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REVA UNIVERSITY  
**VISHWA**  
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India Russia Track II Dialogue In collaboration with MEMO



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## About REVA University

REVA University, a private University situated in Bengaluru, stands as a leading educational institution in India, offering world-class education. Recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), approved by the AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) and accredited by NAAC, REVA University is ranked 6th among State Private Universities in Karnataka and 47th in India, as per the QS Asian University Rankings 2023.

Spanning a scenic 45-acre campus, REVA University epitomizes academic brilliance offering multidisciplinary programmes encompassing Engineering, Architecture, Science and technology, Design, Commerce, Management Studies, Law, Environmental Arts and humanities, and Performing Arts. The University currently offers 38 full-time undergraduate programmes, 32 full-time postgraduate programmes, 19 Ph.D. programmes, and certification and diploma programmes. Founded by Chancellor Dr. P. Shyama Raju, REVA University has curated a legacy marked by innovation, scholarly accomplishments, and a dedication to shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

To create mutual value in the educational ecosystem, REVA has a University Industry Interaction Centre (UIIC) that acts as the strategic centre to promote collaboration among academicians, scientists, and industrialists, thereby broadening the scope of innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.





REVA University has a Career Development Centre that assists students in choosing the right career path through interest mapping and training for experts and imbibing skills so that they are well-equipped during the transition from campus to corporate.

REVA currently has more than 15000 students on campus that come from all around the globe. REVA has now moved on to become a Social Impact University and has aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In its mission to become a social impact university, REVA University has initiated several Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. Jagruti, Abhivridhi, Vanamahotsava, Education on Wheels, and Pragna are a few of the several projects in REVA.

REVA continues to strive to be the top education destination in India, offering the country's most advanced and futuristic education. Through various initiatives, REVA aspires to become an innovative University by developing a social connection with leadership qualities, ethical and moral values, research culture, and innovative skills through higher education of global standards.

A portrait of Dr. P. Shyama Raju, the Chancellor of REVA University. He is a middle-aged man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, a light blue shirt, and a yellow patterned tie. He is seated at a desk with his hands resting on it. The background is a soft, abstract blend of red, orange, and blue watercolor-like washes.

## Chancellor's Message

REVA University is proud to host REVA UNIVERSITY VISHWA SAMVADA -2024 as it is a historic moment for us, marking a significant milestone. India and Russia share a longstanding and robust partnership, integral to India's foreign policy. Our Strategic Partnership has led to enhanced cooperation through institutionalized dialogue mechanisms. In December 2010, the partnership was further elevated to a "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership" during the visit of the Russian President H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin to India.

As the Chancellor of this University, I believe that this Track II dialogue involving India and Russia offers a unique opportunity for constructive discourse and collaboration between the two countries. At REVA University we, recognize the significance of such dialogues in fostering mutual understanding and strengthening bilateral ties.

By hosting an event of such stature, we aim to contribute meaningfully to discussions on a wide range of issues including strategic cooperation, cultural exchanges and technological advancements. I believe that REVA UNIVERSITY VISHWA SAMVADA -2024 will be an ideal opportunity to explore areas of common interest, address challenges such as transforming global logistical infrastructure, Eurasian security etc and identify opportunities for cooperation and growth.

I extend my gratitude to the delegates from Russia, and India for their participation and dedication in making this event a grand success. We are honored to host REVA UNIVERSITY VISHWA SAMVADA -2024 and I hope this will be a great opportunity for us to build a brighter future for our countries and the world at large.

Best Wishes,

Dr. P. Shyama Raju  
Chancellor  
REVA University





# Pro Chancellor's Message



Hosting REVA UNIVERSITY VISHWA SAMVADA-2024 is a proud moment for REVA University, symbolizing honor, privilege, and historic significance. As the Pro Chancellor of REVA University, I am delighted to welcome the esteemed delegates from Russia as well as India for the discussions hosted by our University. At REVA, we believe in the power of dialogue and collaboration to address global challenges and strengthen bilateral relations.

Through this dialogue, we aim to facilitate meaningful exchange of ideas and perspectives, enabling enhanced cooperation in various domains including education, research, technology, and culture. By uniting experts, scholars, and policymakers from India and Russia, we seek to cultivate deeper understanding and synergy, charting a path toward mutual growth and collaboration in diverse fields. We are extremely honored and privileged to host an India – Russia Track II Dialogue under the brand name REVA UNIVERSITY VISHWA SAMVADA-2024 and we look forward to productive discussions and fruitful outcomes that strengthen the enduring friendship between the two countries. Let us leverage the diversity of thought and experience present in this gathering to forge new pathways of cooperation by ensuring internal and external stability in our economies and societies, that benefit both our nations and contribute to regional and global stability.

Best Regards,

Mr. Umesh. S. Raju  
Pro Chancellor  
REVA University





# About IMEMO

(Primakov Institute of World Economy  
and International Relations)

## Status of Institute

IMEMO has been founded by the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Institute is a non-profit organization which acts within the Charter of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

## Principles of Activities

The mission of the Institute is the elaboration of a reliable analytical basis for political decision-making. The Institute cooperates with federal and regional government bodies, mass media, major public and private companies. In its research, IMEMO takes an independent and uncommitted position.

The Institute carries out fundamental and applied researches in the following areas:

- Theories of the world economy and international relations, new model of the global economic and political development;
- Long-term institutional and structural changes in the world economy and in the international labour division, role and place of Russia in these processes;
- Social factor and modern socio-political institutes in the world development;
- Globalization and regional integration, optimization of Russian participation in the international economic relations;
- Trends and prospects of innovation development as a major factor of the economic growth;
- Economic, political and social development of the overseas countries and regions;
- Formation and evolution of the system of international relations, Russian role and place in it;
- International security and Russian national security;
- Prevention and resolution of international conflicts, prevention of international terrorism;
- Long- and short-term forecasts of global development.

