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CONFERENCE PROGRAM 19 December 2025 (Friday)

09:30-11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Young Scholars Symposium. Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal), 5th floor</p> <p>Session Chair: Aleksei Vovenda, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Multipolarity as a basis for achieving SDGs 16 and 17 Viktoriya Andreeva, <i>Saint Petersburg State University</i>▪ Russia - Latin America Foreign Economic Cooperation: Current Problems and Prospects Valentina Diakova, <i>Russian Foreign Trade Academy</i>▪ Crisis of Regional Leadership in Latin America: Between Internal Fragmentation and External Pressure Arseniy Yur, Aleksei Vovenda, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU)</i>▪ CFA Franc as a method of political pressure on West African countries Alena Fokina, <i>Saint Petersburg State University</i>▪ Terrorism as a precondition for the establishment of the Confederation of Sahel States Anastasiia Lukianova, <i>Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia</i>▪ The Tourist Potential of Arab Cultural and Historical Heritage in Spain Aleksandr Panin, Anna Prokhorova, Ekaterina Shostak, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University</i>▪ The European Union’s strategy for Central Asia: policy shift from 2007 to 2025 Nikita Ruchkin, Aleksei Vovenda, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University</i>▪ Cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea in the field of medicine as a factor for ensuring the functioning of the Northern Sea Route Anastasiia Golland, Aleksei Vovenda, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University</i>▪ Finland’s efforts against demographic crisis: ensuring reproductive rights and fertility awareness Alena Shukshina, Elena Boldyreva, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University</i>▪ Tools and practices for supporting migrant children in Finnish schools Ekaterina Fyodorova, <i>Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University</i>▪ Comparative study of neural networks political bias in the context of current Russian political events Anna Sukhova, Daniil Skvortsov, <i>Baltic State Technical University "VOENMEH" named after D.F. Ustinov</i>
11:00-11:10	<p>OPENING & WELCOME, Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal), 5th floor</p> <p>Dr. Zeinab Bakhturidze, SPbPU</p>
11:10-12:10	<p>PLENARY SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The BRICS phenomenon at the turn of the era Dr. Natalia Vasilyeva, <i>St Petersburg University</i>, Dr. Zeinab Bakhturidze, <i>SPbPU</i>▪ Artificial Intelligence in the System of International Relations: Transformation of Actors and Challenges Dr. Nikolay Baranov, <i>North-Western Institute of Management RANEPa</i>▪ The Concept of Alternative Globalization and the Rise of China Dr. Mikhail Maslovskiy, <i>Sociological Institute of FCTAS RAS</i>
12:10-12:20	<p>Coffee Break</p>

12:20-13:40	Session “Global South and World Majority” . Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal), 5th floor Session Chair: Nikita Ivannikov, SPbPU	Session “Ideologies of regionalism and globalization in historical context. Philosophy of politics” . Small Hall (Malyi Aktovyi Zal), 5th floor Session Chair: Alexey Tsyb, SPbPU
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Synergistic Effects and Prospects of Coordinating the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP) in the Field of Connectivity Zhang Shuyi, <i>Jinan University, Guangzhou, PRC</i> ▪ BRICS and Southeast Asia: Geopolitical Analysis of Economic Contributions and Trade Opportunities Ranjit Singh, <i>P.D. Women’s College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India</i> ▪ Russia’s Role in the Sustainable Stabilization of Libya’s Military-Political Situation Irina Zeleneva, <i>St. Petersburg State University</i>, Tatiana Ponomareva, <i>Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia</i> ▪ Iran’s Foreign Policy after the JCPOA: Political-Geographical Analysis of Regional Reordering and Global Alignment Ahmad Vakhshiteh, <i>RUDN University</i> ▪ Russia-India-China (RIC) cooperation framework in current geopolitical realities Jawahar Bhagwat, <i>NARFU named after M.V. Lomonosov, Arkhangelsk</i> ▪ The Transformation of Turkey’s Foreign Policy Strategy towards Regional Leadership: Case Studies of the Balkans and the