooperation between French and Siberian universities.

On 1–3 December, 2021, Tomsk hosted the 6th International Forum of University Towns. The Forum featured a presentation of a monograph *The University and The City: A Dialog in Postindustrial Discourse (Example of Russia and France)*, published under the auspices of the Trianon Dialogue.

In May 2021, together with the Plus-one and Nature.info portals, MGIMO University rolled out an environmental awareness project — *The Russian-French Biodiversity Chronicles*. Every month Russian and French environmental portals upload cross-post on initiatives and practices to protect biodiversity in the two countries.



Economy. Business. Innovations

On 2–5 June, the Trianon Dialogue held a session *Sustainable Development: The Agenda of Multilateral Institutions* at the SPIEF. The session gathered Patrick Pouyanné, CEO of TotalEnergies, Anatoly Chubais, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with International Organisations to Achieve Sustainable Development, Stéphane Cruzat, French Ambassador for Climate Change, Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, French Ambassador for the Poles and Maritime Issues, Dmitry Kobylkin, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Russia (2018–2020), Igor Ungers, President of the All-Russian Union of Insurers, and Vice-President of the Paris Peace Forum. One of the keynotes of the session *School–University: Problems of Co-adaptation* was the one delivered by Paul de Sinety Delegate General for the French language.

The key project of the Trianon Dialogue in the field of Russian-French business cooperation is the Trianon Startups Forum. The forum was held in Versailles in the summer of 2021, and the project's first regional meeting was held in Yekaterinburg in the fall.

The first Russian-French Forum on Sustainable Development was held on 6 September 2021. The Russian-French seminar *Green Technology for the City of the Future* (10 December 2021), organized jointly with the Mayor's Office of Bordeaux, was devoted to the use of clean technology in environmental protection.

For the third time, the Trianon Dialogue partnered with the business program of the Stolypin Forum (9–10 September 2021). On 12 October, 2021, the Russian-French project *Choiseul 100 Russia* (ranking of young economic leaders) continued its work in Moscow with the business forum *Russia and France: Towards a New Partnership*.

On 20–21 December, 2021, representatives of the Trianon Dialogue took part in the 26th session of the Russian-French Council for Economic, Financial, Industrial, and Commercial Issues.



**Choiseul Russia Business Forum
Russia and France:
Towards a New Partnership**



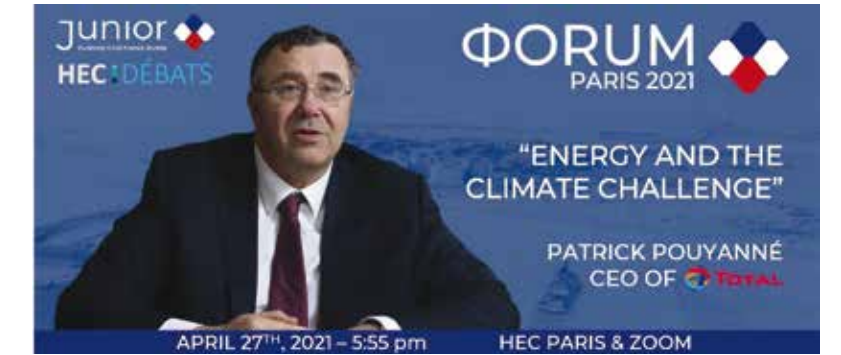
Youth projects

The Dialogue continues to support Russian-French youth clubs and projects. In April 2021, the Junior Business Club France-Russie successfully organized French-Russian Youth Economic Forum ФОРУМ with the support of the Trianon Dialogue, MGIMO University, and HEC Paris. The Dialogue is a permanent partner of the MGIMO French Club, which brings together MGIMO University's Francophone students and organizes inter-university cooperation youth projects.

At the IUCN Youth Summit (5–16 April, 2021), the Dialogue held a session on its youth projects. The event was organized on the eve of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, where in September 2021, under the aegis of the Trianon Dialogue participants of the Russian-French Youth Dialogue on Climate together with YEE presented a roadmap for sustainable development.

On 15 October, 2021, the Russian-French Youth Exchange Committee held its first meeting, where the parties agreed on a number of joint projects.

In late November 2021, in continuation of Arctic Days–2021, student teams from MGIMO, RSHU, and ITMO



presented their projects to protect the Arctic as part of Climatedon, a youth environmental competition.

On 27 December, the Dialogue organized special festivities for the youth — it opened the Russian-French skating rink “Entre deux fetes” in Malevich Park (Odintsovo). The event was attended by about 100 Russian and French students from MGIMO, MSU, RUDN, Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, MPGU, the Lycée Français Alexandre Dumas de Moscou, the Gorchakov Lyceum and others.



Cultural cooperation

The Dialogue provides regular support and acts as a partner for leading Russian-French cultural projects, including

- » Russian Film Festival in Paris organized at the initiative of a member of the Coordinating Council, Marc Ruscart;
- » Russian-French Festival *Musical Encounters in Toulouse*, held 13 March — 3 April 2021;
- » *La Cle des Portes*, Festival of Russian Classical Music in France (Taller, Mer);
- » The *Dialog of Muses* Festival, a Russian “edition” of *La Cle des Portes*. The festival was held for the first time at the Moscow State Conservatory on 13–15 December, 2021. The festival’s program included the announcement of the winners of the Trianon Dialogue project competition and a meeting of partners and friends of the Dialogue, attended by French Ambassador Pierre Levy.



French President Emmanuel Macron and the Executive Secretary of the Trianon Dialogue Alexander Orlov at the opening of the exhibition “Masterpieces of New Art: Morozov Collection at Louis Vuitton Foundation”



Head of the French Language Department Mikhail Ogorodov and Associate Professor Lyubov Chitakhova were awarded the Order of Academic Palms of France

Events

A working visit to Moscow of Thierry d’Argoubet, director of the Toulouse Capitole National Orchestra, head of the Russian-French Festival *Musical Encounters in Toulouse* (February 2022). As part of his trip, Thierry d’Argoubet discussed the prospects of cooperation with the co-chair of the Trianon Dialogue, MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov, Vladimir Urin, Head of Bolshoi Theater, Conductor Tugan Sokhiev, President of the Moscow Conservatory Alexander Sokolov, and the leadership of major Russian media outlets.

Exhibition of folk arts and crafts — *Russia: The Art of Living* — organized in February 2022 together with the Trade Mission of Russia in France. The exhibition, held in Paris, united 19 Russian enterprises, showcasing the most famous folk crafts of the country.



A meeting with the head of the Russian-French Festival *Musical Encounters in Toulouse*, director of the National Capitol Orchestra of Toulouse Thierry d’Argoubet

Sochi Dialogue. Russian-Austrian Civil Society Forum



In 2021, the Russian-Austrian Forum Sochi Dialogue rolled out a number of international projects in science, education, culture, sports, and youth exchanges.

The year 2021 was declared the Year of Science and Technology in Russia. The central project of the 2021 Russian-Austrian Civil Society Forum was a three-day international conference that gathered teams of scientists from Russia, Austria, Germany, and France, entitled *Genomics Dialogues: Best Practices of Laboratories in Russia and Europe*. It was held in July on the campus of Sirius University of Science and Technology. The conference’s lectures and master classes became a platform for extended informal discussions of the best Russian and European scientists.





The conference was organized with the support of the Russian-French Civil Society Forum Trianon Dialogue and the St. Petersburg Dialogue Forum, with information support from the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Russian Science Foundation. The partners of the Forum were Kazan Federal University, the Endocrinology Research Center of the Ministry of Health of Russia, MedUniWien, and Sirius University of Science and Technology.

In September, the Russian-Austrian Commission of Historians presented an online course *History of Austria and the Project of Russian-Austrian relations* on the Coursera platform. The course is a joint project of Russian and Austrian historians and is based on an academic paper, *Russia – Austria: Milestones of History* (edited by Stefan Karner and Alexander Chubarian). Coursera users can now access materials on Austrian history from ancient times to the early 20th century and on Russian-Austrian relations during this period. The key facilitator of the course is the Russian State University for the Humanities.

On 25 November, 2021, *Liberators: the Forgotten Camps of Ostmark* premiered on Zvezda, a federal network. This documentary is a joint project of the Alexander Pechersky Foundation and the Sochi Dialogue and focuses on the liberation of Nazi camps in Austria by the Red Army. A German-language version of the film is currently in production. The presentation of the documentary was held at TASS. The event was attended by co-chairmen of the Russian-Austrian Commission of Historians Alexander Chubarian and Stefan Karner, Natalia Koneva, daughter of Marshal of the Soviet Union Ivan Konev — the liberator of Vienna, and Chairman of the Board of Alexander Pechersky Foundation Ilya Vasiliev.



Natalia Koneva



Stefan Karner



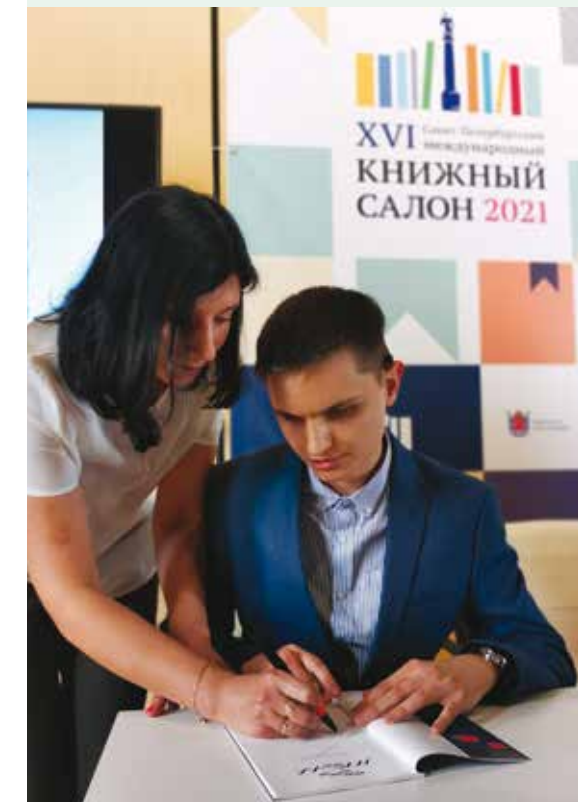
Ilya Vasiliev



Alexander Chubarian

An important part of the Sochi Dialogue 2021 program was a series of round tables on cultural heritage preservation. The keynote event, *Protection of Cultural Property: Russian-Austrian Cooperation Space*, was held in April at the 13th Moscow Legal Forum. The event's co-facilitators were Kutafin Moscow State Law University and the Ministry of Culture of Russia.

Roundtables *The Legacy of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and The Russian Empire in the Countries of Central*



and Eastern Europe. 1918–1938/39, The Power of Art — Particularly in Times of Crisis, and Austria–Russia: Historical and Cultural Encounters were held online.

To promote Austrian culture in Russia, the Sochi Dialogue implemented the project *Conversations about Austria*. The official website and the Forum's Telegram page regularly upload articles about Austrian culture: music, art, architecture, film, and cultural events. On 15 May, 2019, Russian and Austrian Foreign Ministers Sergey Lavrov and Karin Kneissl agreed to hold a cross-year of literature and theater between the two countries in 2020–2021. A round table discussion *Theaters in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Constraints. Key Takeaways* was held in December 2021. It opened a series of events — *Theater Dialogues* — between Austria and Russia. Due to sanitary restrictions, it was decided to extend the cross-year program.

In 2021, the Sochi Dialogue continued to support Russian-Austrian projects for people with disabilities. As part of the cross-year of literature and theater, the Austrian company MED-EL published a book of poems by young St. Petersburg poet Nikolay Kuznetsov, *The Shadow of Music*, with a foreword by Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg. The evening with the poet and book presentation took place in November 2021 as part of the opening of the Russian Museum's Tactile Gallery in the Stroganov Palace. The project was supported by Sistema Charitable Foundation. It is part of an inclusive program, Accessible Museum, which aims to make museums accessible for people with special needs.

The Sochi Dialogue pays special attention to youth cooperation. The research undergraduate program *Russia — Austria: History, Politics, Economics, Culture*, which was launched in 2020 with the support of the Forum at the Russian State University for the Humanities, continues its work.

In October 2021, the European Youth Forum EYFON was held in Neumarkt, Austria. Russian students had the

opportunity to participate in the event with the support of the Sochi Dialogue and the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs. Intercultural communication was the main theme of EYFON.

The Sochi Dialogue supports FOTORUAT, an annual photo project that serves as a creative interaction space for talented, passionate, and thoughtful young people of the two countries, bringing together fans of photography, beginner and professional photographers. In April 2021, this project held its exhibition on the sidelines of the conference *Protecting Cultural Property: the Russian–Austrian Cooperation Space*.

Russia and Austria also made progress in sports cooperation. The annual FIFA Dialog eCup 2021 found a wide audience among young people in the two countries: a total number of 345 competed in the qualifiers, twice as many as in 2020. The tournament was held online and streamed on the official website of the Forum. The final games had professional commentators in both Russian and German.

In August 2021, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with the Sochi Dialogue team at the Russian Embassy in Austria. During the meeting, the Minister praised the Forum, which played a paramount role in maintaining close cultural and humanitarian ties between the two countries during the lockdowns.



