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PhD in political sciences, Saint Petersburg State University (1999).
Master of Arts in European Politics and Administration (Bruges, 1997).

As a researcher, Mr. Bordachev specialises in international relations theory and the contemporary issues of world politics, Russian-European relations, the foreign policy of the European Union, Eurasian economic integration, as well as European, Eurasian and international security.

He is the author of several books and research papers, which have been published in Russia and abroad.



Andrey BYSTRITSKIY

Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club; Professor; Dean of the Faculty of Communications, Media and Design at the National Research University Higher School of Economics

Mr. Bystritskiy is a member of the Union of Writers.

His research interests include: issues of modernization of Russian society, contemporary political environment, informal youth associations, personal development psychology, etc.

Mr. Bystritskiy is the author of books, including such works as *Molodezhnie subkultury (Youth Subcultures)* and *Intelligentsia Rossii v period obvala sovetsoi sistemy (Russia's Intelligentsia During the Demise of the Soviet System)*, and numerous publications in newspapers and magazines.

In June 2007, he was awarded the Order of Honour.



Ray DALIO
Co-Chairman, Co-Chief Investment Officer, Bridgewater Associates

He started Bridgewater in New York in 1975 and under his leadership, the firm has grown into the fifth most important private company in the US according to Fortune Magazine.

For his and Bridgewater's industry-changing innovations as well as his work advising policymakers around the world, Ray has been called the "Steve Jobs of Investing" by aiCIO Magazine and Wired Magazine, and named one of the 100 Most Influential People by TIME Magazine.

Ray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from C.W. Post College and an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.

He has a special interest in ocean exploration and conservation.

Ray is the author of The New York Times #1 Bestseller *Principles*, which outlines his work and life principles, the foundation of Bridgewater's distinctive culture and the cornerstone of his and Bridgewater's success.

Ray and Bridgewater also recently published *Principles for Navigating Big Debt Crises*, the first public dissemination of their research on these economic events, which enabled them to anticipate the 2008 Financial Crisis. Ray is currently working on his third book, which will outline his investment principles.



Tsogtbaatar DAMDIN
Member of the Parliament of Mongolia; Head of Mongolian delegation, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mongolia's Foreign Affairs Minister graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University, 1994) and the Australian National University School of Law, where he obtained a Master's in legal studies (1998). He has held various positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and other ministries. He is also a member of the Parliament of Mongolia (since 2016).

He has served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (2017-2020).

His main works are the following: *Why the World Should Help Mongolia Save Its Endangered Gobi Bear* (2013); *The World Trade Organization: a Legal, Economic and Political Analysis* (co-author, 2005); *Mongolia's WTO Accession: the Expectations and Realities of WTO Membership* (2005), and *Trading for the Future: Environmental Dimensions of Global Trade* (2000).



Dino Patti DJALAL
Founder, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia

Previously, he was a career diplomat and ambassador, best-selling author, accomplished academic, youth activist, and leader of the Indonesian diaspora community.

In 2004, when President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono began his term, Dr. Djalal was appointed as Special Staff/Spokesperson of the President for International Affairs. Dino served as Indonesia's Ambassador to the United States (2010–2013). He was appointed Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2014. He founded the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, which now has become the largest foreign policy group in the country.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Carleton University (Ottawa); a Master's Degree in Political Science from Simon Fraser University (Vancouver), and a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Nikolay DURMANOV
Special Representative for Biological and Environmental Security, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation

Mr. Durmanov is an expert in the field of biological and environmental security, genetic engineering and industrial biotechnologies. Professor at the Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO, he has worked in more than 30 countries. He has participated in the launch of a number of national scientific and technical programs (medicine, agriculture, genetic technologies, climate change) as well as international projects in the field of food security and healthcare in Africa, South America and Asia.

In 1999-2011 he was chief of the Russian anti-doping service and medical service of the Kontinental Hockey League.

From 2004 to 2012 he was adviser to the Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.



Alexey EKAYKIN

Leading Researcher, Climate and Environmental Research Laboratory, Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute

He is also an Associate Professor of the Institute of Earth Sciences at Saint Petersburg State University (2011–present). In 2006–2008 he worked as Post-doc at the Institute of Low Temperature Sciences, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan.

