

Competition for Ph.D. Students in the Greater New York City Area to Participate at Moscow's IMEMO International Conference from January 22-24, 2018

The Program on U.S.-Russia Relations at Columbia University's Harriman Institute is pleased to announce a competitive opportunity for Ph.D. students in the greater New York City area: to participate in an international conference with peers and junior scholars at Moscow's IMEMO (Institute for World Economics and International Relations) on January 22-24, 2018.

The general theme of the workshop will be the "U.S.-Russia-China Strategic Triangle and its Impact on International Order: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives." Scholars from the fields of History, Political Science, International Law, International Relations and other fields in the Social Sciences are encouraged to apply. Suggested topics can be found at the bottom of this announcement.

Those selected as conference participants will write and present orally a policy memo of approximately 2,000 words or equivalent PowerPoint slide deck, drawn from their dissertation or other advanced research. Policy memos will be published on the Harriman Institute website and/or in other appropriate online venues. The competition is open to current Ph.D. students whose research should have some relevance or implications for Russia, but participants need not be Russia experts; indeed submissions from non-experts on Russia are highly encouraged.

Six U.S.-based Ph.D. students will be chosen. The Harriman Institute will pay all travel-related costs, meals, and visa expenses for the trip. Students may extend their visit if they wish but will be responsible for additional lodging and living expenses. Students should plan on arriving Monday, January 22 and departing on Friday, January 26. Upon completion of an approved (i.e., revised) memo, participants will also be paid an honorarium of \$200.

To apply, please send to Professor Alexander Cooley (Harriman Institute Director, ac210@columbia.edu) and Ryan Kreider (Harriman Institute Assistant Director rk2780@columbia.edu) by Thursday, October 5, 2017:

- A current CV;
- A brief (no longer than one page) abstract of the memo or project description;
- The name and contact information of a faculty advisor who will serve as a reference if called.

Applicants will be notified about their status by October 6, and they will be asked immediately for materials to begin the process of obtaining a visa. Support for this conference is provided in part by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York.

"U.S.-Russia-China Strategic Triangle: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Perspectives"

- The impact of the U.S.-Russia-China strategic triangle on the development of international law, norms and global governance;
- The rise of non-Western international organizations such as the BRICS and SCO and

Western responses towards them;

- Russian and U.S. reactions and emerging policy towards China's Belt and Road initiative;
- The influence of interest groups on Russia and U.S. trade policy toward China;
- The role of U.S.-China rivalry/cooperation in the global financial regulatory architecture;
- Russia-China-U.S. relationships in Central Asia and/or other third regions;
- Assessing the Obama Administration's pivot to Asia and its strategic consequences;
- Assessing Russia's pivot to Asia in the aftermath of the Ukraine Crisis;
- The strategic triangle and the changing global geopolitics of energy;
- The emerging foreign policy of the Trump Administration towards Russia and China;
- The prospects of Russia-U.S.-China cooperation on the North Korean conflict;
- New perspectives and scholarship on global U.S.-Russia-China strategic competition and Cold War interactions around the world (Africa, Middle East, Latin America);
- Soviet-Sino and U.S.-Sino interactions during the Cold War and their domestic consequences;
- Common issues of international information security – the way to cooperation between Russia, U.S. and China;
- The psychological models of foreign policy making: comparing Russia, China and the U.S.;
- Sino-Russian Relations in the Perception of American elites;
- The freedom of navigation in the U.S.-Sino rivalry.