ASEAN Center



2021 marked the 30th anniversary of Russia–ASEAN relations and 25 years of dialog partnership. Throughout the year, the ASEAN Center held research, education, and cultural events to celebrate the occasion.

The central event — a research conference *Russia and ASEAN in Asia-Pacific: Interaction, Regional Processes, and Global Context* — was held on 15–16 October as part of the 13th RISA Convention. Among the guests of honor at the opening ceremony were Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia Igor Morgulov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Marty Natalegawa (2009–2014), Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia Hang Chuon Naron, Ambassador

of Vietnam to Russia Dang Minh Khoi, Russia’s Permanent Representative to ASEAN Alexander Ivanov, and Chairman of the Russia–ASEAN Business Council Ivan Polyakov. ASEAN Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi sent a welcoming video message to the conference participants and guests. The ASEAN Center will publish a collection of articles as a follow-up to the conference.

On 11–12 October, the ASEAN Center organized the third meeting of the Network of Russia–ASEAN Think Tanks (NARTT). The event included four sessions devoted to the development of Russia–ASEAN relations.

In November 2021, MGIMO held the annual ASEAN Week — a series of cultural, educational, and general-audience events dedicated to the Association. In 2021, in Vladivostok, Far Eastern Federal University held the first regional events of ASEAN Week with the support of the Far Eastern Model United Nations. For several days, students from MGIMO and FEFU learned about the Association’s environmental agenda and the history of Russia–ASEAN relations. The Center plans to hold ASEAN Weeks in other cities and partner universities.





2021 was particularly rich in anniversaries of Russia's relations with individual member countries of the Association. In May, Russia and Cambodia celebrated the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. In honor of this significant date, the ASEAN Center together with the National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations of Cambodia (NIDIR) held a round table devoted to the results of bilateral cooperation and prospects of Russian-Cambodian relations in the context of the global pandemic. A photo exhibition, *Amazing Cambodia*, prepared by the ASEAN Center was on display at the University. The exhibition was organized in cooperation with travel photographer Sergey Kovalchuk. The third Department of Asia and the Department of

History and Records of the Russian Foreign Ministry prepared an exhibition of documents.

In June 2021, Russia and the Philippines celebrated the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. On this occasion, the ASEAN Center, in cooperation with the Philippine Foreign Service Institute (FSI), held an online conference with the Undersecretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Elizabeth Buensusaeso, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Morgulov, Russian Ambassador to the Philippines Marat Pavlov and Philippine Ambassador to Russia Carlos Sorreta. An exhibition of documents and archives on the history of diplomatic relations between Russia and the Philippines was held in the atrium of



MGIMO's new building. Throughout June and July 2021, to celebrate the anniversary, the ASEAN Center in collaboration with the Benilde School of Diplomacy and Governance held a series of webinars titled *From Moscow to Manila*. New Era University opened the Center for Russian Studies, the result of cooperation between the two universities under a memorandum signed in 2018.

In October 2021, Brunei Day was held at MGIMO to commemorate 30 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The program of the event included a round table entitled *Diplomacy of Art and the Art of Diplomacy*, as well as the inauguration of an art exhibition by Brunei's Ambassador to Russia, Heini Hashim.

The ASEAN Academic Days at MGIMO 2021 online lectures were held regularly throughout the year. Students and the faculty attended lectures by diplomats of Russia and ASEAN countries, leading researchers and experts, artists, and representatives of government agencies. These lectures are available on the MGIMO YouTube channel.

Throughout the year, the ASEAN Center staff regularly hosted delegations from ASEAN countries, participated in conferences and academic meetings, and provided expert commentary on Russia-ASEAN relations to the domestic and foreign media.

The Center's plans for 2022 include a joint international conference with Thammasat University (Thailand), dedicated to the 125th anniversary of Russia-Thailand diplomatic relations, the 5th meeting of the Russia and ASEAN Research Centers Network, the presentation of the book *Does ASEAN Matter?* by former Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa in Russian and a series of research, educational and cultural projects aimed at expanding cooperation between Russia and ASEAN.



International Education Fairs

In 2021, as is tradition, MGIMO had stands and presentations for applicants at Russian and international education fairs:

» Vuzpromexpo — 2021 (Russia, Sochi)

The event was held as part of the Young Scientists Congress — Closing Ceremony of the Year of Science and Technology at the Sirius Park of Science and Arts.

» 19th International Education Expo: Education and Profession — Last Bell (Uzbekistan, Fergana, Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, and Urgench)

Higher education institutions from around the world took part in the exhibition. The event gathered more than 3000 people

» Education and Profession (Uzbekistan)

A number of education fairs in cities of Uzbekistan were held with the support of the Agency for Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Public Education, and regional hokimiyats. MGIMO University, as in previous years, was represented in all the cities where fairs were held: Tashkent, Samarkand, Navoi, Bukhara, Urgench, and Fergana. The Education and Profession Fair is the leading regional fair in the Republic of Uzbekistan, which is organized by MGIMO' University's partner — MyFair Company.

» Education and Career (Belarus, Minsk)

Natalia Bocharova, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of Russia, visited the fair. The event gathered more than 60 universities and education centers from Belarus, Russia, France, and Poland.

» Education and Career at Gostiny Dvor (Moscow, Russia)

» Navigator Postupleniya (Russia, Moscow)

Twice a year his event gathers all the best universities of the country in one place.

» Navigator Postupleniya (Russia, Yekaterinburg, and Volgograd)

» Higher Education in Russia and Abroad (Russia, Moscow)

Universities from 35 countries presented their programs, including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Spain, Canada, China, Cyprus, the UAE, Finland, France, Czech Republic, Switzerland, and the US, as well as foreign language schools and study abroad agencies, USE and BSE preparation courses and private schools.

» Moscow International Salon of Education (Russia, Moscow)

The event was hosted by the Crocus Expo exhibition center and was also available online..



Partnering with Regions

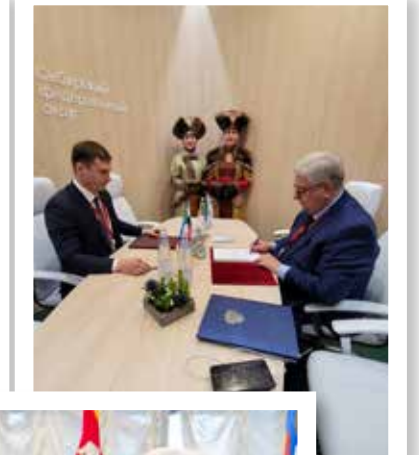
In 2021, MGIMO University continued to build strong ties with regional and municipal governments, businesses, and universities.

On the sidelines of the 24th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, MGIMO signed cooperation agreements with the Republic of Bashkortostan and the Republic of Khakassia. The agreements provide for cooperation in the development of the regions' research potential and training of qualified professionals for various sectors of the economy.

In February 2022, MGIMO University signed a cooperation agreement with the Government of the Novosibirsk region, which will allow the university and the region to cooperate in a wide range of areas, in particular, aimed at the development of human resources for the Novosibirsk region, joint seminars and conferences, including for children and youth. The University's experts and faculty will participate in the work of expert groups, in projects and initiatives of the Novosibirsk region.

Under the cooperation agreement between MGIMO University and the Odintsovo City District Administration signed in November 2021, the University and enterprises and institutions of the district will cooperate in the field of research and training: the University will offer specialized training courses to prepare qualified professionals for Odintsovo in various fields: education, housing and utilities, environment, healthcare, sports, and culture. In particular, in November and December 2021, 45 principals of educational institutions and five employees of the Odintsovo District Department of Education joined the first stream of the advanced training program *Personal and Team Effectiveness — Working for Result*. In total, the program will train more than 400 Administration employees.

MGIMO University and MIEP continue to implement the cooperation agreement with the Republic of Tatarstan and the agreement with Kazan State Energy University.



Together with MGIMO School of Business and International Proficiency, a program of advanced training *International Experience in Reforming the Electric Power Industry* was developed for KSEU students. What makes this program stand out is that the education is based on modern cases from Russian and international legal practice. The program is supported by the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan and was funded by Algarysh, the Republic's grant for training and internships at educational and scientific organizations in Russia and abroad.

MGIMO develops its partnership with the Tula region. On 18 May, 2021, during his working visit to Tula, MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov took part in the opening ceremony of a memorial plaque to prominent Soviet diplomats Alexander and Oleg Troyanovsky, and held talks with Governor Alexey Dumin. Under the cooperation agreement, graduates of the region's schools have the opportunity to apply for targeted places at MGIMO University.

Cooperation with universities and employers in the Tyumen region is expanding. In February 2021, the MGIMO delegation visited Tyumen, where they met with representatives of the Career Center of Tyumen

State University and the management of Sology Expert, MGIMO University's partner. The parties agreed to continue cooperation on experience exchange, internships, and employment of graduates, including from Siberia.

In June 2021, MGIMO and St. Petersburg State Electrotechnical University "LETI" signed an agreement on cooperation and experience exchange in education and research, as well as joint activities for digital economy professionals (with a special focus on artificial intelligence).

Students of the University have meetings with representatives of the regions. The academic year 2021/2022 began with a lecture by Gregory Muradov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Crimea — Permanent Representative of the Republic of Crimea for the President of the Russian Federation for Crimean students.

In December 2021, representatives of the Lipetsk region visited MGIMO University, the visit included a meeting of Governor Igor Artamonov with students and the signing of an agreement on practical training. The agreement will allow MGIMO students to intern at the Lipetsk Region Administration.



Digital Environment, MGIMO University's Campus and Infrastructure

Electronic Digital Environment
MGIMO University in Media
New Website
Infrastructure Development
Ivan Tyulin Library Reconstruction
New Dormitory

Electronic Digital Environment

The University continues to upgrade its IT infrastructure with the support of VTB Bank, MGIMO's partners.

A strategy for MGIMO's digital transformation was developed as part of the Priority — 2030 Program.

In 2021, MGIMO rolled out a number of projects, including a project to create an IT platform to monitor students' assessment of the quality of instruction. Two departments have successfully tested the Educator's Personal Page which keeps a track record of the faculty's accomplishments in education, instruction, and forms reports to award scores for effective contracts.

During the 2021 admission campaign, foreign nationals could file their electronic applications using the International Applicant Online platform (<https://int.mgimo.ru>). International applicants can now fill out an application remotely without the need for in-person attendance. Starting from the 2020 admissions campaign, the University has eliminated hard copy applications.

MGIMO is launching online services for students living in the University's dormitories:

- » a system for automated electronic filing and signing of the dormitory lease contract and other related documents;
- » a booking service for laundry and ironing rooms, conference and co-working rooms;
- » a complaint-filing and resident dispute settlement system;
- » a repair request filing system (furniture, electrical appliances, plumbing repairs);
- » check-in, check-out, and relocation system within one dormitory and between dormitories;
- » FAQ-Help Desk;
- » contacts information of managers, doctors, and psychologists of the dormitory;
- » cafeteria delivery service (to the dormitory rooms).

These innovations will help to keep in touch with the dormitory residents and make the provision of services better and more expeditious.

Electronic databases

In 2020, a full library e-catalog was developed with access to 40 e-library and reference systems, as well as research databases, including over 2.24 million e-books, journals, dissertations, analytical, statistical, and legal documents.

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In December 2021, University 2035 organized a strategic crash session for the MGIMO digital transformation team as part of its advanced training program, Data-Driven Management. This advanced training program focuses on the digital transformation of universities in line with the development of education, current trends, and the image of the future of the digital educational environment.

In 2022 it is planned to implement a comprehensive project to automate the system of the Sports and Recreation Center, which includes the introduction of modern IT solutions. There are plans to create a new user-friendly application and web platform to book sports facilities and pay for services, an automated system of access to the University's gyms, as well as an updated workout program and built-in membership or personal training sessions purchase.

In addition to permanent access to electronic systems, test access to the world's best databases was provided during the year: Cambridge University Press, Oxford Handbooks Online, Jove, Taylor & Francis, Brill, MIT Press, Orbis, Gale Reference Complete, etc.

In 2021, EBSCOhost, available to the University's staff, opened access to a new database — eBooks Open Access Monograph Collection. It includes more than 2600 high-quality open-access e-books from reputable international publishers (De Gruyter, Taylor & Francis, University of Michigan Press, etc.).

The School of International Economic Relations uses the information resource SPARK by Interfax in its programs.

MGIMO online courses

Coursera*

By the end of 2021 Coursera, a MOOC provider, offers 39 courses and one specialization from MGIMO University in the following areas: finance, management, marketing, economics, political science, public administration, and law. The MGIMO School of Business and International Proficiency supervises the relations with the platform.

In 2021, the School of International Economic Relations offered courses *History of Economics and Economic Studies: from Aristotle to Marshall*, *Personal Finance Management*, *Bonds and Stocks*, *Evaluation*, *A Basic Course*, *Digital Technology in International Finance*, *A Hands-on Course*. World Economics specialization courses, and the course *Entering the Stock Market for Mass Retail Private Investors* were significantly updated and revised.