Middle East Mehmet Urper, Zalina Zokoeva, Danila Moskalchuk, <i>Saint Petersburg University</i> ▪ Governing a Floating Border: Inter-Institutional Cooperation and Governance in the Trabzon–Sochi Ferry Case Mucahit Bektas, <i>Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Rize, Turkiye</i>, Hamza Ates, <i>Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkiye</i> ▪ On Contemporary RF–PRC Cooperation in the Coal Sector and Nuclear Energy Talie Yagya, <i>Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University LETI</i>, Zeinab Bakhtirudze, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Comparative Analysis of Decarbonization and Low-Carbon Transformation of the Economies of China and India Yury Kovalev, Anatoly Stepanov, Maria Ilyushkina, Alexander Burnasov, <i>Ural Federal University</i> ▪ International Inaction and the Failure to Prevent Mass Atrocities: Lessons from Cambodia to Sudan Vadim Atnashev, <i>Bolu Abant Izzet Baysal University, Turkiye</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Chelm Question as a Political, Ethnic and Confessional Issue Vadim Musaeu, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ The Philosophy of South Pacific Regionalism in Modern International Relations Nikolay Goryachev, <i>Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, RAS</i>; Council Pacific Affairs, <i>Nuku’alofa, Kingdom of Tonga</i> ▪ Competitive Transregionalism in World Politics: Region-Building Approach Denis Kuznetsov, <i>MGIMO University</i> ▪ Features of BRICS transformation and prospects for its expansion in the context of strategic interests of the Russian Federation Aleksei Vovenda, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Reflection of Alternative History and Political Geography in the Virtual Flags of Alaska Andrei Grinëv, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ USSR policy in the field of education in the Central Asian republics during World War II Anastasiia Zotova, <i>St Petersburg State University</i>, Sergei Poltorak, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ The Historical and Cultural Significance and Figurative Symbolism of Stone Steles (Deer’s Stones) in the Eurasian Steppe Liudmila Lbova, <i>SPbPU</i>, A.I. Simukhin, <i>Institute of Mongolian, Buddhist, and Tibetan Studies, Siberian Branch of the RAS</i>, Sendendzhavyn Dulam, <i>Mongolian National University of Arts and Culture, Mongolia</i> ▪ The cultural landscape of the transboundary region of Siberia and Mongolia: genesis, structure, general and specific features Mikhail Shishin, <i>Altai State Technical University named after I.I. Polzunov</i>, Dorjsuren Uranchimeg, <i>Mongolian National University of Arts and Culture, Mongolia</i> ▪ Semantic bases of the location of Buddhist monastic complexes in Mongolia and Russia Sophia Belokurova, <i>Altai State Technical University named after I. I. Polzunov</i>, Daniil Onufrienko, <i>Urals, Siberia, and the Far East Department of the Russian Academy of Arts</i> ▪ The influence of Carl Schmitt’s theory on the ideology of Francoism Nikita Berestov, <i>Alexey Tsyb, SPbPU</i>
13:40-14:40	Lunch	
14:40-16:00	Session “Geography of Culture, Education & Tourism” . Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal) Session Chair: Alexey Tsyb, SPbPU	Session “International Relations in the Post-Soviet Space” . Small Hall (Malyi Aktovyi Zal) Session Chair: Radomir Bolgov, St Petersburg State University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Victory Day in the context of the collective memory of the people: Examples of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multivectorism of Kazakhstan’s Higher Education System: Structural Risks and

	<p>United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, the United States, and France Maria Portnyagina, <i>St. Petersburg University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Memory policy as an element of cognitive security in the Russian Federation: the example of the North Caucasian Federal District Nikita Ivannikov, <i>SPbPU</i>, Olga Lofichenko, <i>Vladikavkaz Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences</i> ▪ Preserving the Common Historical Memory as a Soft Power Stream in the CIS Space and in Russian-Azerbaijan relations Vladimir Fokin, Elena Eltc, <i>St. Petersburg State University</i>, Parvin Gozalov, <i>International Committee ICOMAM; Public Union for the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Historical