## IMEMO also takes an active part in:

- Expert consulting on legislation, government policies, entrepreneurial strategies;
- World market research;
- Consulting of Russian administrative and executive bodies;
- Organizing and holding conferences and workshops, carrying out international study projects, maintaining links with international and foreign research institutions.





## History of IMEMO

The Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO) was established in 1956 and it is the successor to the Institute of World Economy and International Affairs, which existed from 1925 to 1948. Soon after the establishment, the Institute gained the reputation of an important centre of integrated fundamental and applied socio-economic, political and policy-oriented research on the analysis of the main trends of world development; and the Institute is unique in this way in our country. As time went by, the Institute gave birth to a series of problem-regional research institutions – the Institute for the USA and Canadian Studies, the Institute for African Studies, the Institute of the International Labor Movement, etc. However, IMEMO still remains one-of-a-kind in terms of the scale and complexity of the research on the scientific issues by the analytical center.

Since 1956, the Institute has been headed by eminent scholars and prominent political figures, Members of the Academy of Sciences: Anushavan A. Arzumanyan, Nikolay N. Inozemtsev, Alexander N. Yakovlev, Evgeniy M. Primakov, Vladlen A. Martynov, Nodari A. Simoniya, Alexander A. Dynkin. The primary mission for the IMEMO scientists has always been in the comprehensive investigation of the real international processes, the mechanisms of the market economy and features of the political systems of foreign countries. The Institute has considerable expertise in the analysis of the world economy and international relations; it gave a good start to the studies of various countries of the world. The domestic political science and economic theory have made a considerable breakthrough under the guidance of IMEMO; the predictive and analytical base for political decisions has also been developed. The focus of research of the economists and political scientists of the Institute has always been on the issues with the trends of globalization, new challenges to the international security, and the qualitative changes in the economic and political system of the society.



## About REVA University Vishwa Samvada 2024

India and Russia have a long-standing bond that dates several years back. Since the signing of the Declaration of India- Russia Strategic Partnership in 2000, this enduring bond has evolved into a profound alliance. This strategic partnership has elevated collaboration to new heights, encompassing political, security, defence, trade, economy, science, technology, and cultural domains. In his recent visit to Russia, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar rightly said that Geopolitics and strategic convergence will always keep India–Russia ties on a positive trajectory.

The synergy between the two nations extends beyond diplomatic ties, fostering deep-rooted cooperation across multifaceted dimensions. India and Russia's enduring relationship is a testament to shared values and mutual respect, reinforcing their commitment to advancing bilateral interests and contributing to global stability through a robust and multifaceted strategic partnership.



Coming to the specifics of the Track 2 dialogue between India and Russia, this is a REVA University-hosted event in which the much-regarded Russian Think tank the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) is engaging in dialogue with its Indian counterparts. The host has taken this responsibility as a tribute to humanity and to serve her home country - the Republic of India in the promotion of international cooperation in education, sciences, culture, communication and information in order to secure peace and security across regions and the globe. REVA University believes in aligning with national strategic interests and thus serves towards the world order. Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be construed, so the REVA University simply follows this thought and hence wants to cultivate such minds that only aspire for peace, security and order in the comity of nations.

Also, REVA University believes that it is its fundamental duty to engage students in international relations and geopolitics discourse to provide a holistic educational experience. This approach offers quality education, broad exposure and the freedom to pursue diverse research interests, which is the hallmark of REVA University. By encouraging, motivating, and guiding young minds, the University aims to cultivate a critical mass of strategic analysts. This strategic intellectual pool contributes to shaping India's perspectives on the evolving global geopolitical landscape.



# Delegates for India- Russia Track II Dialogue

S.NO.	NAMES OF THE DELEGATES	DESIGNATION
<b>RUSSIAN DELEGATION</b>		
1	Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky	Director, Primakov Institute for World Economy and International Relations of Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO)
2	Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov	Head of Centre of the Indo-Pacific Region, IMEMO
3	Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov	Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Security, IMEMO
4	Dr. Sergey Lukonin	Head of Centre for China Studies, IMEMO
5	Dr. Sergey Kislitsyn	Head of the Center for Strategic Planning Studies, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO)
6	Mr. Gleb Makarevich	Research Fellow, Centre of the Indo-Pacific Region, IMEMO
<b>INDIAN DELEGATION</b>		
7	Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat	Vice Chair Manipal Advanced Research Group ; REVA University Advisory Board Member
8	Air Marshal Anil Khosla	PVSM, AVSM, VM, Indian Air Force Veteran, Former Vice Chief of Air Staff
9	Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar	Executive Council Member, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis. Distinguished Fellow, Ananta Aspen Centre Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia
10	Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar	1st Chief of India's Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). Currently involved in writing & lecturing on matters security, terrorism & environment.
11	Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan	AVSM, Indian Navy (Retd), Formerly Chief Hydrographer to the Govt of India, Chief Advisor (Hydrography) at the General Commission for Survey at Saudi Arabia and Vice President, Indian Maritime Foundation , Chennai Branch"
12	Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah	Director-Indian Space Association (ISpA)
13	Maj. Gen. Sudhakar Jee	Retd. General Officer of Indian Army, Active Panellist On Geopolitics, Defence and Strategy In Mainstream Channels such as NewsX, Republic, CNN-18 And Times Now
14	Ms. Suhasini Haidar	Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu
15	Dr. Tara Kartha	Distinguished Fellow, IPCS, Former National Security Council Secretariat; Former Senior Fellow USIP, Washington
16	Dr. Vijay Sakhuja	Emeritus Professor, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar; Emeritus Faculty, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat; Former Director National Maritime Foundation