The Institute of International Studies developed an innovative educational courses *United Nations and Conflict Resolution* (course

* available until February 2022



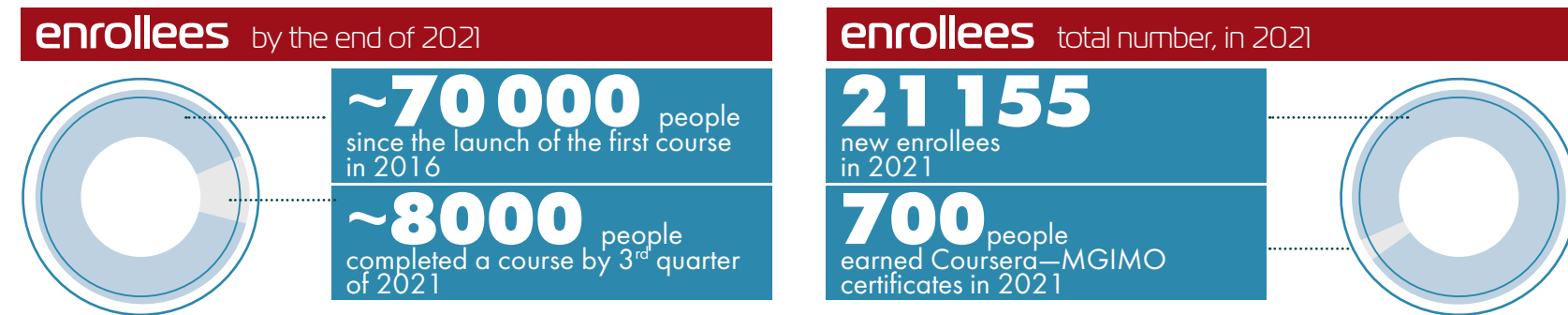
in English, taught by Professor Alexander Nikitin) and *Arms Control and International Security*. Courses set a new bar of illustrative design by a team of electronic designers with photo and video materials, numerous fragments of historical footage, photo documents, field photographs, and “coming alive” photo collages.

Political Geography, a course by the director of the Center for Spatial Analysis in International Relations Igor Okunev, was named one of the ten best courses by the World Scholarship Forum in the category Best Online Geography Classes for Beginners & Advance. His new course, *Spatial Analysis in the Social Sciences*, was presented in 2021.

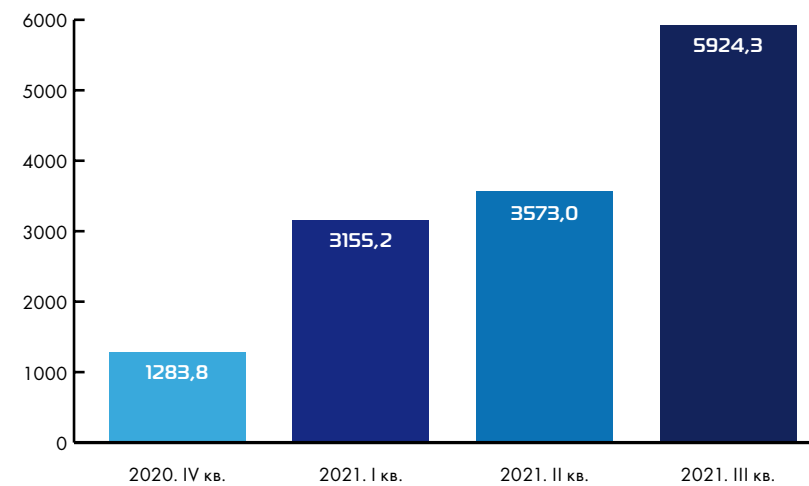


In 2021, MGIMO University joined the Coursera Partner Consortium* project, under which the platform provided students and the faculty with free corporate subscriptions to all MGIMO courses and a number of courses from leading universities. Thus, students and the faculty also have the opportunity to receive Coursera certificates for MGIMO courses and courses from partner universities on a free-of-charge basis.

* until February 2022



In 2021, there was a steady increase in sales revenue of certified MGIMO courses on the Coursera platform.



Courses sales income (MGIMO University's revenue minus 50% Coursera fees and taxes) (2021, excluding Q4)

TOTAL INCOME	
Period (YEAR)	Amount (USD)
2016–2021 (without Q4)	approx. 25 000
2021 (without Q4)	approx. 13 000

Stepik



The following courses and updates were posted on the Stepik platform in 2021:

- » Online course *Game Theory and Strategic Behavior*;
- » Online course *Compliance Transformation: from Regulation to Business Benefits* (in partnership with Compliance Rus);
- » *Principles of Public-Private Partnerships: Advanced Course* — updated
- » *Payment Systems in Digital Economy* — updated module and new module in the course;
- » *Taxes and Taxation* — new module in the course.

In June 2021, an entrance exams preparation course for the Master's degree program in Economics was launched, which aims primarily to help graduates of other universities prepare for application to the School of International Economic Relations.

MGIMO University in Media

In 2021, the traffic of MGIMO University's website — its main Internet platform — has surpassed 3.3 million visitors, which is 1 million more than last year. The share of users who visited the site for the first time was 44.8%. The total number of page views also increased in 2021, by nearly 2.5 million, to 15.4 million.

In 2021, MGIMO University significantly strengthened its position in the ranking of Internet resources in English, according to the annual report of the Russian International Affairs Council, *Electronic Internationalization: English Internet Resources of Russian Universities*. MGIMO University entered the top ten, improving its performance and rising five points in the overall ranking of university resources.

Social media accounts remain important for the positioning and promotion of the University. More than 42 000 people are subscribed to MGIMO University's YouTube account. The MGIMO VK community has over 41 000 followers.



In 2021, the MGIMO Center of Internet Policy developed 16 websites and web pages, including the website of the University Development Program. The website 2030.mgimo.ru features, among other things, information about MGIMO University's strategic and institutional development projects that are part of the Priority — 2030 program. A new, expanded version of MGIMO–Tashkent's website was launched prior to accreditation.



MGIMO University and Vedomosti signed a cooperation agreement

MGIMO University closely cooperates with Business News Media Publishing Group (publisher of Vedomosti) in implementing awareness projects under an agreement signed in June 2021 on the sidelines of the SPIEF.

In December 2021, the Foundation for Development of Media and Information Society, Business News Media and MGIMO signed an agreement on cooperation to establish a global association of business media — Global Business Media Association. The purpose of the association is to form a global media partnership focused on the free exchange of expert, analytical and research knowledge on topical issues and the development of constructive cooperation in the field of international journalism and mass communications.



MGIMO University, the Foundation for Development of Media and Information Society, and Business News Media create the Global Business Media Association



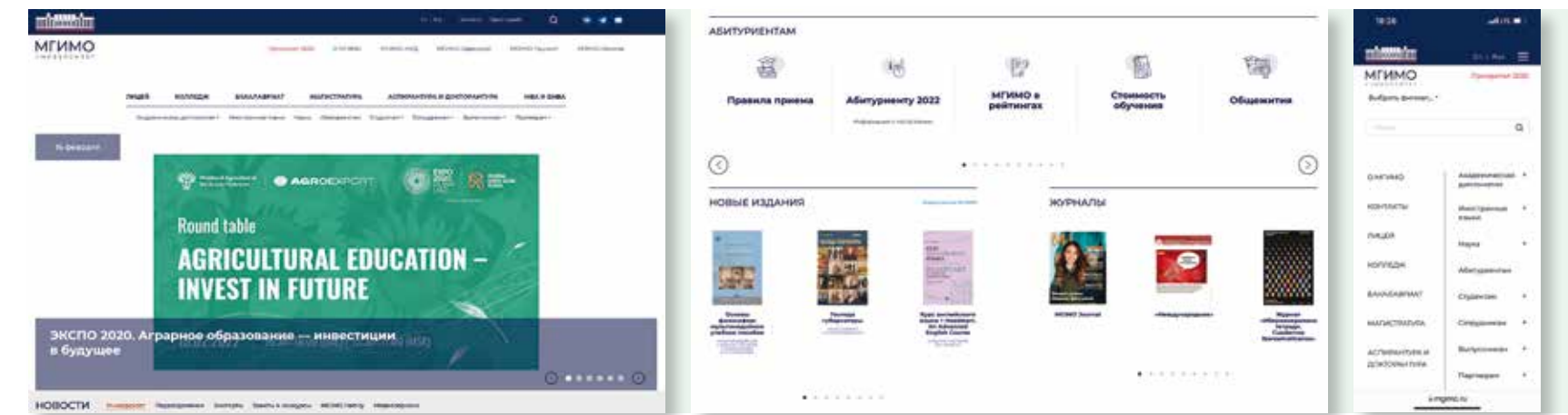
New Website

The new MGIMO website, created as part of the University's Priority — 2030 program, was developed by the Center of Internet Policy together with ADV Group with the support of A. Yunaev.



The development of a new website in Russian required a lot of work on the structure and visual elements, the creation of desktop, tablet, and mobile versions. A fully adaptive layout also made the website more viewable on screens with different resolutions.

The site transitioned to a branch structure — a structure recommended for information portals. A more detailed structure, among other things, enables better navigation for users and allows faster indexing of new materials by search engines.



Infrastructure Development

Work continues on the renewal and development of the University's infrastructure. In 2021, more than 50 classrooms and lecture halls were renovated.

14 October, 2021, marked the opening of Alla Zenkovich Classroom. Alla Zenkovich was a MGIMO professor, renowned translator and author of several Spanish textbooks. The classroom houses Professor Zenkovich's personal library, the furniture allows for different formats of classes.

With the support of the head of Slavyansk ECO Holding Robert Paranyants, Vice-President of Prosveshcheniye Holding Pavel Zenkovich, and the MGIMO Alumni Association



Alla Zenkovich Classroom

Hall 215 was equipped with a forced ventilation system and air conditioning, which were not originally in the building's project. The hall became more comfortable to study in. Decorative wall and stairs lighting will make the room suitable for regularly holding MGIMO University's important events.

With the support of Robert Paranyants

In March 2022, the reconstruction of Hall 214 was completed, it was decorated in Oriental style and equipped with the latest audiovisual equipment.

With the support of the United Arab Emirates Embassy



Hall 215 after renovation



MGIMO's first co-working space



Hall 214 after renovation

A special mention should be made of Hall 1077's transformation into MGIMO University's first co-working space. The space can be redefined in various ways depending on the format of educational and research events. The room is available at all times except during pre-booked seminars and events. The organization of such spaces is an important element in the renewal of MGIMO's instruction methodology and in some courses' transition to teamwork and dialog mode of communication.

As part of Doing Good at MGIMO University, a winning project of the All-Russian Contest of Youth Projects, a new space was created in the conference building with office areas for the sociocultural unit, including a co-working space for students called Dobro Center, and a presentation area showcasing the key extracurricular activities for students. The space is well-equipped technologically and offers work areas, a common meeting desk, and furniture for informal communication and work. It can be transformed from a co-working room into a movie theater in just 5 minutes. The co-working room can comfortably seat 10 to 30 people with different seating arrangements. Dobro.Center is the first and largest social franchise



Anatoly Torkunov toured the new space of student organizations and structural subdivisions of the sociocultural unit



In 2022, 20 multimedia and language laboratories at MGIMO will be renovated and equipped.



created by the Association of Volunteer Centers, whose main goal is to promote social and volunteer activities in Russia.

In the summer of 2021, new sound, light, and video equipment were installed on the main stage of the Conference Hall. The MGIMO conference hall is now a modern multimedia venue for events of any format and of the highest level. As part of the modernization, two large LED screens were installed. Suspensions of the portal acoustics were completely redesigned, a central sound equipment cluster was added for even acoustic coverage, and new digital controllers for all systems phased in.

January 2022 saw the opening of the renovated gym at the MGIMO Sports and Wellness Center. The gym was equipped with weight machines, barbell racks, and professional benches for the clubs of the PE Department and all students of the University. The new equipment was purchased with the direct support of the Student Sports Club Center as a donation from Lokomotiv Wellness and Sport.

Long-term initiatives:

- » An ice sports center on campus (tent construction): the center will make it possible to open a full-fledged hockey club, allocate hours for ice skating for all students, and avoid the cost of renting an ice rink for the university hockey team's practice;
- » Modernizing the equipment of the Conference Hall's small stage and recording studio to turn it into a multifunctional modular space for rehearsals of student bands;
- » Larger wireless network coverage area: it is proposed to install 30 street access points on the University's territory (free street Wi-Fi for MGIMO students);
- » Technical re-equipment of the Military Training Center and the Department of Mathematics, Econometrics, and Information Technology.

Renovation projects for MGIMO's lecture halls and classrooms offer sponsors branding opportunities. The MGIMO Endowment invites alumni and the business community to support infrastructure development projects.

Ivan Tyulin Library Reconstruction

In 2021, together with the Vladimir Potanin Foundation, MGIMO worked on a detailed architectural design of the renovated MGIMO Scientific Library, and its functional and technological plans. The main project team is Savant Engineering, an international engineering company with expertise in design and construction. The world's leading architectural bureau Broadway Maylan (UK) and Russian design bureau Reforma joined the consortium with Savant.

After the reconstruction, the library's total area will grow twofold — to 11 thousand square meters. The library will open its doors to the city: faculties and students of other universities will have access to its unique collections. The renovation will offer spaces for individual and teamwork, “gathered” around the library's intellectual resources — books and electronic databases; the museum collections will become a museum space with temporary art exhibits. The library will have a situational analysis room, video simulation and augmented reality laboratories that can be transformed into performance areas, lecture rooms or a cinema hall. Plans include fully automated repositories, information reception areas for different types of readers, renovated classic reading rooms, and lounge areas.