Monuments "GASR"</i> ▪ Digital Memory in Contemporary Russia: Multi-Level Actors and Generational Transformations Anastasia Lagoyko, Alexander Prischepa, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ The Problem of Museums of Archaeological Heritage in the Voronezh Region Larisa Maslikhova, <i>Voronezh State Technical University</i>, Rimma Dorokhina, Marina Arkannikova, Evgenia Tuchkevich, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Creative Industries in BRICS: From Cooperation to the Development of a Common Strategy Natalia Bogolyubova, Yulia Nikolaeva, Elena Eltc, <i>St. Petersburg State University</i> 	<p>Strategic Consequences Alisher Kadirov, <i>Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Kazakhstan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Role of Russian Projects in Addressing Energy Issues in Central Asian States Evgeniy Vlasov, Marina Dmitrieva, <i>Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok</i> ▪ Comparative study of anti-corruption preventive measures in post-Soviet countries Anna Mokhorova, Yana Chernozemova, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Institute of Anti-Corruption Expertise in Russia and Post-Soviet Countries: A Comparative Legal Study Anna Mokhorova, Dmitry Mokhorov, Sergey Kosarev, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ European Union and Central Asia: Cooperation within the Global Gateway Framework Long Rong, Li Jingcheng, <i>Shenzhen University, China</i> ▪ Customs cooperation among the EAEU states as a dominant factor in international development Anastasiia Zotova, Olga Eroshkina, <i>Saint Petersburg State University</i> ▪ Transformation of the Statehood in the South Caucasus Countries under Modern Conditions Sergey Pogodin, <i>SPbPU</i>, Niyazi Niyazov, Galina Niyazova, <i>St Petersburg University</i> ▪ Tools of Sports Diplomacy in the Foreign Policy of the CIS States Inna Ukolova, <i>Lesgaft National State University of Physical Education, Sport and Health</i>
16:00-16:10	Coffee Break	
16:10-17:30	<p>Session "Geography of Culture, Education & Tourism". Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal)</p> <p>Session Chair: Nikita Ivannikov, SPbPU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beyond Developmental Transfer: Cultural Negotiation and the Politics of Adopting the Saemaul Model in Africa Sunyoung Park, <i>Sejong University, South Korea</i> ▪ Intercultural Dialogue in the Development of Cooperation between CELAC Member States Ekaterina Mushenko, M. Bazhenova, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Sports and event tourism as a factor in intercultural communication Elena Pozdeeva, Anna Tanova, Vladimir Evseev, <i>SPbPU</i>, Victory Pogodina, <i>Saint Petersburg State University of Technologies and Design</i> ▪ Russian and Chinese Technical Universities in the Context of Education Globalization Uliana Reshetneva, Liudmila Lbova, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Dominants of environmental culture in the context of sustainable development strategy Olga Shipunova, Elena Pozdeeva, Lidiya 	<p>Session "Digital Political Geography". Small Hall (Malyi Aktovyi Zal), 5th floor</p> <p>Session Chair: Radomir Bolgov, St Petersburg State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflection of the Concept of Eurasian Digital Integration in Institutional Discourse: Analysis of EAEU and SCO Documents from 2016 to 2024 Elena Dziuba, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Artificial Intelligence in the Interest of Human Development: Ethical Dimensions and International Aspects Juliia Dunaeva, <i>St. Petersburg University</i> ▪ Artificial Intelligence, Education and Youth Identity: A Comparative Sociological Analysis Based on Turkic World Data Ebulfez Suleymanli, <i>Üsküdar University, Türkiye</i> ▪ Science and Technology Innovation and AI Governance in Brazil: Institutional Development Liu Qinfangzi, <i>City University of Macau, Li Jingcheng, Shenzhen University, China</i> ▪ AI Development in the Middle East and North Africa (UAE and Morocco): A Comparative Analysis and Practical Recommendations for Russia Nikolay Gudalov, Ekaterina Medvedeva,