# Session Management Outline

S.NO.	NAMES	SESSION 1 (27-02-2024)	SESSION 2 (27-02-2024)	SESSION 3 (28-02-2024)	SESSION 4 (28-02-2024)
		2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	1:45 PM - 3:45 PM
1	Dr. Feodor Voitolovsky	✓			
2	Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov	✓	✓		
3	Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov				✓
4	Dr. Sergey Lukonin		✓		
5	Dr. Sergey Kislitsyn			✓	
6	Mr. Gleb Makarevich			✓	
7	Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat	✓			✓
8	Air Marshal Anil Khosla	✓		✓	
9	Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar	✓		✓	
10	Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar	✓			✓
11	Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan		✓		✓
12	Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah		✓		✓
13	Maj. Gen. Sudhakar Jee	✓		✓	
14	Ms. Suhasini Haidar	✓		✓	
15	Dr. Tara Kartha	✓			✓
16	Dr. Vijay Sakhuja		✓	✓	

## SCHEDULE FOR TRACK-2 DIALOGUE (IMEMO – REVA UNIVERSITY)

**27th February 2024 - Tuesday at 2:30 PM**

1	<b>Session 1</b> World Order in Transition: from the Unipolar Moment Towards Polycentric System	Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat Air Marshal Anil Khosla Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar Maj. Gen. Sudhakar Jee Ms. Suhasini Haidar Dr. Tara Kartha Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov	02:30 PM - 05:00 PM	Board Room, 5th Floor, Admin Block
Coffee Break			05:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Geopolitics Lounge



2	<b>Session 2</b> Ring of Seas, Roads of the Rivers: Transforming Global Logistical Infrastructure	Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah Dr. Vijay Sakhuja Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov Dr. Sergey Lukonin	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Board Room, 6th Floor, Admin Block
Dinner			8:15 PM	Taj Airport, Bengaluru

## 28th February, 2024 - Wednesday

Sl.No	Events	Designated Guest	Time	Venue
Welcome Drinks			09:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Geopolitics Lounge
1	<b>Session 3</b> Stability for Social and Economic Development	Air Marshal Anil Khosla Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar Major General Sudhakar Jee Ms. Suhasini Haidar Dr. Vijay Sakhuja Dr. Sergey Kislitsyn Mr. Gleb Makarevich	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Board Room, 6th Floor, Admin Block
Lunch			12:15 PM - 01:30 PM	Guest House
2	<b>Session 4</b> Challenges for Eurasian Security and Connectivity	Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah Dr. Tara Kartha Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov	01:45 PM - 03:45 PM	Board Room, 5th Floor, Admin Block

## REVA UNIVERSITY - IMEMO PUBLIC EVENT FROM 4:30 PM Onwards

Order	Particulars	By	Time in Minutes
1	Press Conference		30 (4:30 PM - 5:00 PM)
2	Welcome Address (REVA University Vishwa Samvada 2024 brief)	Master of Ceremony	3 (5:00 PM - 5:03 PM)
3	REVA University Vishwa Samvada 2024 VT		4 (5:03 PM - 5:07 PM)

4	<p>Profile reading and Felicitation</p> <p><b>Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat</b> Vice Chair Manipal Advanced Research Group, REVA University Advisory Board member</p> <p><b>Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky</b> Director Primakov Institute for World Economy and International Relations of Russian Academy of Science IMEMO</p>	Emcee	<p>10 (5:07 PM - 5:17 PM)</p>
5	Address by	Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat	<p>20 (5:17 PM - 5:37 PM)</p>
6	Address by	Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky	<p>20 (5:37 PM - 5:57 PM)</p>
7	Presidential Address	Dr. P Shyama Raju Chancellor, REVA University	<p>5 (5:57 PM - 6:02 PM)</p>
8	Vote of Thanks	Shri Umesh S Raju Pro Chancellor, REVA University	<p>2 (6:02 PM - 6:04 PM)</p>
9	Yakshagana	Students Of REVA University	<p>10 (6:04 PM - 6:14 PM)</p>
10	Bhangra	Students Of REVA University	<p>8 (6:14 PM - 6:22 PM)</p>
11	Manipuri Stick Dance		<p>3 (6:22 PM - 6: 25 PM)</p>
12	Russian Kalinka Dance	Students Of REVA University	<p>4 (6:25 PM - 6: 29 PM)</p>
National Anthem			





# Agenda for Track II Dialogue

February 27, 2024

## **RUSSIA AND INDIA IN THE CHANGING WORLD ORDER: COMMON CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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### *Session 1.*

### *World Order in Transition: from the Unipolar Moment Towards Polycentric System*

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#### **Indian Speakers:**

- 1) Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat
- 2) Air Marshal Anil Khosla
- 3) Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar
- 4) Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar
- 5) Maj. Gen. Sudhakar Jee
- 6) Ms. Suhasini Haidar
- 7) Dr. Tara Kartha

#### **Russian Speakers:**

- 1) Dr. Feodor Voitlovsky
- 2) Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov



**Abstract:** A polycentric world order and a new system of principles and institutions of its political and economic organization and governance are being formed. At the heart of these processes is the strengthening of new regional and global centers of the world economy and politics and the development of a complex multi-vector system of cooperation and competition between them, as well as between them and the former leaders of the international system. Significant intensification of competition between states and between states and between leading transnational companies is taking place. At the same time global interdependence also continues to grow. The US and their allies in Europe and Asia are trying to concentrate resources to maintain the global leadership. China is actively converting its economic potential and technological development into military capabilities and political power. Russia is engaged into the deep conflict with the US and NATO for its right to protect its interests and security space in the close neighborhood. India's geography, history, demography and economy have contributed to distinct Indian perspectives in its relationship with all major powers, as well as its own concept of a multipolar world, which includes a multipolar Asia. What these trends mean for development of Russia and India? How they will impact on India – Russia relations in near future and long-term perspectives?