He has 20 years of research in the fields of Glaciology, Paleogeography, Isotope Geochemistry; various skills acquired during field works in central Antarctica, the Arctic and mountain glaciers; considerable experience in teaching and mentoring, and a strong motivation for popularization of science.

He has participated in 16 expeditions to central Antarctica (stations Vostok and Concordia) – glaciological works, mass-balance studies, ice drilling, ice core studies, exploration of subglacial Lake Vostok (1998-2020).

In 2001 he graduated from the postgraduate course of the Faculty of Geography and Geoecology of St. Petersburg State University and the University of Joseph Fourier (Grenoble, France). In 2003 he got a PhD in Geography at Saint Petersburg State University and Diplôme de Docteur de l'Université Joseph Fourier. The topic of the doctoral paper was "Meteorological regime of Central Antarctica and its role in the formation of the isotopic composition of the snow mass".

Mr. Ekaykin is a reviewer of Russian and international scientific journals. He is the Lead Author of *Special Report on Cryosphere and Ocean in Changing Climate* of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2017-2020).



Andrei FURSENKO

Aide to the President of the Russian Federation

Andrei Fursenko served as junior researcher, head of laboratory, Deputy Director for research, leading researcher at the Ioffe Physical Technical Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Leningrad (1971–1991).

Vice President of the Advanced Technology Centre, St Petersburg (1991–1993). Director of Regional Foundation for Scientific and Technological Development, St Petersburg (1994–2001). Since 2000 he has been Chairman of the Academic Council of the Centre for Strategic Research North-West Foundation. Deputy Minister of Industry, Science and Technology of the Russian Federation (2001–2002). From 2002 – First Deputy Minister of Industry, Science and Technology of the Russian Federation. From 2003 – Acting Minister of Industry, Science and Technology of the Russian Federation. Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (2004–2012).

He graduated from Zhdanov Leningrad State University; Doctor of Physics and Mathematics.

Mr. Fursenko was awarded with an Honorary Diploma of the Government of the Russian Federation.



Vladimir KATTSOV

Director, Voeikov Main Geophysical Observatory, Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (Roshydromet)

Vladimir Kattsov is Head of the Roshydromet Climate Centre; Doctor of Sciences (DSc).

Member, Presidential Council for Science and Education (since 2020); member, Science Advisory Panel, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (since 2019); member, Adaptation Committee, UNFCCC (since 2016); member (2013-2016 – Vice-Chair), Joint Scientific Committee of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP JSC) (2009-2018); member, Scientific Advisory Committee, APCC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Climate Center) (2006-2018).

He is a co-lead author of the Concept of the Russian National Adaptation Plan (2017) and coordinating lead author of the Draft Climate Doctrine of Russian Federation (2008-2009).

His research interests include global and regional climate 3D modelling; high-latitude climate dynamics; climatic risks; adaptation to climate change

Mr. Kattsov has over 120 publications in peer-reviewed literature.



Oleg KHARKHORDIN

Professor, Department of Political Science, European University at St. Petersburg, Chairman of the Board, EUSP Endowment Fund

Prof. Kharkhordin graduated from the Economics Department of Leningrad University, and then studied in the postgraduate program of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the USSR Academy of Sciences, and in the doctoral program of the University of California, Berkeley (PhD, political science, 1996). He then assumed the position of a Junior Member of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies (1996-1998), and over the years has taught extensively as a Visiting Professor in the US (e.g. Yale, Political Science (Spring 2002), and Harvard, Government (2002-2003)) and in France at Sciences Po, Paris (2005, 2006, 2008).

As Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology of EUSP (1998-2001), he started IMARS (International MA in Russian

Studies), a novel program for graduate students from Western Europe and North America. He served as Vice-Rector for Development at EUSP since 2005, where he was actively involved in creating the EUSP Fund. The Fund, which is the second university endowment to be registered in Russia (2007), has since then ranked among the top three Russian university endowments in size. Elected Rector in 2009, Prof. Kharkhordin has become the first Russian university president with a US PhD degree. He was a member of the Russian Presidential Council for Science and Education in 2012-2017.

