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***South Asia: History, Politics, International Relations***

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**МЕЖДУНАРОДНАЯ ОНЛАЙН-КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ**

***Южная Азия:***

***История, политика, международные отношения***

**1 декабря 2023 г.**

9.00 – 15.00 (Москва)

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**Inauguration of the Conference / Открытие конференции**

*Professor Alexey A. Maslov, Director of the Institute of Asian and African Studies,  
Lomonosov Moscow State University*

*Professor Srikant Kondapalli, Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal  
Nehru University*

*Professor Alexandra L. Safronova, Chairperson, Department of South Asian History,  
Institute of Asian and African Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University*

9.20–10.20 (Moscow / Москва)

11.50–12.50 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)

**Session 1. Nations, States and Geopolitics**

**Секция 1. Нации, государства и геополитика**

***Chair: Professor Alexandra L. Safronova***

*Prof Ajay Patnaik (former Professor & Dean, School of International Studies, JNU)*

Geopolitical History of the Indian Subcontinent, 1947-1971

*Prof Larisa A. Chereshneva (Lipetsk State Pedagogical University) Indian Religious and Ethnic  
Nationalism vs Federalism: The Role of Personality in the Integration of Princely States  
(Bhopal, Junagadh, Hyderabad)*

*Prof Gulshan Sachdeva (School of International Studies, JNU)*

Afghanistan as a Factor in South Asian Geopolitics

*Dr Abhijeet Singh (School of International Studies, JNU)*

Understanding India as a Post-Colonial State: The Competing Ideas of Nation and State

10.20–11.20 (Moscow / Москва)

12.50–13.50 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)

**Session 2. Domestic and Foreign Policy Vectors**

**Секция 2. Вопросы внешней и внутренней политики**

***Chair: Professor Ajay Patnaik***

*Prof Sanjay K. Bhardwaj (School of International Studies, JNU)*

Contemporary Politics in South Asia: Issues and Challenges

*Dr Rajan Kumar (School of International Studies, JNU)*

India's Foreign Policy Priorities in South Asia

*Dr Asma Kausar (School of International Studies, JNU)*  
De-globalisation in South Asia: Decoding Recent Trends

*Dr Boris M. Volkhonskiy (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*  
2019 and 2024 General Elections in India: Is Unity Endangered by Diversity?

**11.20–12.00 (Moscow / Москва)**

**13.50–14.30 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)**

**Coffee break / Перерыв**

12.00–13.30 (Moscow / Москва)

14.30–16.00 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)

**Session 3. Ethnicity and Religion in Politics: Subregional Dimension**

**Секция 3. Этнос и религия в политике: субрегиональный ракурс**

**Chair: Dr Anna V. Bochkovskaya**

*Prof Sangeeta Thapliyal (School of International Studies, JNU; currently ICCR Prof, Chair of Indian Studies, Kathmandu University, Nepal)*

Identity Politics in Nepal: Conversations between State and People

*Prof Archana Upadhyay (School of International Studies, JNU)*

Understanding the Dynamics of Conflict in North East India

*Dr Svetlana Y. Sidorova (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)*

Hinduism and Buddhism in Nagpur: A History of Coexistence in the Urban Space

*Dr Ludmila V. Khokhlova (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*

Interplay of Ethnic and Religious Factors in the Self-Identification of the Punjabi Community (XIX-XXI cc.)

*Dr Ilya B. Spektor (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*

Non-Hindi-Speaking Communities of Delhi: Problems of Adaptation in a Modern Metropolis

*Dr Alina L. Filimonova (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*

Sufi Institutions in Indian Politics: A Case of Telangana

**13.30–14.15 (Moscow / Москва)**

**16.00–16.45 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)**

**Session 4. India–Russia: Perspectives in South Asian Studies**

**Секция 4. Индия–Россия: Перспективы южноазиатских исследований**

**Chair: Professor Archana Upadhyay**

*Prof Eugenia Y. Vanina (Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)*

The Mughals and the Rurikids/Romanovs: A Comparison of the Two Models of Imperial Integration

*Dr Anna V. Bochkovskaya (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*  
Ethnonationalism and Politics in South India: Issues in Russian Historiography

*Prof Alexandra L. Safronova (Institute of Asian and African Studies, MSU)*  
India–Russia: Comparative Studies in Contemporary Social and Political Issues

**14.15 (Moscow / Москва)**

**16.45 (New Delhi / Нью-Дели)**

**Concluding Remarks / Подведение итогов**

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