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## **Session 2.**

### ***Ring of Seas, Roads of the Rivers: Transforming Global Logistical Infrastructure***

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#### **Indian Speakers:**

- 1) Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan
- 2) Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah
- 3) Dr. Vijay Sakhuja

**Russian Speakers:**

- 1) Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov
- 2) Dr. Sergey Lukonin

**Abstract:** Russia, like India, and most of the other Eurasian and African civilizations, was originally a river civilization. Rivers served as trade routes and roads; various cultures spread and interacted along them. It was through the river systems that the exchange of goods between the north and south of Eurasia was carried out, both Russia and India were involved in this exchange since the Early Medieval times. Rivers have always been the connecting threads for the Eurasian peoples, tying together the continent politically, economically, culturally and sacredly. At the same time, the seas into which these rivers flowed also formed an integral part of this system, washing the shores of Eurasia and Africa. We can and should see them as an inseparable and integrated river and sea system.

SLOCs and river routes, ports, establishing interaction both along sea routes (Mumbai-Novorossiysk, Chennai-Vladivostok) and along river ones (South-North corridor). Blue economy, cleaning, maintaining and developing river routes, integrating them with sea and land routes.

Logistics of infrastructure and connectivity is today inextricable from geopolitical competition – in the Indo-Pacific and in the western Indian Ocean. India and Russia have both common interests and divergent perspectives. How do we reconcile divergences?

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**Session 3.*****Stability for Social and Economic Development***

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**Indian Speakers:**

- 1) Air Marshal Anil Khosla
- 2) Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar
- 3) Maj. Gen. Sudhakar Jee
- 4) Ms. Suhasini Haidar
- 5) Dr. Vijay Sakhuja

**Russian Speakers:**

- 1) Dr. Sergey Kislitsyn
- 2) Mr. Gleb Makarevich

**Abstract:** The main goal for Russia and India now is to ensure internal and external stability, which would allow them to develop their economies and to guarantee the absence of social upheavals both within their borders and in the areas of immediate neighborhood. The situation for both countries is paradoxically similar: both have weaker but dangerous opponents at their side, who are supported by powerful rivals interested in weakening Russia and India, and both are trying to maintain peace and tranquility in their sphere of influence.

The global transformation of the world order also poses a challenge for Moscow and New Delhi: how to avoid the shocks associated with the end of the period of American-led globalization, to guarantee stable economic growth and the absence of internal problems? How to ensure the development of high-tech, which can provide our countries with the technological sovereignty, and at the same time turn it into a driver of social development for all parts of the society in order to avoid further widening the gap between rich and poor?



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## Session 4.

### *Challenges for Eurasian Security and Connectivity*

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#### **Indian speaker:**

- 1) Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat
- 2) Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar
- 3) Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan
- 4) Wg. Cdr. Satyam Kushwah
- 5) Dr. Tara Kartha

#### **Russian speaker:**

- 1) Dr. Konstantin Bogdanov

**Abstract:** One of the prerequisites for this stability is the preservation of peace in Eurasia and Africa, ensuring security and uninterrupted connectivity there, including not only land, but also sea, river and air, Space and cyber. What Russia and India can do together to develop connectivity through Eurasian landmass and safety and freedom of navigation for surrounding sea routes around? What main challenges for Eurasian connectivity and maritime safety can be defined and how they can be responded? What can Russia and India do to prevent Eurasia and Africa from slipping into regional and broader conflicts and military confrontation? What trends in global military development and buildup will have the most significant effects on the development and security of India and Russia and their relations with other major powers.

Russia is currently engaged in seeking to order the European security architecture in its own security interests. For India, the Indo-Pacific security architecture and Eurasian security (Central Asia, Caspian, West Asia and Caucasus) are of immediate concern. Though current geopolitical concerns may create some short-term issues, there is convergence in our long-term perspectives.

# Indian Delegates' Profiles



## PROF. MADHAV DAS NALAPAT

Vice Chair, Manipal Advanced  
Research Group, REVA University  
Advisory Board Member

A Gold Medalist in Economics from Bombay University, Prof. Madhav Das Nalapat specializes in religious extremism, national security, foreign policy, and political strategy. Renowned for advocating "India First" and positioning India as a Global Power, he has introduced original concepts like "Authoritarian expansionism and Wahhabism" as the main security threat of the future. His contributions span global television channels as a geopolitical analyst, along with publications like China Daily, Global Times, CNN Global Square, The Diplomat, The Pakistan Observer, Gateway House, Radio Free Europe, United Press International, Huffington Post, and The Times, establishing their authority in shaping discourse on critical issues. His latest book "Cold War 2.0: Ilusion versus Reality" was published worldwide by Penguin Random House in September 2023.