In 2022, decisions related to the technical design of the library, administrative, and legal issues associated with the public-private partnership reconstruction project will be addressed.



New Dormitory on Prospect Vernadskogo

One of the landmark events of 2022 will be the opening of MGIMO's New Dormitory — a modern apartment building, located on the University campus (48.7 thousand square meters of surface area, 891 rooms for 1898 students).

The dormitory will offer single, double, and triple rooms, as well as separate doubles for students with low mobility, located on the ground floor with separate entrances and ramps.

The new dormitory, with its public areas, a cafeteria, an infirmary, a hair salon, and a locker room, will improve the quality of life for MGIMO undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The new dormitory will have a gym for the residents. The gym will be divided into three areas: a cardio zone, a free weights and machines zone, and a functional training zone.

A large student co-working space with a surface area of more than 700 meters will be available on campus, a spacious space for self-study for undergraduate and graduate students. A similar modern co-working space opened in September 2021 in the Dormitory 1 (Novocheremushkinskaya, 26) — with a screen, a projector, table soccer, musical equipment, and bean bag chairs.



Given the increased load on the MGIMO sports facilities in connection with the opening of a new dormitory, there are plans to build a tent construction with an all-purpose gym on the University's territory which will host competitions and sporting events in soccer, basketball, volleyball, and tennis. This facility will be used all year round and have all the necessary infrastructure: a reception area, changing rooms, and showers.

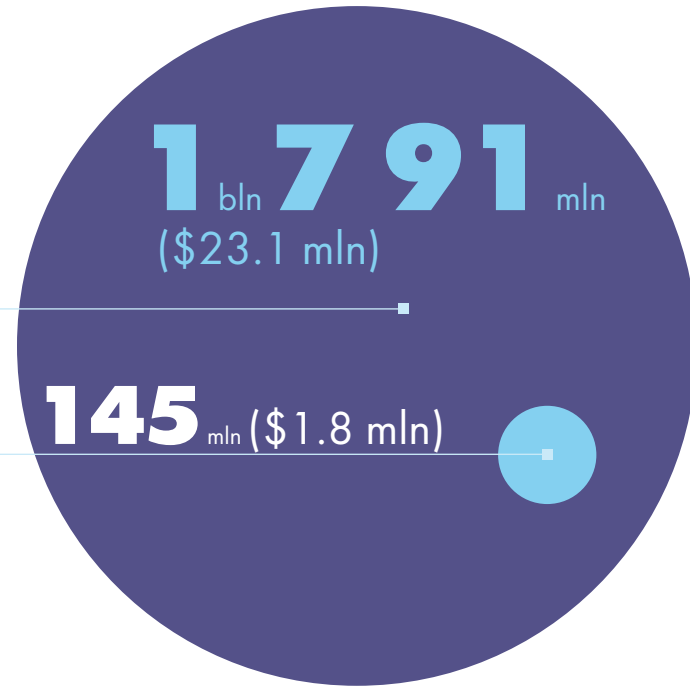
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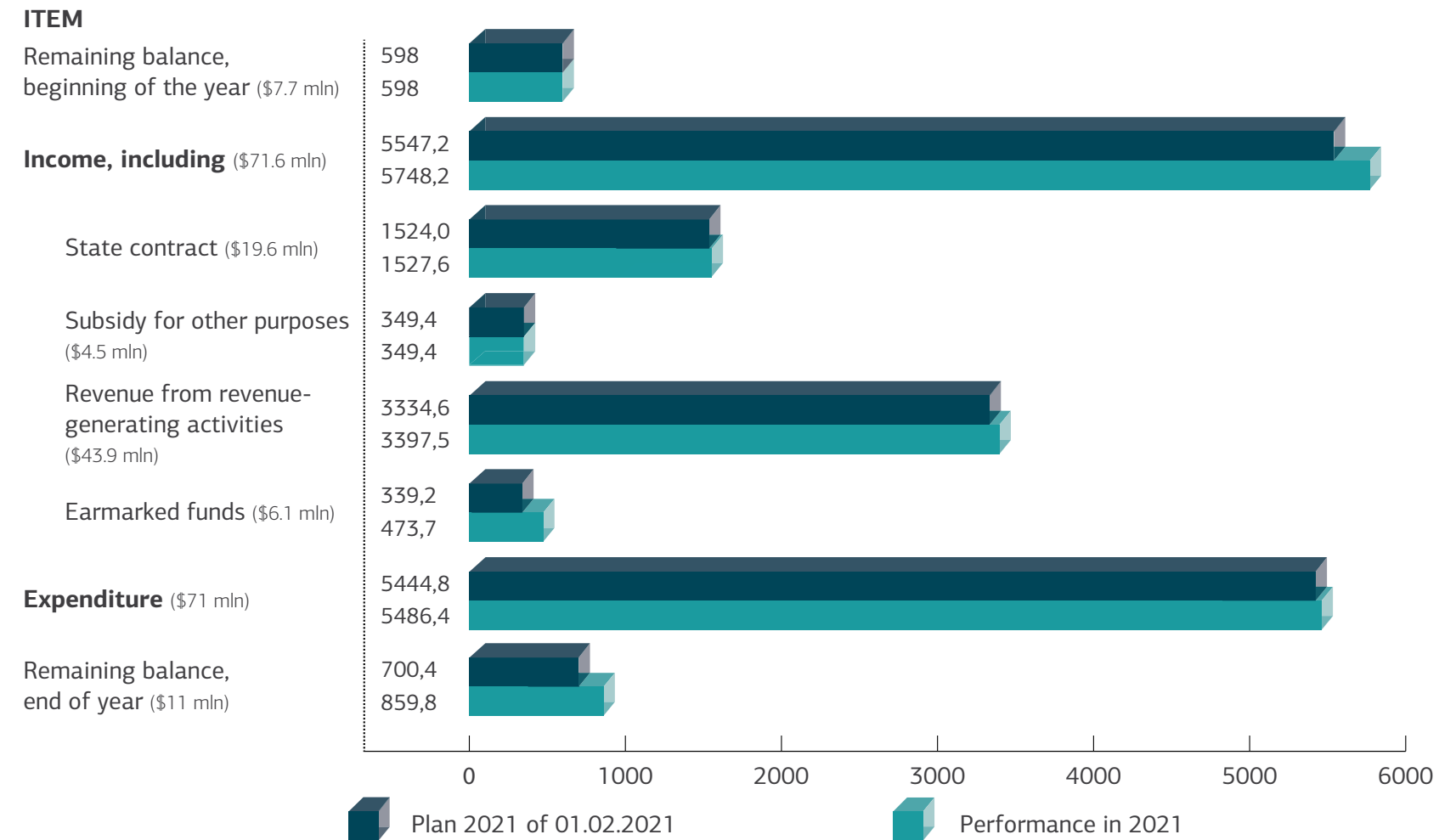
Endowment volume as at December 31, 2021