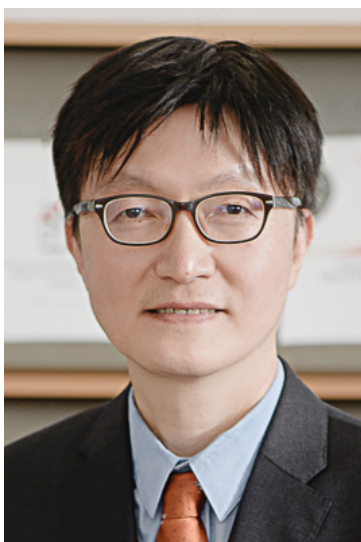


Tigran KHUDAVERDYAN
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Yandex Group of companies

He joined Yandex in April 2006 as a project manager, and since then has led several successful Yandex projects, including Yandex.Browser and Yandex.Navigator. From 2015, he served as Yandex.Taxi CEO, and after the merger of Yandex.Taxi with Uber, he became the CEO of the combined business.

In 2019, he took over as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Yandex Group of companies and joined the board of directors.

Mr. Khudaverdyan graduated from Moscow State University with a degree in Physics.



Heungchong KIM
President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Dr. Heungchong Kim had served the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) for nineteen years before he has led the institute as President since June, 2020.

He has been deeply involved in policy-making process of the Korean government in the fields of economic, trade and diplomatic policies. Dr. Kim was among the Advisory Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Finance & Economy of Korea, and had been a key advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the Korea-EU FTA during the negotiation process. He also advised the Ministry of Strategy and Finance on G20, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on APEC and Korea's mid to long-term diplomatic strategy, and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy on ASEM and Brexit.

He was a visiting scholar in the UC Berkeley as a Fulbright Scholar and held visiting positions at Ifri (Paris), VUB (Brussels) and Marmara University (Istanbul). He served both Sogang University and Ewha Womans University as Adjunct Professors. He is the President-elect of EUSA-Korea (European Studies Association of Korea) in 2021.

Dr. Kim's expertise includes trade policy, European studies, and regional integration. He has published more than 70 papers and books, and has actively contributed to various newspapers and TV programmes in Korea and abroad. Before joining KIEP, Dr. Kim was an Honorary Member of the High Table in Christ Church, Oxford. Dr. Kim read economics at Seoul National University and the University of Oxford.



Dmitry KONOV

Chairman of the Management Board, PAO SIBUR Holding

Mr. Konov has been leading SIBUR as CEO (since 2006) and as Chairman of the Management Board of SIBUR Holding (since 2018).

He held various positions at Trust and Investment Bank and the Treasury Department of Yukos Oil Company (before 2004).

Over the recent few years, Dmitry has served various management roles and sat on boards of various major Russian oil and gas, construction, and transportation companies.

He graduated from MGIMO University with a degree in International Economic Relations (1994), and he gained an MBA from IMD (International Institute for Management Development (2001).

Dmitry enjoys academic, sporting and social activities. He is chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Tyumen and member of boards of trustees at MGIMO University, the Russian Basketball Federation, Graduate School of Management of St Petersburg University, and Gubkin National University of Oil and Gas.



Ivan KRASTEVA

Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies (Sofia); Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences (Vienna)

Ivan Krastev was a founding board member of the European Council on Foreign Relations; he is a member of the Board of Trustees of The International Crisis Group and a contributing opinion writer for the *New York Times*.

He was appointed the Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the John W. Kluge Center at the US Library of Congress (2018–2019)

His latest books in English are *After Europe* (2017); *Democracy Disrupted. The Global Politics on Protest* (2014); *In Mistrust We Trust: Can Democracy Survive When We Don't Trust Our Leaders?* (2013). He is a co-author with Stephen Holmes of *The Light that Failed* (2020) on the perils of the politics of imitation.



James Andrew LEWIS
Senior Vice President, Director, Technology Policy Program,
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Before joining CSIS, Mr. Lewis worked at the Departments of State and Commerce as a foreign service officer and as a member of the Senior Executive Service. His government experience included a range of politico-military and negotiating assignments, including the development of ground-breaking policies on commercial remote sensing, encryption, and advanced conventional weapons. He was assigned as a political advisor to the US Southern Command for Operation Just Cause, the US Central Command for Operation Desert Shield, and the Central American Task Force. Lewis served on the US delegations to the Cambodian peace process and the Permanent Five talks on arms transfers and non-proliferation, and he negotiated bilateral agreements on transfers of military technology to Asia and the Middle East. He led the US delegation to the Wassenaar Arrangement Experts Group on advanced civilian and military technologies. He has served as a member of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, and the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing and as an advisor to government agencies on the security and intelligence implications of foreign investment in the United States.