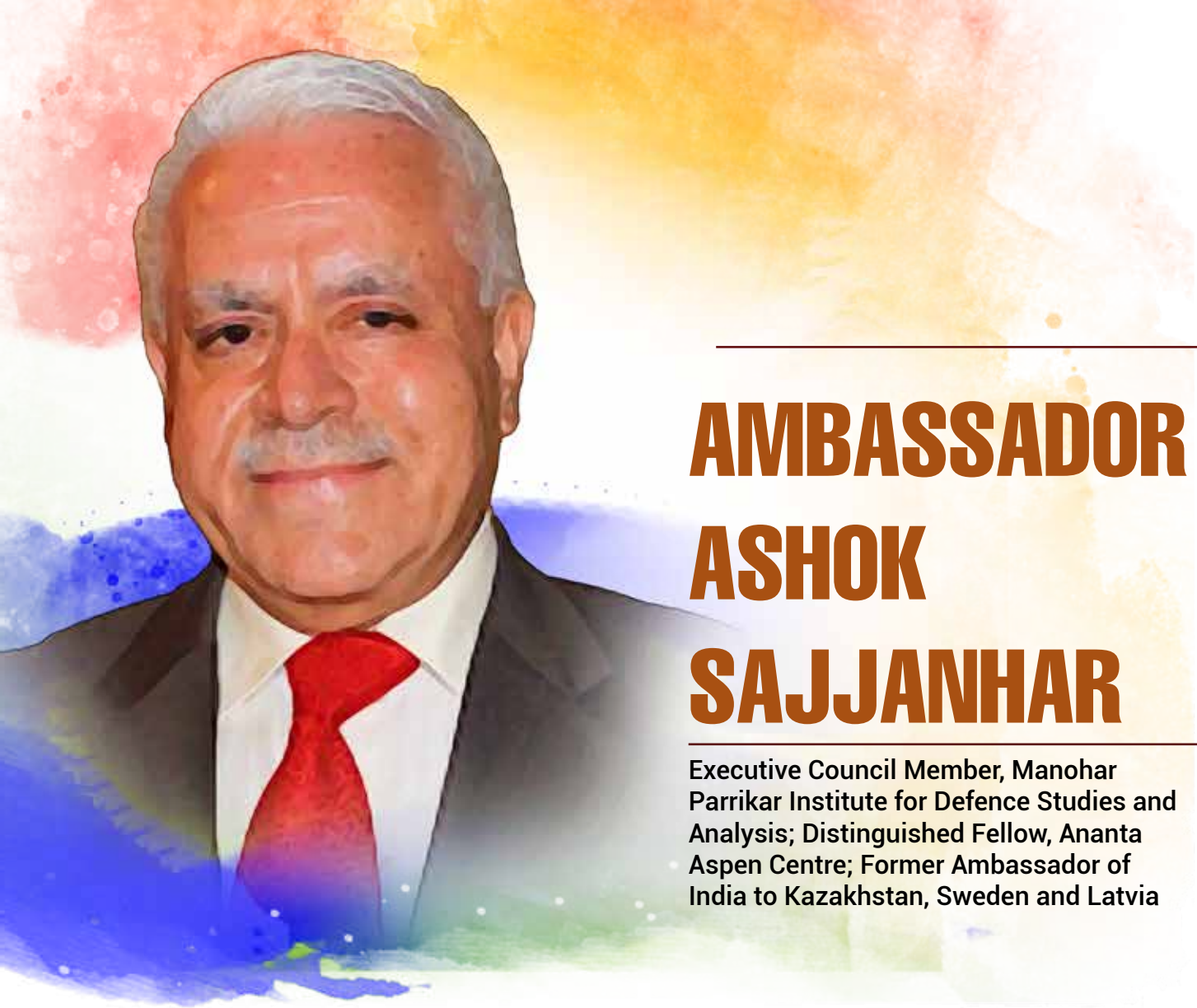


# AIR MARSHAL ANIL KHOSLA (RETD.)

**PVSM, AVSM, VM; Indian Air Force  
Veteran; Former Vice Chief of Air Staff**

Air Marshal Anil Khosla, the 42nd Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force (October 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019), boasts a decorated career spanning several decades. Commissioned into the fighter stream in December 1979, he has accumulated over 4000 flying hours on SEPECAT Jaguar, MiG-21, and HAL Kiran aircraft. Holding key positions such as Principal Director at the Directorate of Information and Electronic Warfare and Air Officer Commanding J&K Area, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership. Notably, he served as Senior Air Staff Officer at Central Air Command and as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command. An esteemed Distinguished Fellow at USI & CAPS and Strategic Advisor for the Synergia Foundation, Air Marshal Khosla consistently excels, evidenced by his first-place standings in various courses, showcasing his commitment to excellence within the Indian Air Force.





# AMBASSADOR ASHOK SAJJANHAR

**Executive Council Member, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis; Distinguished Fellow, Ananta Aspen Centre; Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia**

Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar's distinguished diplomatic career spans numerous pivotal assignments across the globe. Having served in diplomatic capacities in Moscow, Tehran, Geneva, Dhaka, Bangkok, Washington, Brussels, Astana, Stockholm, and Riga, he has left an indelible mark on Indian foreign relations. Notably, during his tenure in Geneva (1988-1992), he played a crucial role in representing India in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade negotiations. His leadership continued as Director of the Indian Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi and later as Deputy Chief of Mission in Bangkok and the Mission to the European Union. As Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Sweden, and Latvia (2007-2010), Ambassador Sajjanhar furthered India's diplomatic interests with finesse. Additionally, his tenure as Director of the Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre in Moscow saw a significant transformation in cultural diplomacy, showcasing his multidimensional diplomatic acumen.



# LIEUTENANT GENERAL KAMAL DAVAR



**1st Chief of India's Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA); Currently involved in writing & lecturing on matters of security, terrorism & environment.**

Lieutenant General Kamal Davar's illustrious military career reflects his dedication and leadership in various strategic roles. Commissioned into the 7th Light Cavalry regiment, he actively participated in the 1965 India-Pakistan War and the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, demonstrating his valour and commitment to national defense. Commanding the 86 Armoured Regiment and serving in the Indian Military Training Team in Iraq, he displayed exemplary professionalism and expertise. As the first armoured corps officer to command the entire Ladakh sector and later as Corps Commander entrusted with the defense of Punjab, he showcased his strategic acumen. Lieutenant General Davar's contributions extend beyond the battlefield, as he served as Director General Mechanised Forces and Chief of the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). His writings on security, counter-terrorism, and intelligence have enriched national discourse, while his engagement in Track II dialogues between India and Pakistan. He was appointed as president of The Delhi Forum for Strategic Studies (DFFSS), a think tank. He also played roles in influential organisations like the Strategic Studies Cell and the International High-Level Military Group (HLMG), monitoring Israeli military operations.