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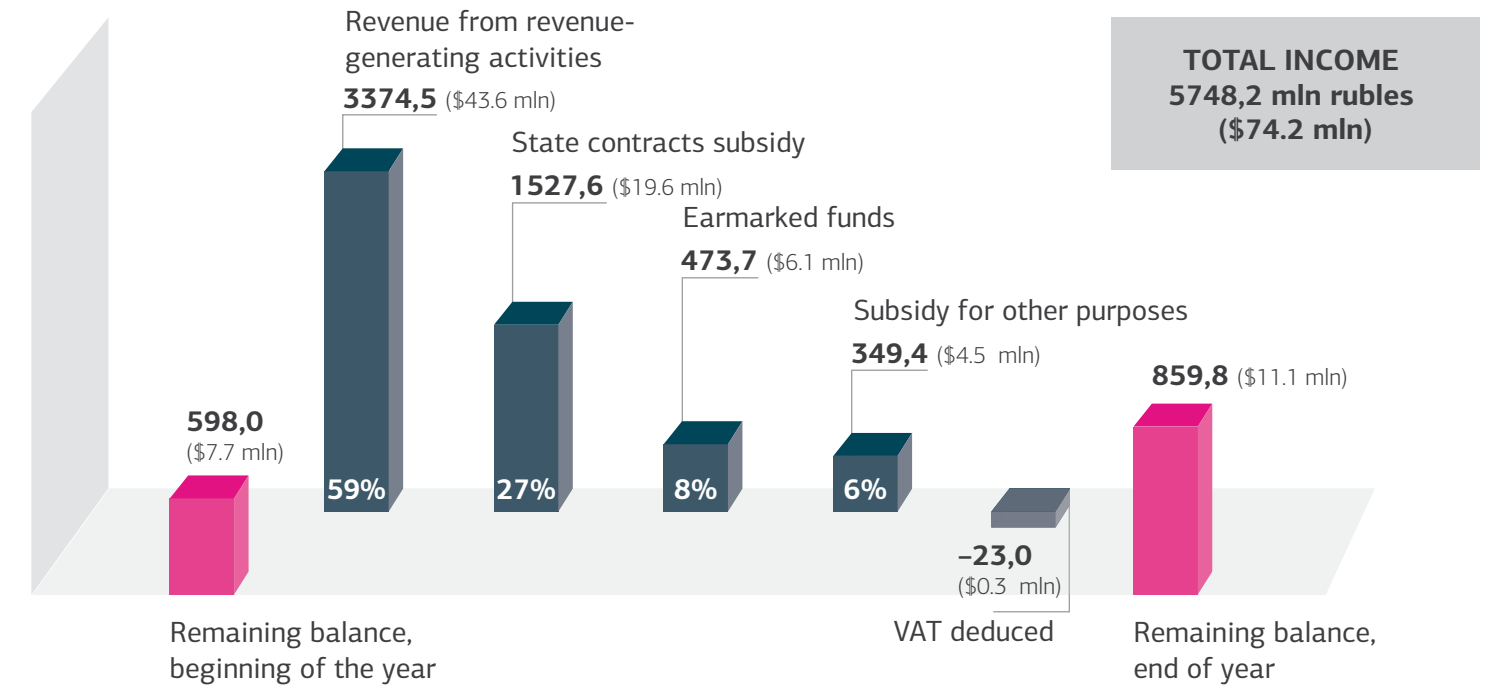
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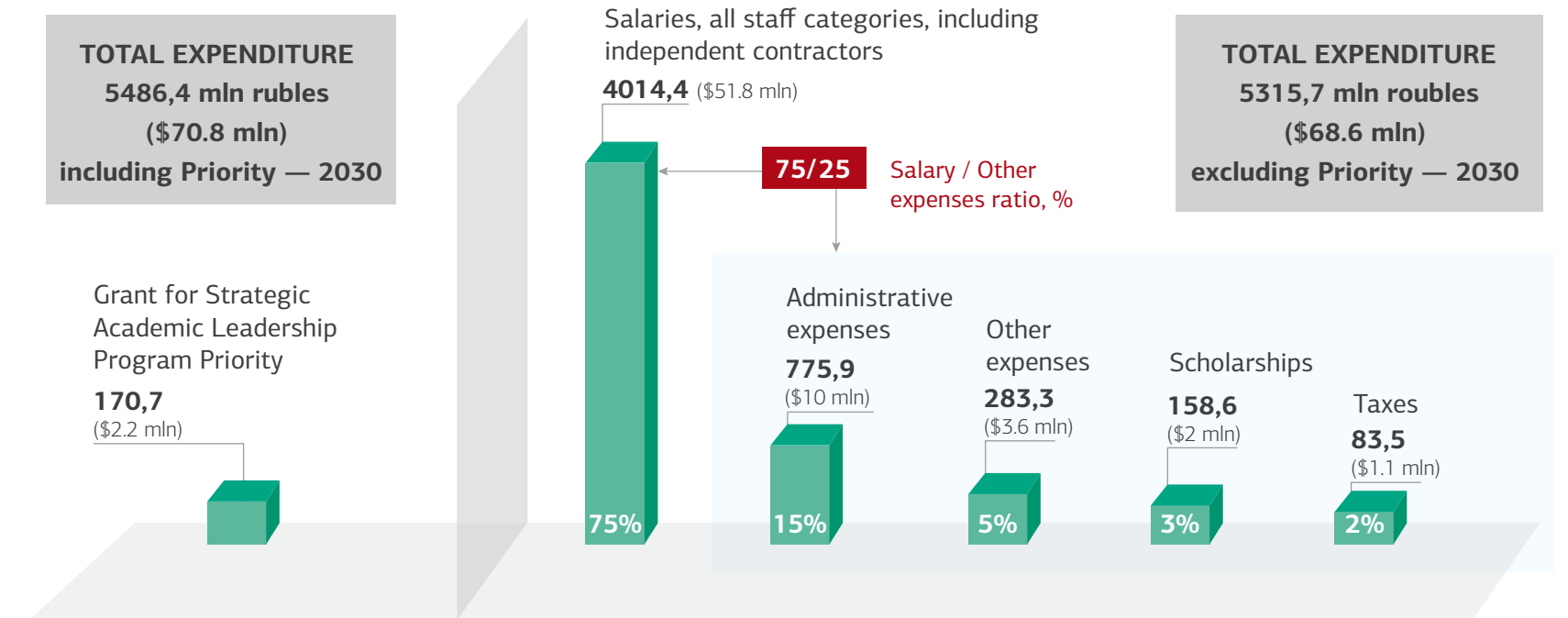
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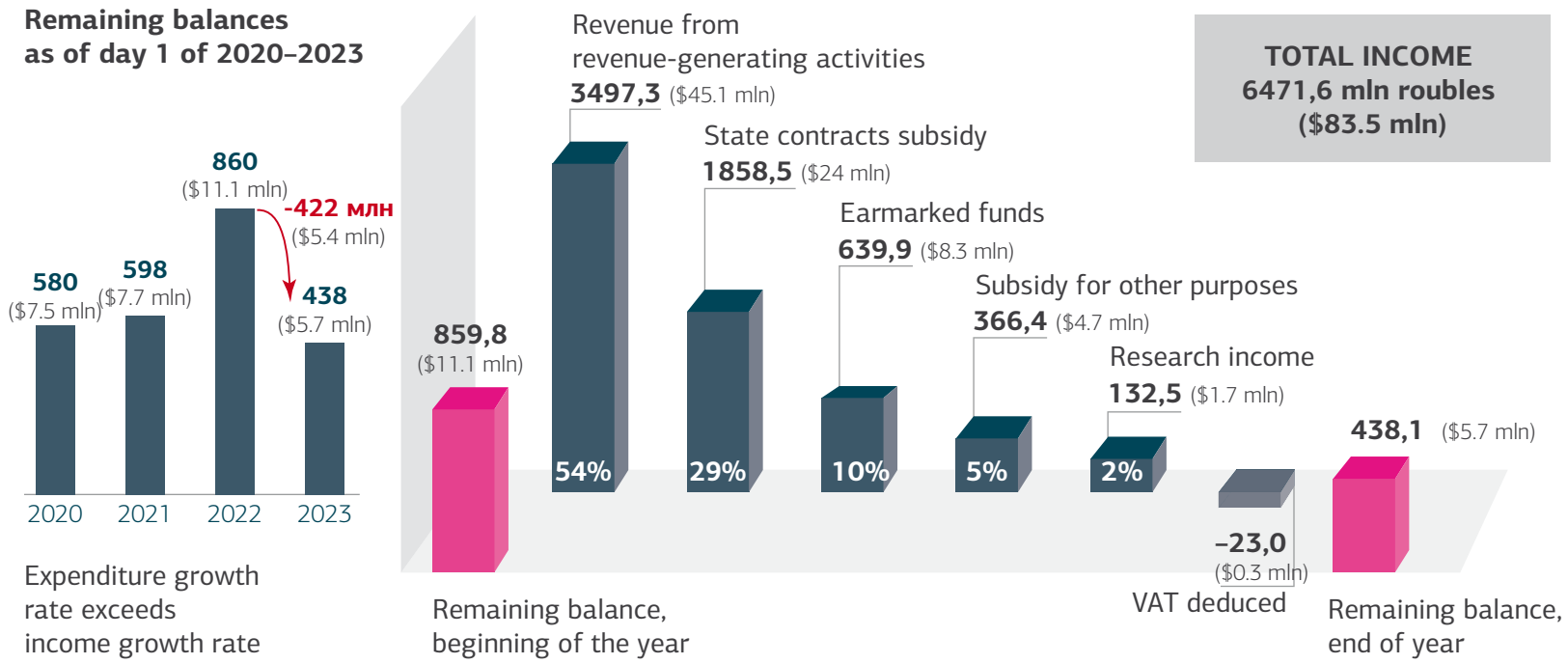
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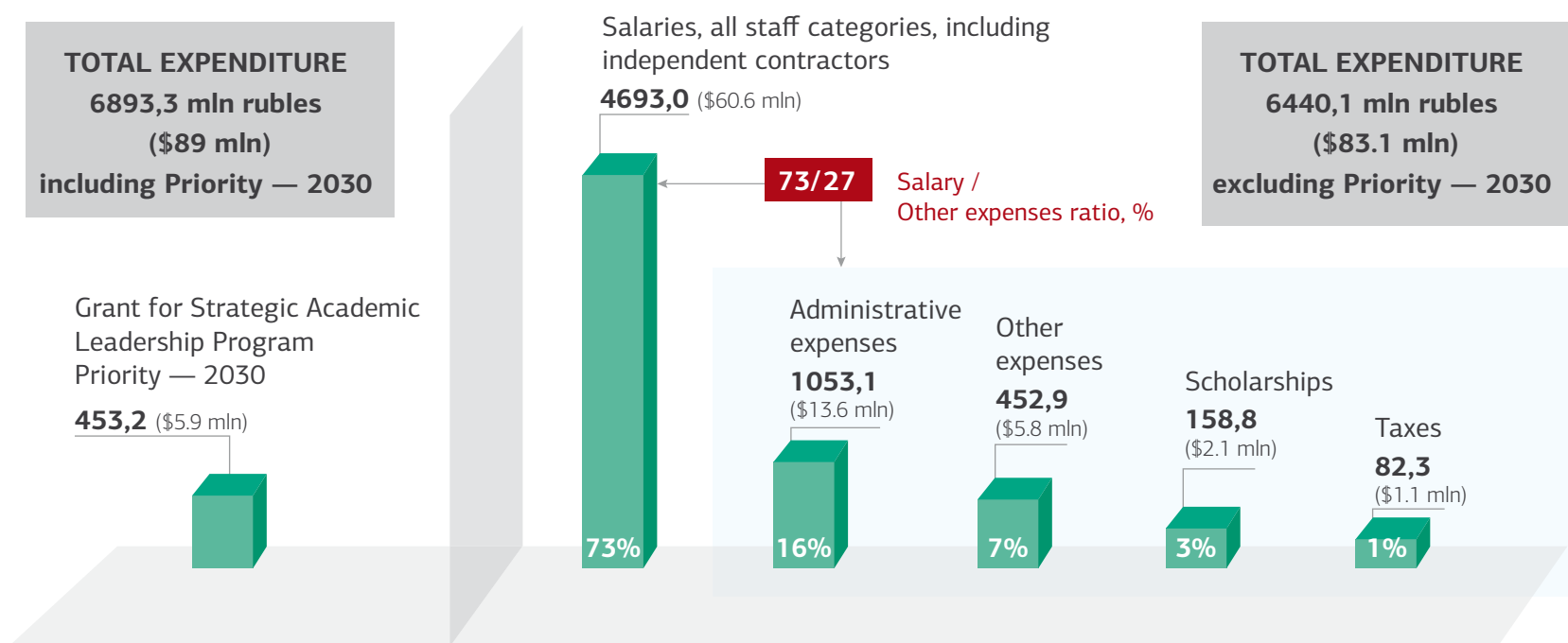
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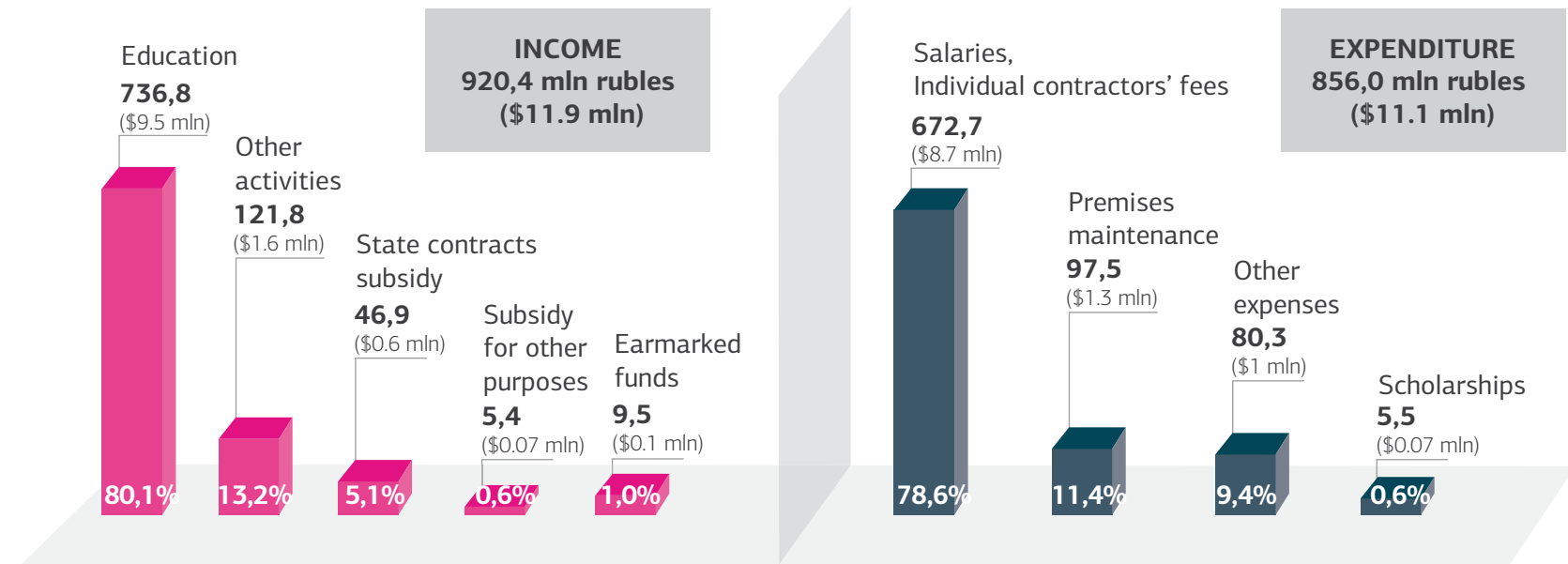
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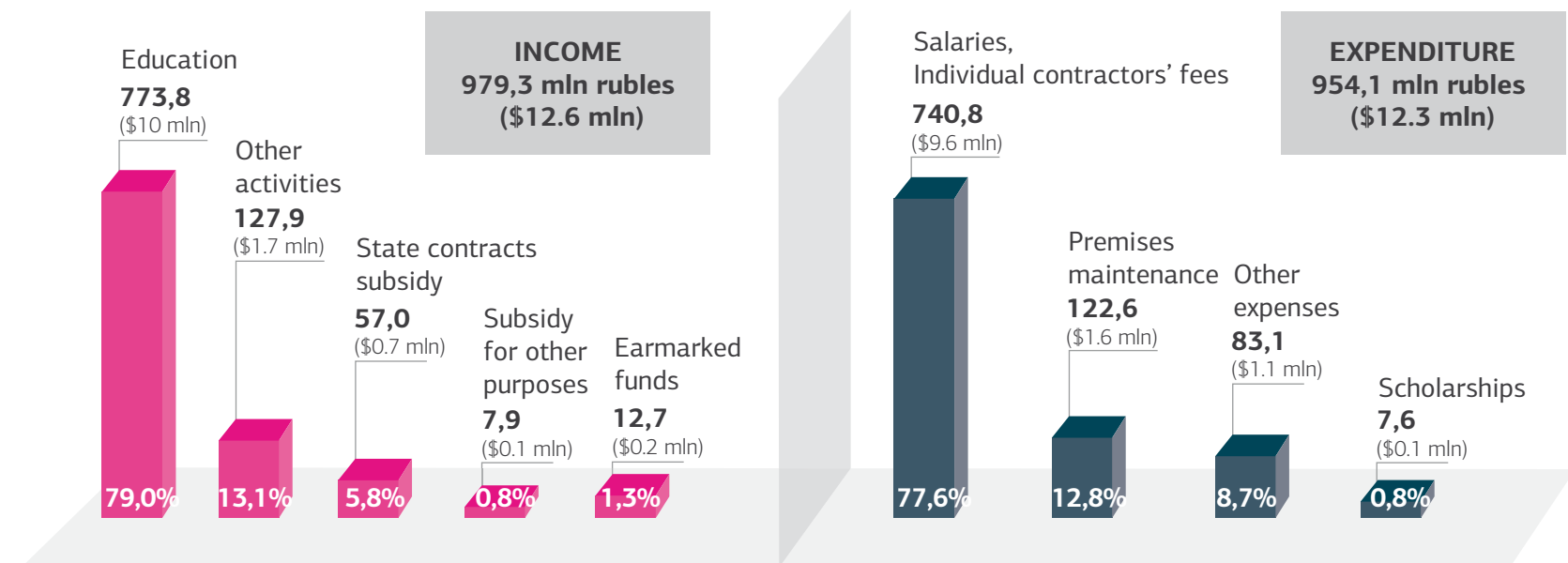
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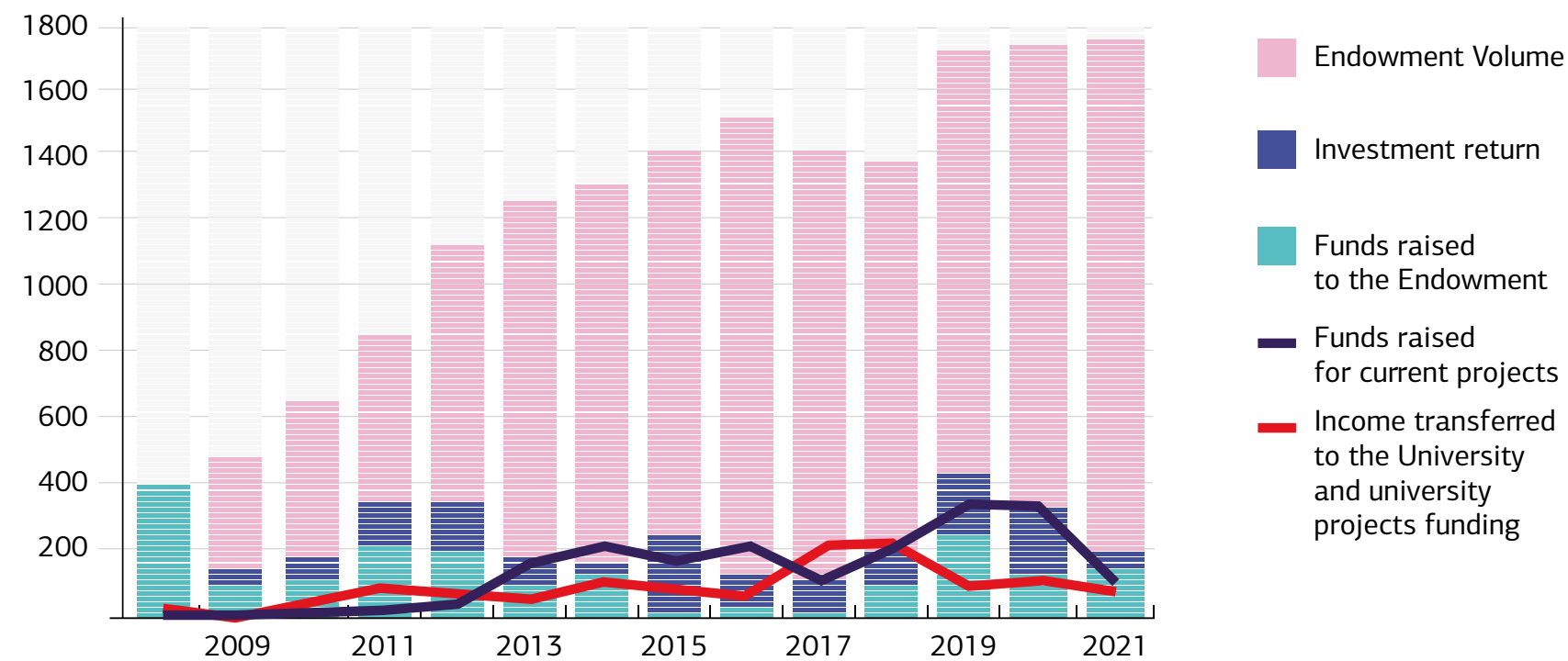