James Andrew Lewis has authored numerous publications on the relationship between technology, innovation, and national power. His writings include the best-selling *Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency*.

Yaroslav LISSOVOLIK
Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club



Yaroslav Lissovolik has worked in the International Monetary Fund in Washington, where he was Advisor to the Executive Director for the Russian Federation (2001–2004). In 2004 he joined Deutsche Bank as Chief Economist and became Head of Company Research in Russia in 2009, and then a member of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank in Russia in 2011. In 2015-2018 Yaroslav Lissovolik was Chief Economist and subsequently Managing Director of Research and a Member of the Management Board at the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB). Since 2018 he has been Senior Managing Director – Head of Research at Sberbank Investment Research (CIB).

Additionally, Yaroslav Lissovolik is a member of the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy (CFDP), the Bretton Woods Committee and the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC). In 2012 Yaroslav Lissovolik became a member of the Government Expert Council.

He has published books on Russia's entry into the WTO and Russia's integration into the world economy, as well as numerous articles and papers on economic and policy issues.

Fyodor LUKYANOV

Research Director of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai Discussion Club



Mr. Lukyanov is also Chairman of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy (since 2012), Editor-in-Chief of *Russia in Global Affairs* journal (2002), Research Professor at the National Research University Higher School of Economics.

Previous positions: editor, then senior editor, Department for Broadcasting to Northern Europe, *International Radio Moscow (Voice of Russia)*, 1990–1993; correspondent, international desk, *Segodnya* newspaper (1994–1997); editor, international desk, *Vremya MN* newspaper (1997–2000); editor, international desk and deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Vremya Novostei* newspaper (2000–2002).

Shailesh NAYAK

Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies (Bengaluru)



Dr. Shailesh Nayak is Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru and Chancellor, TERI Institute of Advanced Studies, New Delhi. He obtained his PhD degree in Geology from the M.S University of Baroda in 1980. He was Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and Chair, Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO) during 2008-2015. He had set up the state-of-the-art tsunami warning system for the Indian Ocean and developed marine services during his tenure in the ESSO-Indian National Centre for Ocean Services, Hyderabad. He had joined ISRO in 1978 and pioneered applications of remote sensing to coastal and marine environments, and developed products for coastal management and services for fishery and ocean state forecast.

He is Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, India, the International Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing and Academician of the International Academy of Astronautics. He was conferred the ISC Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award-2012. He has published about 150 papers in SCI journals.

Viacheslav NIKONOV

Chairman, Committee on Education and Science, the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation



Dean of the Faculty of Public Administration, Lomonosov Moscow State University, President of the Politics Foundation and the Unity in the Name of Russia Fund, Editor-in-Chief of the *Strategy of Russia* journal, Chairman of the Board, National Committee of BRICS.

His research interests include US history, problems of international relations, geopolitics, political science, Russian history, and modern Russian politics. He is the author of more than 1,000 academic papers and articles.



Maxim ORESHKIN
Aide to the President of the Russian Federation

Mr. Oreshkin held the positions of Economist, 1st class; Leading Economist; Chief Economist; Sector Head at the Balance of Payments Department at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation (Bank of Russia) (2002–2006).

Mr. Oreshkin also held the posts of Chief Manager, Managing Director of Rosbank (2006–2010), Head of Analytics for Russia and CIS at Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (2010–2012). He was Chief Economist for Russia at VTB Capital (2012 – 2013), Department Director for Long-Term Planning at the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation (2013–2015), Deputy Minister of Finance (2015–2016), Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (2016-2020).

He was appointed Aide to the President of the Russian Federation (2020).

He graduated from the Higher School of Economics (Master of Economics) (2004).



Vadim RADAEV
First Vice Rector, Head of the Laboratory for Studies in Economic Sociology, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Professor Vadim Radaev received his BA and Ph.D. from the Department of Economics, Moscow State University (1983 and 1986) and Doctor Habilitat in Economics and Sociology from the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences (1997). At present, he is First Vice-Rector of the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Chair of Economic Sociology and Head of the Laboratory for Studies in Economic Sociology. Professor Radaev is also Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Economic Sociology*. Professor Radaev is doing research in economic sociology and sociology of markets.