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# REAR ADMIRAL K R SRINIVASAN

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**AVSM, Indian Navy (Retd); Formerly Chief Hydrographer to the Govt of India; Chief Advisor (Hydrography) at the General Commission for Survey at Saudi Arabia and Vice President, Indian Maritime Foundation, Chennai Branch**

Rear Admiral K R Srinivasan retired from the Indian Navy after a distinguished 37-year career marked by significant contributions to various fields. His leadership and expertise were evident as he was elected past president of the Institution of Surveyors and the Indian National Cartographic Association, demonstrating his commitment to advancing geographical sciences. Rear Admiral Srinivasan's influence extended internationally as he established and chaired the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission, playing a crucial role in regional maritime affairs from 2001 to 2004.

Additionally, his election as vice chairman and member of the United Nations Commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf (UN-CLCS) from 1997 to 2002 underscores his global impact on maritime governance. Having actively participated in the 1971 Indo-Pak War and the 1999 Kargil War, Rear Admiral Srinivasan demonstrated bravery and dedication to national defense.

Post-retirement, he spearheaded the modernization of the entire Department of Hydrography, incorporating HR and technological advancements. His contributions to major offshore development projects and active involvement in the International Coastal Cleanup Program showcase his continued dedication to environmental sustainability and social welfare. Rear Admiral Srinivasan's legacy is one of service, leadership, and a profound commitment to both national and global maritime interests.



# WG. CDR. SATYAM KUSHWAH

Director-Indian Space Association (ISpA)



Wing Commander Satyam Kushwah is a distinguished veteran fighter pilot with over 26 years of exemplary service. Beyond his military career, he has carved a niche as an entrepreneur, innovator, geospatial evangelist, and national security strategist. His tenure as a former Defence Specialist at the National Security Council Secretariat reflects his deep understanding of defence aerospace, policy, and strategy, particularly in space and geospatial matters. He has also represented India at various forums of UNGGIM (United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management)

As the first Director of the Indian Space Association (ISpA), Wing Commander Kushwah played a pivotal role in its establishment and continues to lead its policy, research, and operational activities. He actively engages with government and inter-ministerial discussions to shape space-related policies, foster technological innovation, and promote capacity building and ecosystem development within the Indian space enterprise.

Wing Commander Kushwah's visionary leadership is evident in his conceptualization of the 75 DefSpace Challenges, launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, aimed at fostering innovation and addressing critical challenges in the space domain. He is instrumental in coordinating efforts to build a robust private space ecosystem that aligns with India's ambitious space aspirations. His contributions to advancing India's space capabilities and fostering collaboration in the global arena are invaluable.



# MAJ. GENERAL SUDHAKAR JEE

**Retd. General Officer of Indian Army;  
Active Panellist On Geopolitics,  
Defence and Strategy In Mainstream  
Channels such as NewsX, Republic,  
CNN-18 And Times Now**

Major General Sudhakar Jee, commissioned into The Mahar Regiment, boasts a remarkable military career marked by courage and strategic prowess. As a Military Observer in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, West Africa, he demobilized and disarmed rebels and children associated with fighting forces, operating in a volatile and hostile environment under the fragile security cover of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in 1998.

His valour and leadership were evident during active participation in OP VIJAY in Siachen Glacier in 1999, where he successfully repelled multiple hostile actions of the Pakistani Army and destroyed enemy assets at 19,000 feet in extreme temperatures of -53 degrees Celsius.

Major General Sudhakar Jee's contributions extend to conducting successful surgical operations and neutralizing hardcore insurgents/terrorists in Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorist Operations in the North East and Kashmir Valley.

Furthermore, he demonstrated his organizational skills and ability to mobilize troops during OP PARAKRAM following the terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001. His dedication and achievements reflect his commitment to defending national security and upholding the integrity of the Indian Armed Forces.



# Ms. SUHASINI HAIDAR

**Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu**



Suhasini Haidar, a distinguished journalist, boasts a remarkable career spanning 28 years, marked by her exceptional reporting on challenging stories and conflicts across diverse regions. As the Diplomatic Editor for The Hindu and host of the weekly online show “Worldview with Suhasini Haidar,” she brings a wealth of experience and insight to her work.

Throughout her career, Haidar has covered conflicts in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Libya, Lebanon, and Syria, demonstrating her courage and commitment to reporting from the frontlines. Her extensive reporting on Indian foreign affairs and domestic political profiles has earned her widespread recognition.

Despite facing personal risks, such as being injured in a bomb blast in Kashmir in 2000, Haidar’s dedication to journalism remains unwavering. Her tenure as a correspondent for CNN International South Asia Bureau from 1995 to 2005 was distinguished by her exceptional reporting, including coverage of the tsunami, for which she won the prestigious Columbia-Dupont Broadcast Journalism Award in 2005.

Haidar’s interviews with prominent figures, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Former Pakistan President General Musharraf, and Former British PM Tony Blair, have been noteworthy. She has also covered significant events in Pakistan, including the Benazir Bhutto assassination and elections in 1997, 2007, and 2013.

Her extensive reporting from conflict zones, including violent protests in Bangladesh in 2013 and coverage of events in Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, reflects her commitment to bringing important stories to light. Additionally, her documentation of a train journey to Lhasa, production of a documentary in China, and coverage of Indian projects in Afghanistan during 2014 showcase her versatility and dedication to reporting on diverse topics.