Planned income and expenditure structure, MGIMO Odintsovo 2022, mln rubles

(including MGIMO-Tashkent network programs)



Graph.
Funds raised vs return on investment in total volume of Endowment, mln rubles



Partners of the Year

Major donations to the Endowment were made by **VTB Bank** (President — Chairman of the Board, **Andrey Kostin**), **Gazprombank** (Chairman of the Board, **Andrey Akimov**), **the Ziya Bazhaev Foundation** (President of the Alliance Group **Musa Bazhayev**), Chairman of the Board of the Association of Lawyers of Russia **Vladimir Gruzdev**, **Mikhail Kuzovlev** (School of International Economic Relations) Dmitry Dangauer.

Transneft made a major donation to ongoing MGIMO projects (Chairman of the Board and President **Nikolay Tokarev**).

Founder of USM Holdings **Alisher Usmanov**, **the Alisher Usmanov Foundation**, and the **Art, Science and Sports Charity Foundation** continue to support the MGIMO internationalization program.

The Vladimir Potanin Foundation (President of Interros, President and Chairman of the Board of Nor Nickel, **Vladimir Potanin**) sponsors the reconstruction project of the Ivan Tyulin Scientific Library of MGIMO. Thanks to the support of the Vladimir Potanin Foundation, students continue to receive funding for internships at the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry



Upgraded IT infrastructure at MGIMO–Tashkent

of Industry and Trade's missions abroad, at the UN agencies. **Nornickel** made another major donation to the statutory activities and development of the Corporate Security Department.

In 2021, with the support of Eurasian Bank Board Member, and co-owner of ERG (Eurasian Group) **Patokh Chodiev**, MGIMO–Tashkent upgraded its IT infrastructure. **The Chodiev International Foundation** raised funds for the purchase of technical equipment for the new conference room and the new classroom at the branch. The Chodiev International Foundation earmarks funds for 10 grants for undergraduate students at MGIMO–Tashkent, fully covering their tuition.

Rosneft finances the Department of Global Energy Policy and Energy Security, as well as the Rosneft Center for Corporate Training and Development.

REGION Group (Member of the Board **Sergey Sudarikov**) is the general partner of the construction project of New Vision School and also supports MGIMO University's research and publishing activities.

Russian Railways (General Director and Chairman of the Board **Oleg Belozarov**) donated



to the Endowment to support the MGIMO Center for Sustainable Development.

The President of International Potash Company, **Anatoly Lomakin**, made a major donation to MGIMO's current projects.

The 11th Annual Student Grant Competition, the MGIMO Olympiad, and projects of the School of International Economic Relations were funded by the Vice President of the International Potash Company, **Andrey Epifanov**.

With the support of the head of Slavyansk ECO Holding **Robert Paranyants**, classroom 233, Alla Zenkovich Classroom, and Hall 215 were reconstructed. In March 2022, with the support of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, the renovation of Room 214 was completed.

With the support of **KNGK-INPZ** (Chairman of the Board **Yuri Shamara**) on 1–3 October Abu Dhabi (UAE) hosted the 14th World Policy Conference (WPG), a partnership event organized by the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI).

Major business and academic events were held with the support of MGIMO partners:

- » The 4th Stolypin Forum — in partnership with Presidential Commissioner for Entrepreneurs' Rights and Member of MGIMO's Board of Trustees Boris Titov and the Stolypin Institute for the Economy of Growth.
- » The 13th Convention of the Russian International Studies Association (RISA) — with the support of **S8.Capital Holding**.
- » All-Russian Research Conference Asset Management 2021 dedicated to the priorities of the new economy in the context of digital transformation and energy transition 4.0. — organized by MGIMO's Asset Management Department and **Region Group**.



The Endowment facilitates the work of special departments, co-funding their work and grants for students in master's degree programs. For two years now, students of the program Global Agricultural Markets (with the support of **Russian Agricultural Bank**) and Investment Strategies in Global and Regional Markets (with the support of **Region Group**) have had their tuition costs covered. **The Non-Commercial**

Partnership (NCP) for Support of Mining Industry Development (President **Georgy Krasnyansky**) co-funds the master's program in Strategic Management of International Mineral Companies. The Department of Regional Management and National Policy is supported by **NMGK Group**. In 2021, **Samolet Group** awarded grants to two students enrolled in the master's program *Sustainability Management*.



New corporate scholarships were established for MGIMO students by **VSMPO Avisma**, **KEB HNB RUS**, and **Effendi International**. **Metalloinvest**, **Rostec**, **Transneft**, **Rosneft**, **the Vladimir Potanin Foundation**, **the Alisher Usmanov Foundation**, and **the Chodiev International Foundation** continue their scholarship programs.

Corteva Agriscience supports lecture courses on International Agricultural Markets, provides students with internships, and develops cases for the International Agricultural Markets MBA program.

Various MGIMO projects and events were supported by **UMMC**, **Snegiri Development**, **Soglasie Insurance Company**, **MAKS Insurance Company**, **Autonomous Power Sources Scientific Center**, **Inline Group**, alumni and partners of the University **V. Vergun**, **N. Opaleva**, **A. Ezhov**, **A. Ostrovsky**, **V. Davydova**, **V. Klimov**, **I. Okunev**, **M. Borovsky**, **R. Agaev**, **V. Skvortsov**, **A. Rakhmakhunov**, **P. Kasatkin**, student **A. Kostenko**.

Table.
Financial Performance of MGIMO Endowment

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Endowment volume (mln rubles)	621	854	1 091	1 205	1 263	1 397	1 494	1 400	1 306	1 714	1 742	1 791
Funds raised to Endowment (mln rubles)	107,5	264,6	221,8	68,2	118	18	23,1	14	107	258	120	145
Funds raised for current projects (mln rubles)	н/д	н/д	17,2	147	216	173	203	230	220	290,3	272	110
Income transferred to the University and university projects funding (mln rubles)	40	62	45	30	80	80	64,6	213	213	99	110	120
Investment return (mln rubles)	69	48	78	89,3	28	220	107	120	92	172	160	25,4
Annual return (%)	11,4	7,8	8,3	8,5	2,6	19,8	8	9,5	7,1	13,43	9,2	1,5
Inflation rate in Russia (%)*	8,8	6,1	6,6	6,5	11,4	14	5,4	2,5	4	3	4,9	8,4

* According to the Bank of Russia

Projects' Funding

Among the Endowment's areas of funding are research, publishing activities, support of students' initiatives, organizing events, developing IT and infrastructure, social support of honorary professors and veterans.

The Endowment is a tool of co-funding strategic and institutional project of the University within the framework of Priority-2030 program.

Publishing program

With the Endowment's support, Aspect press publisher, among others, published monographs, textbooks and manuals by MGIMO authors on various aspects of international relations.

The Endowment provides funding for MGIMO academic journals, including Polis.

With the support of the Endowment and the Trianon Dialogue, corporate illustrated MGIMO journal presented two issues in Russian as well as a new digest in English

The Endowment supports the preparation of a collective monograph on the history of relations between Russia and the Republic of Korea devoted to the 30th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.



As in previous years, the Endowment assisted in holding the final stage of MGIMO Olympiads for secondary school students. Current projects include:

- » the developing and holding the MGIMO Olympiad on Chinese of federal level for high school students from Moscow, the Moscow region, and other Russian regions;
- » developing, implementing and monitoring distance pre-university training, including the development of a distant training course for the Unified State Exam in Russian history, a competition in Oriental languages, adapting English curricula for evening courses.

The work is underway to publish for the first time in Russian the historical heritage of a prominent Russian lawyer and diplomat, one of the founders of the international humanitarian law and the law of war and peace principles, professor of Saint-Petersburg University Friedrich Martens. Eight members of the School of Martens independent research group led by the MGIMO International Law Department undertook the initiative to decode, do the scientific processing and edit handwritten diaries (the collection of 7 books, about 1,000 pages).

The Endowment supported the analysis of digital technologies used in teaching foreign languages at MGIMO University (the development of the basics of digital linguodidactics for optimizing foreign languages teaching in the context of the University's digital learning environment).

The Endowment funds the interuniversity student intellectual competitions in foreign languages at MGIMO

University, including the Days of Hindi, and German Phonetic Competition. In 2022, it is planned to hold over 30 events.

The Endowment supported the opening of MGIMO Perspective — 2021 exhibition by the School of International Journalism and the Cultural Center.

Endowment Student Grant Competition

For many years, the Student Grant Competition has been held with the support of the member of the MGIMO Board of Trustees Andrei Epifanov.

In 2020/2021 academic year, the winners of the 10th anniversary Endowment Student Grant Competition included 25 projects; all of them have been successfully implemented and continue to be developed. Among them are the JobGuide entrepreneurial project, academic and learning project of MGIMO Innovation Week 2021, Days of Science, Model OPEC 2021, MGIMO Civil Moot Court, the 2nd European Court of Human Rights Model, the 4th International Youth Forum on Sustainable Development, the 3rd International EU — EAEU Forum, the Middle East Seasons, an online festival of intellectual games MGIMO Cybernational 2021, the 1st Russia — Africa: What's Next? International Forum, a video competition on history, economy and international relations on the African continent entitled "Africa in 80 Hours", the Battle of the Schools.

Cultural and creative projects include the support of the MGIMO KVN team, MGIMO PROXENOS choir, Miss MGIMO competition, Spring and Autumn balls. The MGIMO Diplomats hockey team and the MGIMO golf team succeed in sport competitions.



Over 40 projects won in the 11th Student Grant Competition in 2021/2022 academic year. Thanks to the Priority-2030 program co-funding the students will be able to put their ideas into practice with the total budget of 8.7 mln rubles.

The Endowment funded the activities of the MGIMO Cultural Center creative studios: the Poetic club, the MGIMO-Symphony instrumental group, and the guitar studio.

The Endowment also provides financial support for the MGIMO students' international internships held in the spring semester 2021/2022, as well as for the travel to the SPIEF, the EEF, the All-Russian Children's Center Okean in Vladivostok, and the International Children's Center Artek.



Additional qualification for students

The Endowment helped organize the open course on financial literacy by the **VTB Bank** at MGIMO that taught students, faculty, MGIMO graduates, students from the Lyceum, the College and partner schools the strategies of personal finance planning and investment. The speaker was the VTB group top manager Svetlana Tolkacheva.

The Endowment sponsored a series of additional meetings with the representatives of major Russian companies for the students from MGIMO-Tashkent branch as well as their travel to the Sber500 International Accelerator, the Yandex and S8 Capital offices.

The Endowment, together with the Trianon Dialogue, is the co-organizer of the Trianon Startups forum.