He has published ten books in Russian, including *Millennials: How Russian Society Is Being Changed* (2019), *Who Holds the Power in Consumer Markets: Retailer-Supplier Relationships in Contemporary Russia* (2011), *The Capture of Russian Territories: A New Competitive Situation in Retailing* (2007), *Economic Sociology* (2005), *Sociology of Markets* (2003), *Formation of New Russian Markets* (1998), and more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He has conducted and supervised research projects under contracts with large companies and trade associations.



P.S. RAGHAVAN
Chairman, National Security Advisory Board

Ambassador Raghavan is Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), which advises India's National Security Council on strategic and security issues.

In a diplomatic career of over 36 years, he has served as India's Ambassador to Russia (2014-16), Czech Republic and Ireland. He has also held other diplomatic positions in USSR, Poland, UK, Vietnam and South Africa.

He was Joint Secretary (Director General) in the Prime Minister's Office (2000-2004) dealing with foreign affairs, nuclear energy, space, defence and national security, during a period of transformation in India's foreign and national security policies.

As Secretary [Deputy Foreign Minister] in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), he handled India's external economic relations and oversaw Administration, Security and e-governance. He also headed the Development Partnership Administration, which coordinates India's economic partnership programme in developing countries, with an annual budget of US \$1-1.5 billion.

He was Chief Coordinator of the BRICS Summit in New Delhi (March 2012). From 2012 to January 2014, he was Special Envoy of Government of India to Sudan and South Sudan.



Xavier ROLET
Chairman of the Board of Directors, PJSC PhosAgro; Chief Executive Officer, London Stock Exchange Group (2009-2017)

After graduating from the KEDGE Business School with an MSc in management science and finance (1981), Mr. Rolet served as a second lieutenant and instructor at the French Air Force Academy, and earned an MBA from Columbia Business School (1984) and a post-graduate degree from Paris-based IHEDN (Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defence) (2008).

Prior to the London Stock Exchange Group, Xavier Rolet worked at Lehman Brothers, Kleinwort Benson, CS First Boston and Goldman, Sachs & Co. Xavier Rolet was CEO of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) (2009-2017). He was CEO of CQS Management LTD (2019-2020).

In May 2020, he was appointed a non-executive Chairman of Shore Capital Markets.

He was appointed an Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (2015). He was made a Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour of the French Republic by Presidential decree (2016). He was also awarded the Order of Friendship of the Russian

Federation (Orden Druzhby). Xavier Rolet is an officer in the Sharifian military Order of Al-Alaoui (Morocco).



Kevin RUDD
President, Asia Society Policy Institute; Prime Minister of Australia (2007–2010, 2013)

The Honourable Kevin Rudd served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister (2007–2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010-2012). He led Australia's response during the Global Financial Crisis – the only major developed economy not to go into recession – and co-founded the G20. Mr. Rudd joined the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York as its inaugural President in January 2015.

Mr. Rudd is Chair of the Board of the International Peace Institute. He is a Senior Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House in London, a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Paulson Institute in Chicago. Mr. Rudd is a member of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization's Group of Eminent Persons.

He serves on the International Advisory Board of the Schwarzman Scholars program at Tsinghua University, and is an Honorary Professor at Peking University.



Samir SARAN
President, Observer Research Foundation

Samir's research focuses on issues of global governance, climate change, energy policy, global development architecture, artificial intelligence, cyber security, internet governance, and India's foreign policy. He curates the Raisina Dialogue, India's annual flagship platform on geopolitics and geo-economics, and chairs CyFy, India's annual conference on cybersecurity and internet governance. Samir is also a Commissioner of The Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, a member of the Regional Stewardship Board of the World Economic Forum, and a part of its Global Future Council on Geopolitics. He also sits on the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism Independent Advisory Committee as well as the Board of Microsoft's Digital Peace Now initiative.

He has authored four books, several academic papers, and is featured regularly in Indian and international print and broadcast media. He has recently co-authored two books on geopolitics: *The New World Disorder and the Indian Imperative* with Shashi Tharoor and *Pax Sinica: Implications for the Indian Dawn* with Akhil Deo.