	<p>Evseeva, <i>SPbPU</i>, Anna Matveevskaya, <i>Saint Petersburg State University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Factors of formation and development of the ethnoecological protest movement in the Altai Republic in 2025 (Russian Federation) Nadezhda Tadina, <i>Gorno-Altaysk State University</i>, Tengis Yabyshtaev, Alexey Tsyb, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Preserving the Tatar Language in the Diaspora: Evidence from Tatar Folklore Materials Gulnara Atnasheva, <i>Saint Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design</i> ▪ The Linguistic Security of Russian in Azerbaijan: From Lingua Franca to Niche Niyazi Niyazov, Galina Niyazova, <i>St. Petersburg State University</i> 	<p>Vladimir Sergienko, <i>St Petersburg University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AI Regulation Strategies of Russia, China, the US, and the European Union in an Era of Transformation in International Relations Nikita Ivannikov, Alexander Kuzyakin, Alexandra Nechai, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Bridging the Digital Divide for Inclusive Sustainable Development in the BRICS Countries: Political-Geographical Strategies and Prospects Marina Lapenko, Alina Naumenko, <i>RUDN University</i> ▪ International Practices of AI for achieving SDGs in Cities L. Volkova, M. Ermolina, A. Lazovskaya, A. Matveevskaya, <i>St Petersburg University</i> ▪ Geospatial Data Intelligence for Political Decision-Making Nikolai Grudtsyn, <i>St. Petersburg University</i> ▪ Norwegian Cybersecurity: A Paris School Perspective Elena Boldyreva, E.B. Malysheva, <i>SPbPU</i>
17:30-17:40	Coffee Break	
17:40-19:00	<p>Session “Migration & Socio-Demographic Processes”. Middle Hall (Sredniy Aktovyi Zal)</p> <p>Session Chair: Nikita Ivannikov, SPbPU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges for healthcare systems in context of global migration: bibliometric analysis of contemporary scientific literature Saniya Boyarkina, <i>SPbPU</i>, Grigorii Boyarkin, <i>NWSMU named after I.I. Mechnikov</i>; “City tuberculous hospital №2”, <i>SPb</i> ▪ Access to Justice for Migrants in Russia and Sweden: The Role of Legal Interpreters Elena Maslovskaya, <i>Sociological Institute of FCTAS RAS</i> ▪ Integration Through Marginalization: Afghan Refugee Shepherds in Türkiye’s Rural Labor Regime Hamza Ates, <i>Istanbul Medeniyet University</i>, Mucahit Bektas, <i>Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Rize, Turkiye</i> ▪ Linking Legacies: Swedish Minority Policies and the Governance of Migration Marta Morkina, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ The ethnic factor in the formation of identity in the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union Anastasia Nikolaenko, <i>RANEPa St. Petersburg</i>, Dmitriy Novik, <i>RANEPa St. Petersburg</i> <p>The Transformation of Sports Culture in Iraq Amidst Technological Advancements and Artificial Intelligence Innovations Nazik Subhi Mutar Gadree, <i>Bagdad University, Iraq</i>, Irina I. Kolesnik, <i>SPbPU</i>, Nadezhda V. Bogdanova, <i>SPbPU</i></p>	<p>Session “Arctic and Antarctica”. Small Hall, 5 floor</p> <p>Session Chair: Alexei Vovenda, SPbPU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Arctic Security Architecture: Assessing the Role of the Ice Pact in Reshaping the Regional Order Angelina Gomelauri, <i>SPbPU</i> ▪ Transformation of Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility Approaches to communication with Indigenous Peoples in the Russian Arctic: A Historical Analysis Natalia Markushina, Anastasia Sboychakova, Sofia Khusainova, <i>St Petersburg University</i> ▪ The Blue Economy of the Russian Arctic: Current Trends and Prospects for International Partnership Anastasia Sboychakova, <i>St Petersburg University</i> ▪ China’s Experience in Implementing the Concept of the “Blue Economy” and the Prospects for Its Application in the Context of the “Ice Silk Road” Maria Lagutina, Alexander Sergunin, <i>Saint Petersburg University</i> ▪ Specifics of Corporate Strategies Toward Urban Communities in the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation (AZRF) Maria Lagutina, <i>Saint Petersburg University</i> ▪ Border or Frontier? The Russian Border from the Baltic to the Arctic in the Historical and Political Narrative Sergei Chernov, <i>Shanghai University, PRC</i>, Igor Chernov, <i>Saint Petersburg University</i>, Dmitrii Katsy, <i>Saint Petersburg Medical and Social Institute</i> ▪ Some aspects of Chinese scientific activity in Antarctica Evgeniy Vlasov, <i>Far Eastern Federal University</i>, Darya Lyubina, Marina Sablina, <i>SPbPU</i>
19:00	TIPG 2025 Conference Closing	