Infrastructure

In 2021, the Endowment helped purchase modern furniture and equipment and organized the integrated learning environment at the MGIMO Gorchakov Lyceum with reequipment of classrooms and changes in the open public space.

Social support

For many years, the project to support MGIMO honorary professor and veterans has been implemented.

In 2021, the Endowment together with the Volunteering Center and the Student Union delivered foods, provided PCR testing and supported self-isolating students in the University's dormitories.

Student media

In 2021, the editors of the **Mezhdunarodnik** student journal presented issues on digitalization, the 60th anniversary of the first human space flight, and a special issue entitled "Ecology: from State to Every One of Us". The Mezhdunarodnik issues featured the Endowment partners, including the top managers from various industries. The Mezhdunarodnik latest issues and individual articles are available at gazeta.mgimo.ru, whose development was also supported by the Endowment.

The Endowment continues to support **MGIMO 360**, the student information channel.

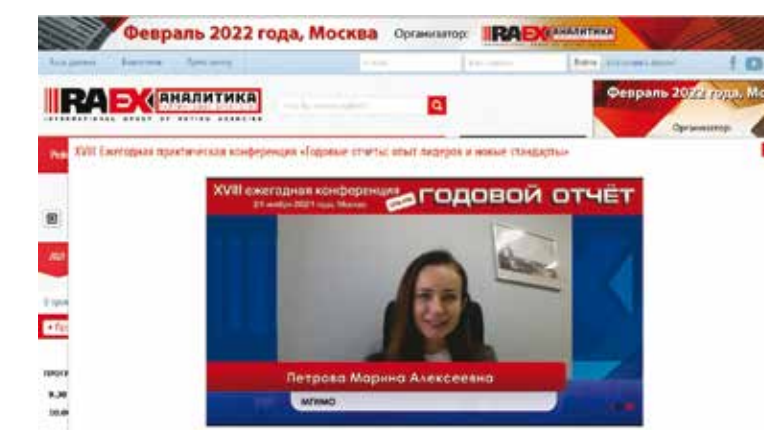


Asset Management and Financial Statements

The Endowment's funds are managed by Gazprombank Asset Management (1.554 mln rubles) (\$20 mln) and VTB Capital (236 mln rubles) (\$3 mln). The major part of the portfolio is invested in corporate, federal and subfederal bonds. A part is invested in the Russian companies' stocks and foreign exchange derivatives, including Eurobonds. The average annual return rate is 10%, while in 2021 the return rate was 1.6% for the portfolio managed by Gazprombank Asset Management, and 0.8% and 0% on two endowment capitals managed by VTB capital.

KPMG audited the Endowment's financial reports for 2020. The auditors inspected the Endowment's accounting balance-sheet, as well as statements on financial results and cash flow. The audit issued a conclusion on the fair view of the Endowment's financial position as well as the proper use of funds in 2020 in accordance with the Russian accounting standards.

The MGIMO 2020/2021 Report was given Best Practices in Preparing Annual Reports on University's Activities award at the 23rd annual competition of annual reports for 2020 by RAEX Agency (RAEX-Analytics). There were 168 companies and organizations participating in the competition, including 35 universities. The ranking of public non-financial reports on the universities activities is made for the second time.



Analysis from Gazprombank Asset Management

The Endowment's portfolio is managed using a moderately conservative strategy based on investing in Russian bonds with high credit quality. The developments in 2021 were negative: the inflation has risen significantly from 4.9% at the beginning of the year to 8.4% in December, with the Bank of Russia having to dramatically change its strategy and aggressively increase the key rate to contain inflationary pressure. As a result, the yield of Russian bonds with the maturity of about 3 years, which comprise the significant part of the portfolio, has increased by 330–350 bps, bringing their prices down by 8–9%. With this landmark shift of the federal bonds yield curve and its inversion, almost all of the bonds with the maturity of over 1 year brought a negative yield.

The foreign currency part of the portfolio had a hedging effect: while the ruble/US dollar exchange rate remained the same in 2021, the Eurobonds in the portfolio brought a positive yield.

Lower potential realized yield in 2021 due to the negative bond dynamics limited the opportunities to increase the share of risks positions in the portfolio, which led to a speculative purchase of stocks to avoid a negative financial result at the yearend. Thus, the result of 2021 was largely defined by a negative yield of bonds in rubles that was only in part balanced by foreign currency derivatives.

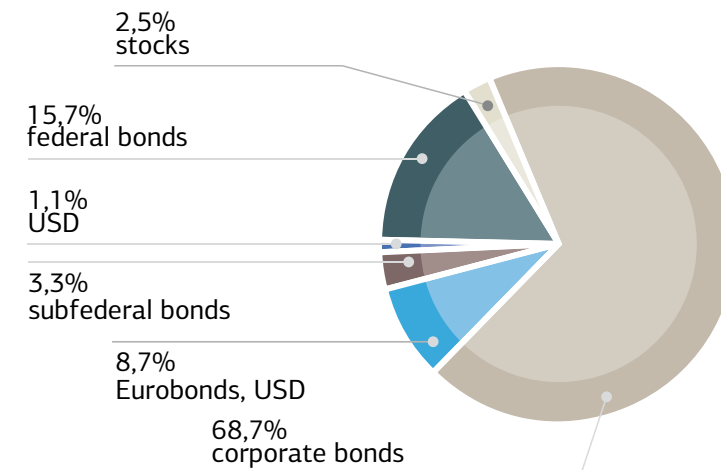


Diagram. Endowment's portfolio structure managed by Gazprom Asset Management (endowment #1) as at 31.12.2021

Analysis from VTB Capital

The conservative positioning of the portfolios in the beginning of 2021 with the duration of up to two years allowed to avoid losses on portfolios in the first three quarters. In the context of a substantial growth of interest rates in the long term, we started to gradually rebalance the portfolio to increase the duration, including via participation in the auctions of the Russian Ministry of Finance, which allowed us to gain a premium on the secondary market. We also took part in the IPOs when we saw interesting premiums compared to the federal bonds curve.

In August 2021, the VTB Capital Asset Management implemented an investment strategy for the MGIMO Endowment that implies the placement of up to 15% of assets in the Russian stocks. This strategy allowed to balance the negative dynamics in the Russian debt market in the second part of 2021 that was under considerable pressure in the context of accelerating inflation and, as a result, a harsher monetary policy of the Bank of Russia thanks to the rising prices of the Russian companies' stocks in the portfolio.

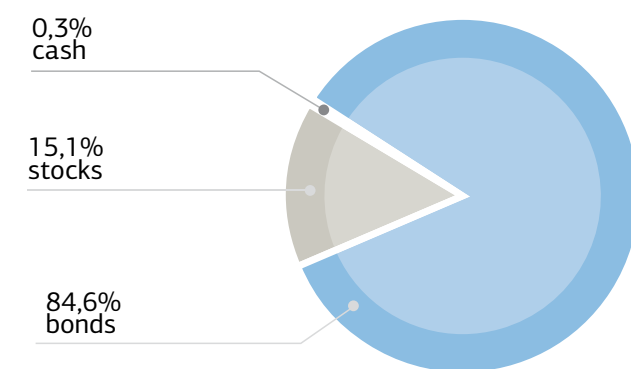


Diagram. Endowment's portfolio structure managed by VTB Capital (endowments ##2 and 3) as at 31.12.2021

Professional Community of Endowments

The MGIMO Endowment continues to cooperate with the National Association of Endowments (NAE).

On 14 October, 2021 the 13th Russian International Studies Association (RISA) Convention hosted the NAE session entitled "Endowments as a Tool of Sustainable Development. International Experience and Russian Practices". The session devoted to endowments was moderated by the Head of the MGIMO Endowment, Board Member of the National Association of Endowments Marina Petrova. The discussion brought together the NAE members, heads of Russian endowments, the representatives of universities, managing companies, and partner organizations.

On 21 April 2021, a premier of the movie entitled *The MGIMO Endowment. Growing Together!* took place at the EndowFest organized by the Vladimir Potanin Foundation. The movie tells the story of the MGIMO Endowment through six characters: the MGIMO Rector and Endowment's President Anatoly Torkunov, the Endowment's Head Marina Petrova, a freshman A. Kostenko, a student A. Stukalova, the Associate Professor at the Department of International Finance Vasily Tkachev, and a MGIMO graduate and VEB.RF Senior Banker Sergey Storchak.



The Endowment Invites MGIMO Alumni and the Business Community to Cooperate

**Launching Careers
and Associations
for MGIMO University
Students**

MGIMO Career Center

MGIMO Alumni Association

Sports

Art and Culture

Volunteering Center

MGIMO Career Center



More than 60 events to provide students with career guidance took place in the MGIMO Career Center in 2021, including seminars, lectures, master-classes, presentations, business games, case championships and more. More than 10,000 users have registered with the center's electronic resources (website and social-media accounts), and around 500 people visit the website every day.

The center held its flagship event MGIMO Career Week in a hybrid format in spring and fall 2021.

MGIMO Career Week held from 29 November to 5 December 2021 was called the best career event for young people in Moscow by the project "VRabote", whose organizers include the Civic Chamber of Moscow, the capital's Association of Students and Student Unions, and the Youth of Moscow project office. The event brought together more than 3,000 students from Moscow universities and almost 40 companies and employers. The program included the first 3D job fair in Russia, presentations of leading companies, webinars, career consultations, round-table discussions, express interviews, excursions and an info-marathon.

In 2021, thanks to the support of the Vladimir Potanin Foundation, a career program consisting of three modules to help people with looking for work, career building and social-cultural adaptation was created. The program launched the first online course in Russia on the basics of international employment. The course is aimed at developing the skills to successfully start one's career at the international level. The course's mentors and speakers are professionals working in industries related to the declared topics.

The MGIMO Career Center organized a course called Forming Young Specialists' Soft Skills. The course consisted of 10 lessons led by experts in the field of career management. Thirty-five people selected from the center's competitions and from student associations took part in the course.



During the year, the MGIMO Career Center held career-oriented master-classes taught by leading organizations and companies, including BCG employees, who shared their knowledge and experience as part of the special joint program Case Cracking Session.

MGIMO University is one of the founders and initiators of the All-Russia Association of Career Centers. The university is also an active participant

in events that strengthen partnerships between institutions of higher education on organizational and other issues via conferences and round tables at the Kazan Federal University, the Novosibirsk State University, the Russian International Olympic University (RIOU), the Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service, the V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University and others.



MGIMO Career Center's long-term initiatives:

- » Developing a digital space for the MGIMO Career Center via integrated updates of the website
- » Organizing continuous career consultations and organizing individual face-to-face sessions with invited specialists (career trainers and consultations, vocational guidance specialists and HR specialists)
- » Developing new opportunities for MGIMO Career Week.

In March 2021, MGIMO University was the site of an educational seminar from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education on organizing practical trainings in institutes of higher education. The speakers included experts from the ministry's Department of State Policy in Higher Education, the Federal State Budgetary Institute Interobrazovanie and leaders from top Russian universities. More than 500 people from more than 100 universities attended the seminar.

In 2021, MGIMO University successfully carried out a program of additional measures to prevent the outflow of young specialists from Russian regions. As part of the project, the university regularly holds meetings between heads of permanent representatives of Russian regions and MGIMO University students to inform students about potential and prospective practices and work in their hometowns.

A partnership agreement was signed this year with the Prosecutor General of Russia, the Sodruzhestvo Self-Regulatory Organization of Auditors Association, the legal firm BGP Litigation and others.



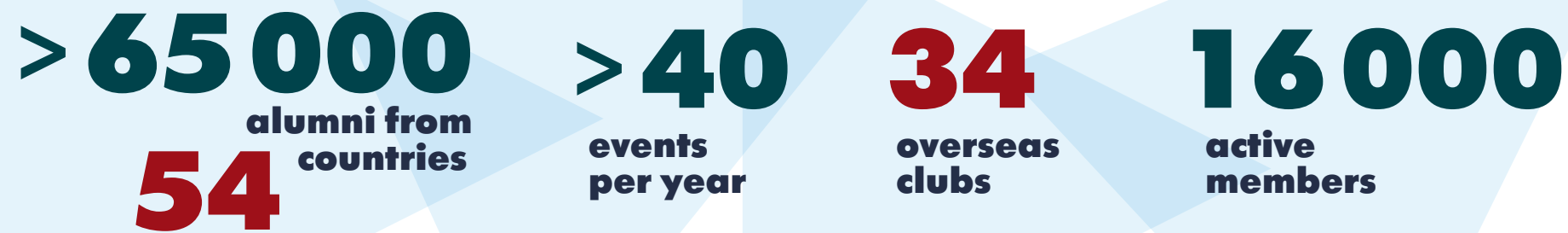
MGIMO Alumni Association

The MGIMO Alumni Association, Russia's first professional alumni association, turned 30 in 2021.

This anniversary offers the university a chance to take a significant step forward in its development based on accumulated experience. There will be changes in the

management of the Alumni Association to include activists and leaders of different MGIMO University communities.

A series of new projects is planned for launch, as are new formats of cooperation with MGIMO University associations



Alumni events in Russia's regions

The first meeting of MGIMO University alumni in Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan, took place on 20 May, 2021. The event was the first in a series of regional meetings of the MGIMO Alumni Association and was timed to coincide with its 30th anniversary, as well as with the conclusion of a joint academic and student exchange program between MGIMO University and the Kazan Federal University.