Jeremy SHAPIRO

Director of Research, European Council on Foreign Relations

Mr. Shapiro was previously a fellow with the Project on International Order and Strategy and the Center on the United States and Europe at Brookings, where he edited the Foreign Policy program's blog *Order from Chaos*. Prior to Brookings, he was a member of the US State Department's policy planning staff, where he advised the secretary of state on US policy in North Africa and the Levant. He was also the senior advisor to Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Philip Gordon, providing strategic guidance on a wide variety of US-European foreign policy issues.

His areas of focus include US foreign policy and transatlantic relations.



Ivan TIMOFEEV

Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club; Director of Programmes of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Since 2011, he has been responsible for the intellectual performance of RIAC, managing its programmes and projects. His personal background at RIAC includes working with Russian and foreign diplomats, governmental officials, experts, businessmen and NGO leaders regarding Russia's foreign policy and public diplomacy. Since 2015, he has also been a programme director at the Valdai Discussion Club. Dr. Timofeev is an Associate Professor at MGIMO University.

Before joining RIAC, Dr. Timofeev was Head of the Analytical Monitoring Centre at MGIMO University (2009–2011). He has been an Associate Professor at MGIMO University since 2006.

Dr. Timofeev is the author and co-author of more than 80 publications, issued in Russian and foreign academic press. He is a member of the editorial board at *Comparative Politics*.



WANG Wen

Professor, Executive Dean, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China

Dr. Wang Wen is also Vice President of Silk Road School, Renmin University of China. He is the most active and youngest person in charge of an important think tank in China at present.

He specializes in global governance, major power relations, green finance and macroeconomic policies.

He has edited and independently written over 30 books including *A Promising China – A Think-Tank's Scholar's Global Speech* (2017), *Green Finance for the Belt and Road Initiative* (2017), *Eurasian Era* (2014), *G20 and Global Governance* (2016). Many of his books have been best sellers of the year.

Dr. Wang was invited to be one of the ten speakers to participate in the symposium on philosophy and social sciences hosted by President Xi Jinping (2016).



YAN Xuetong
Dean, Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University

He was named one of the world's Top 100 Public Intellectuals by *Foreign Policy* in 2008 and has been listed as the only political scientist among the Most Cited Chinese Researchers by Elsevier during 2015-2019.

His book *Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power* is viewed as having pioneered the IR theory of moral realism and the newly-published book *Leadership and the Rise of Great Powers* represents a systematic theory of moral realism.



Ruslan YUNUSOV
Head of the Project Office on Quantum Technologies, Rosatom State Corporation

Starting from August 2012 and until recently, Ruslan Yunusov was CEO of the Russian Quantum Center, which provides fundamental and applied investigations in the field of quantum technologies and works on the commercialisation of new technologies and devices based on quantum effects.

For 8 years, under his leadership, RQC managed to assemble a team of leading scientists from around the world – create 17 scientific groups and build modern laboratories. Eight spin-offs have been launched. In 2016, the centre was the first in Russia to launch an absolutely secure connection in commercial lines. In May 2017, it launched the country's first multimode quantum network and the world's first quantum blockchain.

In 2019 Mr. Yunusov led the roadmap "Quantum technologies" development team within the Digital Economy national programme

Currently he leads a RUB 24 bln project of the Rosatom corporation to build a quantum computer in Russia.



Sergej ZILITINKEVICH

Research Director, Institute of Atmospheric and Earth System Research, University of Helsinki; Research Professor, Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)

Mr. Zilitinkevich is also Chief scientist at the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Geography, Professor at Moscow State University, Co-leader of the EU-Russia-China Program Pan-Eurasian Experiment. He is an initiator/leader of recent projects: EU Marie Curie Chair, ERC-advanced, ERC-POF, Russian Mega, 2 Russian-Finnish (RFBR/Acad. of FI) and 4 EU TEMPUS/Erasmus+.

He is a member of Academia Europaea, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, Societas Scientiarum Fennica, Royal Meteorological Society; honorary member of EU Geoscience Union (EGU).

Mr. Zilitinkevich is the laureate of: Bjerknes Medal of the EU Geophysical Society "for outstanding contribution to creation of the modern theory of boundary layers"; EGU Wegener Medal "for creating fundamentals of theory of boundary layers", World Meteorological Organization IMO Prize-2019 "for ground-breaking inventions in physics of turbulence and boundary layers which principally advanced our knowledge of the Earth system, endorsed progress in weather and air-quality prediction and gave rise to novel climate services."