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# DR. TARA KARTHA

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**Distinguished Fellow, IPCS,  
Former National Security  
Council Secretariat,  
Former Senior Fellow USIP,  
Washington**

Dr. Tara Kartha is a distinguished figure in the realm of security and conflict studies, currently serving as a Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies. She is widely recognized as a columnist for prominent publications such as Hindustan Times, The Print, The Quint, and First Post, where her insightful analyses enrich public discourse on national and international security matters. Dr. Kartha is a familiar face on national television, where she regularly contributes her expertise on various security-related topics.

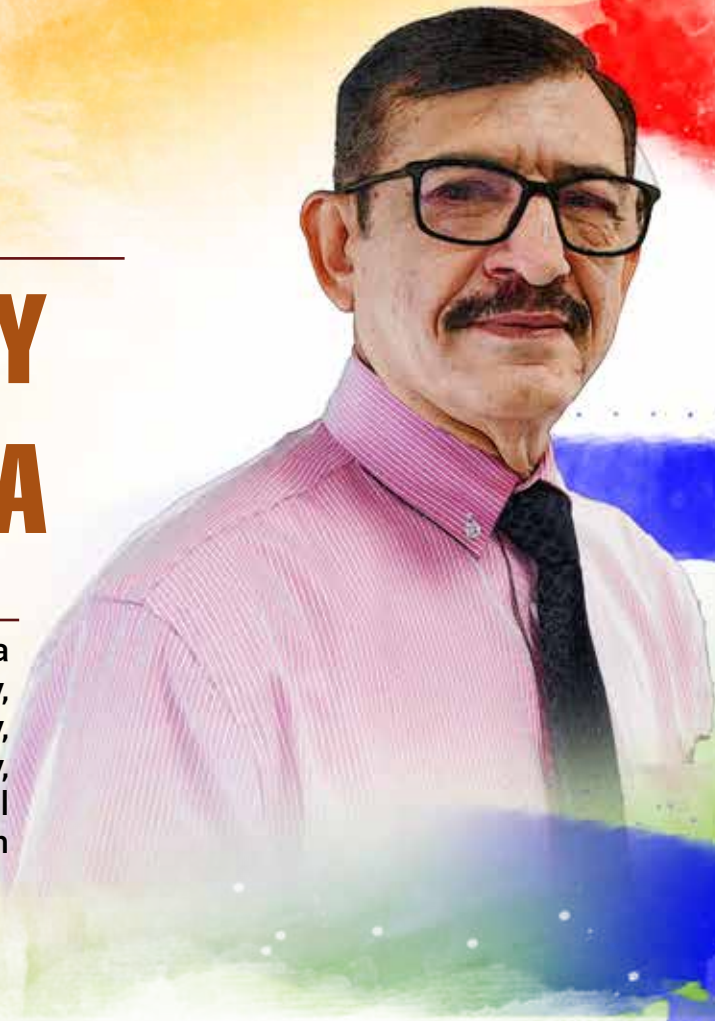
With a wealth of experience, Dr. Kartha served for seventeen years at the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) of the Government of India, focusing on early warning of terror threats and producing analytical papers for decision-makers. She played a pivotal role in revitalizing the national security architecture post-Kargil, including the establishment of critical bodies like the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Multi-Agency Centre.

Dr. Kartha's contributions extend to coordinating the National Security Advisory Board and participating in the drafting of seminal documents such as the Draft Nuclear Doctrine and the first National Security Review. Her notable works, including "Tools of Terror: Light Weapons and India's Security" and her analysis of the French Strategic Doctrine, underscore her deep understanding and invaluable insights into security challenges facing India and the world.



# DR. VIJAY SAKHUJA

**Emeritus Professor, Siksha  
'O' Anusandhan University,  
Bhubaneswar; Emeritus Faculty,  
Rashtriya Raksha University,  
Gujarat; Former Director, National  
Maritime Foundation**



Dr. Vijay Sakhuja is a seasoned maritime expert with a distinguished career spanning over 26 years in the Indian Navy. Following his naval service from 1978 to 2004, he transitioned into academia and policy research, holding key positions at esteemed institutions.

As a Senior Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi from 2004 to 2006, Dr. Sakhuja contributed significantly to the discourse on strategic affairs. He furthered his academic pursuits as a faculty member at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore from 2006 to 2009, where he specialized in Indo-Pacific affairs.

Subsequently, Dr. Sakhuja served as the Director of Research at the Indian Council of World Affairs in New Delhi from 2009 to 2014, where he provided valuable insights into maritime and coastal security issues. His expertise in maritime affairs was further honed during his tenure as Director of the National Maritime Foundation in New Delhi from 2014 to 2017, where he focused on various aspects including legal issues, the Blue Economy, Arctic politico-strategic dynamics, and the implications of 4th Industrial Revolution technologies on maritime energy transition.

Dr. Sakhuja's multifaceted expertise positions him as a leading authority in maritime affairs, with his research contributing significantly to the understanding of maritime security challenges and opportunities in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

# Russian Delegates' Profiles

## DR. FEODOR VOITOLOVSKY

Director, Primakov Institute  
for World Economy and  
International Relations of  
Russian Academy  
of Sciences - IMEMO

Dr. Voitolovsky is a distinguished academic with a rich background in political science and international relations. Having received his MA from the Department of History at Moscow State Lomonosov University in 2001 and completing his PhD at IMEMO in 2004, he has risen through the ranks to become a full professor in 2013. His extensive career at IMEMO has seen him progress from a research fellow in 2003 to deputy director for international politics in 2014, and finally to director in 2017. With a focus on international security, US foreign and security policy, transatlantic relations, and arms control, he has authored over 75 academic publications and is a regular contributor to both Russian and international media. Dr. Voitolovsky's influence extends to advisory roles within the Russian Federation, including membership in the National Security Council and the Presidential Council for Science and Education. Additionally, he has actively engaged in track II initiatives on international relations and security matters.