On 20 May, 2021 was a meeting between alumni from the International Risk Management and Insurance master's program that was timed to coincide with the program's 10th anniversary. The general sponsor of the event was the insurance company Soglasie, with MAKS Insurance also sponsoring the event. Gazprombank, who presented a new MGIMO Alumni Association bank card, took part in the event.



Anniversary Meeting of Alumni from the School of International Relations Class of 1971



Meeting of alumni from the International Risk Management and Insurance master's program

An alumnus of the first graduating class from a bachelor's program in the School of International Business and Business Administration [Vladimir Shapovalov] became dean of the school just a few days ago. It's probably a good thing when someone who starts as a student later becomes a dean. Now it is up to him to develop this wonderful school. We are counting on Vladimir and his fellow graduates"

Anatoly Torkunov, MGIMO Rector



In 2021, Vladimir Shapovalov became Dean of the School of International Business and Business Administration

On 21 May, 2021, alumni from the first graduating class of the School of International Business and Business Administration met to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their graduation

In the run-up to the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, MGIMO University graduates gathered at the Catherine Palace in Tsarskoye Selo on 1 June, 2021. This was the second alumni meeting St. Petersburg, and it followed a series of events held in Russian regions. The event's partners included Scientific Center "Autonomous Power Sources" and the MGIMO Endowment. The event's guests enjoyed private excursions through the palace, and the opening ceremony took place in the Throne Room.



Alumni meeting in Kazan



Meeting of alumni from the School of International Business and Business Administration



The MGIMO Alumni Association meeting in Mongolia

On 4 November, 2021, on the day of the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Russia and Mongolia, there was another traditional meeting of the MGIMO Alumni Association in Ulaanbaatar, with more than 60 graduates taking part in the event. MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov joined the graduates online to congratulate them on the anniversary and to express his hope of a face-to-face meeting of MGIMO University alumni in Ulaanbaatar in the near future, which the Mongolian MGIMO Alumni Association is preparing.

In attendance from the Russian side were Konstantin Kosachev (School of International Relations, 1984), Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation; Bair Zhamsuyev, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Foreign Affairs; Iskander Azizov (School of International Relations, 1978), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Mongolia; and Oleg Zhukov (School of International Relations, 2003), Counselor to Mr. Azizov. In attendance from the Mongolian side were Damdiny Tsogtbaatar (School of International Relations, 1994),

Member of Mongolia's State Great Hural (Parliament) and President of the MGIMO Alumni Association in Mongolia; Yondon Otgonbayar (School of International Relations, 1989), Advisor to the Prime Minister of Mongolia and Advisor to the Mongolian People's Party; Luvsangiin Edenechuluun (School of International Relations, 1972), Mongolia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2000-04; Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia; representatives of Mongolia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and business societies.

On 7 December, 2021, in MGIMO's former home (currently the building of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) near Moscow's Crimean Bridge, there was a celebratory evening dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the School of International Relations Class of 1971. Specifically for this celebration, the MGIMO University publishing house put together a book of graduates' recollections called "The Paths of Our Lives", bringing together stories from more than 25 graduates of that class. In the book are memories, articles, reflections, poems, prose and photographs. More than 40 graduates took part in the event.



Meeting of MGIMO University alumni in St. Petersburg



Sporting and cultural events

On 22–23 May 2021, MGIMO University held its main sporting event, the Second Universiade of MGIMO “Sporting Generations”. The event was organized together with the School of Physical Education and First Aid and Emergency Response and the Student Sports Club. Soglasie was the general sponsor of the event. More than 300 athletes, including alumni, students, partners and friends of MGIMO University competed in 12 different sports. In an address to the event’s participants, Russian Minister of Sport Oleg Matytsin congratulated them on their efforts.

A “gallery” of the MGIMO Alumni Association’s partners was in place at MGIMO Stadium in separate branded stands. The event’s partners included Gazprombank, Soglasie, TOPSTRETCHING stretching studios, RESHAPE fitness and stretching studios, Black Coffee & Bakery, and the MGIMO University student charitable organization. TOPSTRECH, RESHAPE and ReBoot held free trainings during the event’s two days.



On 4 July, 2021 was the official graduation party for the MGIMO University class of 2021 in the restaurant Birds. More than 700 students celebrated their graduation from their alma mater together with the MGIMO Alumni Association, welcoming the dawn on the 84th floor of the OKO Tower in the Moscow International Business Center.



Loyalty program

The MGIMO Alumni Association continued to add new partners to its loyalty program in 2021. There are currently more than 30 companies from various business sectors in the program, each of which offers exclusive conditions for members of the MGIMO Alumni Association.



The new partners in 2021 include

- Soglasie
- First Nose wine bar
- Multiprofile restaurant holding Touch Group
- TOPSTRETCHING
- RESHAPE
- Aldo Coppola premium beauty and medical cosmetology centers
- Consul



Online projects

In 2021, the MGIMO Alumni Association partnered with the online race “Run for a Dream”, which is organized by the sports app Welps together with Megafon and Calzedonia. MGIMO University students and alumni were able to take part in the race for free.

As part of the 10th anniversary of the International Risk Management and Insurance master’s program, the MGIMO Alumni Association announced a memoir competition. Submitted essays could be written on the topics of “My insurance life” (stories from the insurance and risk-management sector as a professional or amateur), “International Risk Management and Insurance: How it Was” (stories about favorite teachers or mentors, instances from seminars and exams, and fateful encounters); and “International Risk Management and Insurance: Conscious Decision or Pure Chance”. More than 15 graduates took part in the competition.

Publications

The MGIMO Alumni Association and MGIMO Endowment continue to put out informational bulletins. The publication informs students, teachers, alumni and friends of the university about the most important events that have happened. The bulletins are published online and are also available in print in the university’s buildings.





MGIMO Rector Anatoly Torkunov at the presentation of the book "Moscow in Vienna: The Palais Nassau — Embassy of the Russian Federation in Austria" in the Russian embassy in Vienna.
From left to right: Mikhail Gusman, First Deputy General Director of TASS; Dmitry Lyubinsky, Russian Ambassador to Austria; Anatoly Torkunov, MGIMO Rector; and Sergei Mikhailov, General Director of TASS

Some alumni appointments

Nicu Popescu (School of International Relations, 2002) was named Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova

Konstantin Kosachev (School of International Relations, 1984) was named Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Taalatbek Masadykov (School of International Relations, 1984) was named Vice Chairman of the Security Council of Kyrgyzstan

Viktoriya Galkovskaya (European Studies Institute, 2012) was named Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property

Andrey Daskovskiy (International Law School, 1985) was named the Port of Antwerp's International Representative of Russia

Tamara Shashikhina (International Law School, 1996) was named Chairwoman of the RUSADA Supervisory Board

Alexander Bykov (European Studies Institute, 2016) was named Head of the Moscow Directorate for Traffic Safety

Sergey Kozhevnikov (School of Governance and Politics, 2008) was named Acting Director of the Federal Institute for Digital Transformation of Education

Darya Grits (School of Governance and Politics, 2015) was named Prorector of Education for Sirius University of Science and Technology

Kanysh Izbastin (International Law School, 2001) was named Chairman of the Board of Directors of KazAgroFinance

Alexander Zotov (School of International Business and Competencies, 2021) was named Chairman of the Kursk Oblast's Committee for Digital Development and Communications

Kirill Babaev (School of International Relations, 2000) was named Director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Artyom Sheikin (School of Business and International Proficiency, 2020) was named Member of the Federation Council Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State Building

D. Tserendorj (School of International Journalism, 1985) was named Communications Director for Mongolia's State Great Hural (Parliament)

Battungalag Gankhuurai (School of International Economic Relations, 1996) was named Director of the European Department of Mongolia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Munkh-Orgil Tsend (School of International Relations, 1988) was named Member of the UN International Law Commission

Iskander Azizov (School of International Relations, 1978) was given an honorary doctorate by the National University of Mongolia's Institute of International Relations

Maria Semkina (School of International Economic Relations, 2008) was named CFO and Sales Operations Director East Europe for Lenovo

Aleksey Rozhkov (School of International Journalism, 2003) was named Director of Communications for the Tinkoff Russian Premier League (RPL)

Vladimir Sadovin (School of International Economic Relations, 1994) was named General Director of the grocery chain Perekrestok

Sports

One of the most dynamic youth organizations at MGIMO University is the Sports Club, which focuses on the development mass youth sports and exposing students to a healthy way of life.

In 2021, the Sports Club held more than 20 major sporting and health-related events in which more than 2,000 students took part.

In April 2021, the Second MGIMO Cyber Tournament took place, with more than 100 students competing. Acting as commentators for the online broadcast of the tournament were professional streamers and MCs. More than 35,000 people have watched the broadcast so far.

Also in spring 2021 was the Sports Club's flagship project, the online sports marathon MGIMO Health & Fitness Week. During the week, 200 people took part in different types of daily trainings, and participated in educational lectures and master-classes from instructors, sports trainers and nutritionists.

As part of MGIMO Race, which took place in fall 2021 in Lazutina Park in Odintsovo, there was a mass five-kilometer cross-country run with 10 extreme obstacles. More than 20 student teams competed in the race.

More than 300 students took part in traditional competitions of crossfit, grappling and biathlon during the year.





As part of its cooperation with the School of Physical Education and First Aid and Emergency Response, MGIMO University held internal competitions for all the different types of sports offered by the university.

Sports Club members developed a concept for an MGIMO Museum of Sporting Achievement, which opened on 1 March, 2021.

As part of the Universiade organized together with MGIMO University alumni was a Parade of Champions. The university's best athletes who showed the highest

results for the entire academic year were given awards during the parade.

In June 2021, the 20th Rector's Cup, a five-a-side football tournament held in honor of Russia Day, took place at MGIMO Stadium. The participating teams included teams from Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; teams from foreign embassies in Russia; a team from the event's general sponsor Snegiri Development, and a team of teachers and employees of MGIMO University.



In Spring 2022, MGIMO University plans to launch leagues for all sports offered at the university, encompassing more than 2,500 students.

Art and Culture

MGIMO University has 10 studios used by more than 350 students as part of its active work to develop the artistic potential of young people.

Fifteen concerts, 10 shows, five poetry evenings, 12 exhibitions, spring and fall balls, the KVN League, master-classes, and recitals took place at MGIMO University in 2021. A total of more than 10,000 students, teachers and employees attended the events.

The majority of events took place in a hybrid format with a broadcast streaming on MGIMO University's YouTube channel and social media accounts, the total number of views of which surpassed 50,000.

An important event was the Sixth Festival of Culture of the Peoples of Russia, which took place from 29 November to 3 December 2021 at the university. Nine Russian regions performed at the event: Kabardino-Balkaria, Dagestan, Tatarstan, Chechnya, Ingushetia, North Ossetia, Buryatia, Kalmykia and the Krasnodar Region.

The MGIMO Endowment showed its financial support for the cultural activities of the MGIMO Cultural Center's studios: Poetry Club, the MGIMO-Symphony instrumental ensemble and a guitar-playing studio.

The university's student collectives performed concert pieces for multiple MGIMO University events, including a holiday concert in celebration of Diplomats Day; the Spring Session concert; a recital that was part of the 13th Russian International Studies Association Convention dedicated to MGIMO University's 77th anniversary; First-Year Students Day; and New Year's Eve.

With the support of the MGIMO Endowment, the university held the opening ceremony of the School of International Journalism and the MGIMO Cultural Center's photo exhibition MGIMO View 2021. More than 60 people took part in the ceremony to give awards to the competition's winners.



Ceremonial laying of flowers at the monument to the distinguished diplomat Alexander Gorchakov

Volunteering Center

In 2021, members of the MGIMO Volunteering Center on the Vernadskogo and Odintsovo campuses took part in more than 30 external and internal events. In total, more than 600 students were involved in volunteer activities. Volunteers carried out activities in specialized areas of MGIMO University, such as protocol support, working with foreign delegations, providing linguistic services and interacting with mass media.

Among the events in which the center took part were the Third Annual Young Researchers Summit, the First Youth Forum on Internet Governance, the Fourth Stolypin Forum, the 13th Russian International Studies Association Convention, the 13th International Salon Integrated Safety and Security Exhibition 2021, Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week, the World Weightlifting Championships, the FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship 2022 draw and the final of the ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest.

During elections to the State Duma and Moscow Oblast Duma in fall 2021, MGIMO University students offered language support for international observers and helped to maintain the proper conducting of voting.

The most visible events in which the center took part were the nationwide #WEARETOGETHER and Vaccine Helpers, both of which were organized by the Volunteering Center's key partners of the Association of Volunteering Centers and State Budgetary Institute Mosvolunteer Resource Center.

As part of an event from 1 January 2021 to 25 January 2022, more than 100 sets of groceries were delivered to MGIMO University veterans and to students in self-isolation in university dormitories. From September 2020 to January 2022, more than 550 PCR tests were conducted.

One of the biggest local events was weekly testing for COVID-19, the COVID FREE PASS for minors as well as students, teachers and employees of the university who could not get vaccinated for medical reasons.

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Students were awarded with diplomas from President Vladimir Putin and medals honoring their "Selfless contribution to the organization of the nationwide campaign for mutual aid #WEARETOGETHER"

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