

Programme of the Russian-Chinese Conference

"Russia and China: Contemporary Development Challenges"

April 25-26, 2018, Donghu Hotel Shanghai

April 25, Wednesday

09:30-09:50 **Opening of the Conference**

QIAN Xuhong, Rector of the East China Normal University
Andrey BYSTRITSKY, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for
Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club
GU Jinshan, Deputy Secretary-General of the Shanghai Government

Moderator: **FENG Shaolei**, Director of Centre for Russian Studies at the
East China Normal University

10:00-11:30 **Session 1. Situation in the World: A View From Russia and China**

The high level of mutual trust between China and Russia, achieved in recent years, the growing economic cooperation and their active coordination of positions at the political level require regular "time check" in relation to major international problems. The subject of discussion within the framework of this session will be the most pressing issues on the international agenda affecting the interests of China and Russia: evolution of US policy, dynamics of internal changes in Europe, and the most acute problems of international security.

Speakers:

- **CHEN Dongxiao**, President of the Shanghai Academy of International Studies
- **Sergey KARAGANOV**, Dean of the Faculty of World Economy and World Politics of the Higher School of Economics; Honorary Chairman of the Presidium of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policy
- **YU Bin**, Professor of Political Science at Wittenberg University

Moderators:

- **Timofei BORDACHEV**, Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club; Director of the Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies at the HSE
- **GAO Yusheng**, SCO Deputy Secretary-General (2007-2010); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the PRC to Ukraine (2005-2007)

12:00-13:30 **Session 2. Evolution of Modern States and Their Roles: Perspectives for Russia and China**

The world is undergoing profound changes. Many concepts that previously seemed unshakable are challenged. First of all, the most important form of the organization of society-state requires a new thinking. China and Russia have their own unique experience of building and strengthening the state, ensuring the national unity. Within the framework of the session the experts will discuss how these issues, how the state is changing nowadays and what experience can be useful for China and Russia.

Speakers:

- **WANG Shaoguang**, Professor in the Department of Government and Public Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- **Sergey LUZYANIN**, Director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **Alexander LOMANOV**, Chief Researcher at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Center for the Studies and Forecasting of Russia-China Relations
- **ZHANG Deguang**, Chairman, Council of the China Foundation for International Affairs; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (1995-2001); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Russian Federation (2001-2003); First Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

Moderators:

- **Timofei BORDACHEV**, Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club; Director of the Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies at the HSE
- **FAN Jun**, Vice-rector of the East China Normal University (2009-2014)

15:00-16:30 **Session 3. Economic Cooperation Between Russia and China**

Russia and China are restoring the pre-crisis trade indicators and find new directions for cooperation. But, despite the achievements, a set of traditional problems in trade between the two countries is preserved and new ones are added. The business communities of Russia and China do not yet know how to work on each other's markets. The development of cooperation is hampered by the sectoral and regional constraints in both countries. The US sanctions seriously affected the readiness of Chinese businesses, especially the banks, to work with Russian partners. A new quality of relations is necessary to create a basis for closer political cooperation.

Speakers:

- **Igor MAKAROV**, Head of the World Economy Program, HSE
- **GAO Bai**, Professor at Duke University

- **Vasily KASHIN**, Senior Researcher, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE; Leading Researcher of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **ZHOU Liqun**, Chairman of the Union of Chinese Entrepreneurs in Russia

Moderators:

- **FENG Yujun**, Deputy Director, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University
- **Georgy TOLORAYA**, Executive Director of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Director of the Center for Asian Strategy at the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Chair, Regional Programs, “Russkiy Mir” Foundation

17:00-18:30 **Session 4. Greater Eurasia: Common Challenges for China and Russia**

The multilateral cooperation in Greater Eurasia is now Russia's most important geostrategic project, designed to create conditions for its development and improve the quality of relations with its neighbors. This concept keeps direct confluence with the Chinese Belt and Road initiative and can, among other things, create the international political conditions for its implementation. Also China and Russia need to discuss carefully the attitude to their initiatives from the main regional and extra-regional partners, provide the time check at the expert level and assess the progress, achieved since the active cooperation of the parties in Eurasia since 2015, as well as the appeared problems.

Speakers:

- **Sergey LUZYANIN**, Director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **SHI Ze**, Director of the Center for Security and Development of Eurasia, China Institute for International Studies
- **Timofei BORDACHEV**, Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club; Director of the Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies at the HSE
- **ZHANG Xin**, Researcher, Center for the Study of Russia at the East China Normal University

Moderators:

- **WANG Haiyun**, Major-General; Senior Adviser of the Chinese Scientific Association of International Strategies; Senior Consultant of the SCO Chinese Research Center
- **Igor MAKAROV**, Head of the World Economy Program, HSE

09:30-11:00 **Session 5. Mutual Perception of the Elites, Media and Society of China and Russia**

Political relations between China and Russia are at an unprecedentedly high level. At the same time, the economic cooperation is growing stronger. However, the experts raise questions about how to create a more reliable basis for these relations, how to gain support from elites and society. An important role here is played by the media, which in China and especially in Russia are strongly influenced by the West. Within the framework of this session the experts will discuss the central issues of mutual perception and how this perception needs to be improved in the future.

Speakers:

- **Alexey VOLIN**, Deputy Minister of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation
- **SHENG Shiliang**, Senior Research Fellow at Xinhua News Agency's Global Challenges Studies Center,
- **Vasily KASHIN**, Senior Researcher, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE; Leading Researcher of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **YU Yunquan**, Vice President, Academy of Contemporary China and the External World, Beijing

Moderators:

- **Andrey BYSTRITSKIY**, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club
- **LIU Hong**, Deputy Editor of the "Globe" magazine at Xinhua News Agency

11:30-13:00 **Session 6. The Role of Traditional Culture in the Modern World and Relations Between China and Russia**

The traditional culture plays an important role in relations between states in the modern world. China and Russia are countries with rich history and culture. The expert communities of both powers need to discuss in a comprehensive manner and in an atmosphere of mutual confidence the main factors that determine the role of traditional culture, and project their analysis into the future.

Speakers:

- **Alexander LOMANOV**, Chief Researcher at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Center for the Studies and Forecasting of Russia-China Relations
- **GUO Xiaoli**, Professor of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Hebei Normal University

- **Georgy TOLORAYA**, Executive Director of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Director of the Center for Asian Strategy at the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences; Chair, Regional Programs, "Russkiy Mir» Foundation
- **BEI Wenli**, Deputy Director of the Center for the Study of Russia at the East China Normal University

Moderators:

- **Alexei RODIONOV**, First Deputy Dean of the Eastern Faculty of the St. Petersburg State University
- **WANG Xianju**, Deputy Director of the Center for Russian Studies at the NUK-SPbSU; Senior Researcher, Institute for Social Development of Europe and Asia at the Research Center for Development of the State Council of China

13:00-14:00 **Summing up and Closing the Conference**

Speakers:

- **Andrey BYSTRITSKIY**, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club
- **CHAN Chichung**, Chairman of the Board of Hang Lung Properties

Moderator: **FENG Shaolei**, Director of Centre for Russian Studies at the East China Normal University