A portrait of Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov, a man with short brown hair, wearing a light-colored trench coat over a white shirt and a red tie. The background is a colorful watercolor wash in shades of yellow, orange, red, and blue.

# DR. ALEXEY KUPRIYANOV

Head of Centre of the Indo-Pacific Region, IMEMO

Dr. Alexey Kupriyanov is a distinguished scholar with expertise in history, international relations, and military strategy. As the Head of the Centre for the Indo Pacific Region at the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO), he leads research efforts focused on the dynamic geopolitical landscape of the Indo Pacific region. With a diverse academic background, including studies in Anglo-Saxon History at the Moscow City Teacher Training University and English language and literature in Ireland, Dr. Kupriyanov brings a unique perspective to his work.

He holds a master's degree in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and a PhD in History. Dr. Kupriyanov has authored over 50 scientific articles and book chapters, contributing significantly to the understanding of international politics and military strategy. He actively participates in conferences, particularly in Russia and India, and is recognized for organizing the prestigious international conference "The World Ocean Space for Cooperation and Competition," dedicated to the memory of Admiral Sergey Gorshkov.

Dr. Kupriyanov's research interests span a wide range of topics including the history and modernity of South, Southeast, and East Asia, Indian external policy, Indo-Pacific dynamics, Indo-Chinese relations, IR theory and history, colonialism, postcolonialism, neo-colonialism, and naval history and strategy. His notable achievements include being awarded the "For the outstanding academic achievements in honor of G.L. Bondarevsky" medal by the Indian Embassy for his contributions to the study of Russia-India relations.



# DR. KONSTANTIN BOGDANOV

Senior Research Fellow, Centre for  
International Security, IMEMO

Konstantin Bogdanov is a Senior Researcher at the Center for International Security of the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS). He graduated from St. Petersburg ITMO University in 2002. Bogdanov received a Ph.D. (Candidate of Science degree) in technical science. For more than a decade he has been a contributor to the Russian media on arms control, military-political and military-technical issues. Expertise: military and strategic studies, nuclear strategy, strategic stability, nuclear arms control, emerging technologies.



# DR. SERGEY LUKONIN

Head of Centre for China Studies,  
IMEMO



Sergey Lukonin, PhD in world economy, is an esteemed expert specialising in the economies of the Asia-Pacific region, particularly China and the Russian Far East, and Sino-Russian relations. As the Head of the Department of Economy and Politics of China and a member of the Academic Council at the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences, his insights are highly regarded. Additionally, he serves as a Visiting Professor at the School of Northeast Asian Studies, Shandong University, and contributes his expertise to the Expert Council of the Federal Assembly Committee on Education and Science.





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# DR. SERGEY KISLITSYN

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**Head of the Center for Strategic Planning Studies, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO)**

Dr. Sergey Kislitsyn, with a Ph.D., serves as the Acting Director of the Arbatov U.S. and Canada Institute at the Russian Academy of Sciences (ISKRAN), alongside his role as Head of the Center for Strategic Planning Studies at the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO). Specializing in forecasting international trends and strategic planning, he focuses on US-China strategic competition, US foreign economic policy, and Transatlantic relations. Dr. Kislitsyn's career at IMEMO began in 2015 as a junior research fellow at the Center for North American Studies, culminating in his appointment as head of the Center for Strategic Planning Studies in 2021. Since 2023, he has taken on the additional responsibility of acting director at ISKRAN, showcasing his leadership and expertise in navigating complex international dynamics.

A portrait of Mr. Gleb Makarevich, a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a blue and orange patterned shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, abstract wash of yellow, orange, and red colors.

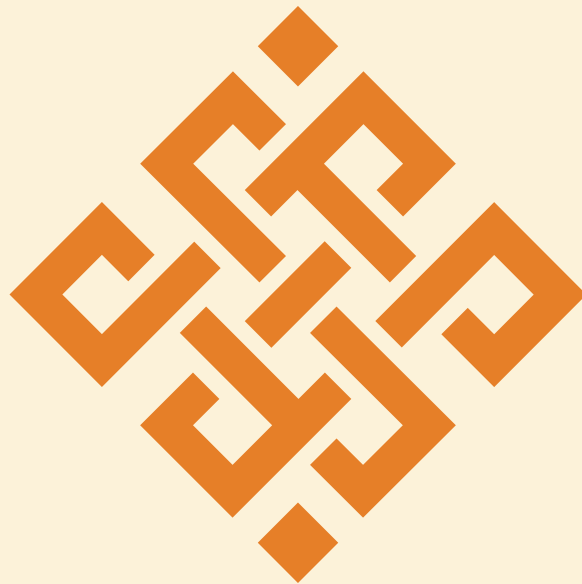
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# MR. GLEB MAKAREVICH

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Research Fellow, Centre of the Indo-Pacific Region, IMEMO

Gleb Makarevich works as a Junior Research Fellow, Centre on the Indian Ocean Region at Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences (IMEMO RAS) – Russian leading academic institute and think-tank in IR. Currently he is doing his PhD at IMEMO RAS concentrating on The Role of Pakistan's Armed Forces in the Nation's Foreign Policy. The interests cover Russian Foreign Policy towards South Asia, Indo-Pakistani rivalry, Pakistan's external and internal affairs, its strategic culture, the interaction between the nation's elites – namely, the political class, business circles, the military – and subaltern communities.



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