

PROGRAM

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**«SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATIONS
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
IN THE ERA OF GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL CHANGES»**

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Organizers:

- Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences (IOS RAS)
- Institute Social (Türkiye)

Official languages: English, Russian.

Time-limit: 10 min.

11:00–11:30

Opening of the Conference

Welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Alikber Alikberov, Director of the IOS RAS.

Welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Vasily Kuznetsov, Deputy Director of the IOS RAS.

Welcome speech by Prof. Dr. İpek Coşkun Armağan, General Coordinator of the Institute Social, Member of the Presidential Board for Social and Youth Policies.

Opening remarks by Prof. Dr. Vyacheslav Belokrenitsky, Head of the Center for Middle East Studies of the IOS RAS.

11:30–11:45

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOS RAS and the Institute Social (Türkiye).

11:45–13:15

First Session:
DECOLONIZATION IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD
AND INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICIES FORMATION OF THE
MIDDLE EASTERN AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

*Moderator: Prof. Dr. Natalia Ulchenko,
Head of the Turkish Studies Sector at the Center for Middle East Studies of the
IOS RAS*

1. Vyacheslav Belokrenitsky (IOS RAS)

*The Second World War and Its Impact on Decolonization in the Near and
Middle East*

2. Andrey Boldyrev (IOS RAS)

*Türkiye as a Model of Successful Nation-Building on the Eve of Decolonization
in Eastern Countries (1923–1945)*

3. Sefer Soydar (Institute Social)

Decolonial Practices in Eurasia: From the 19th Century to the Present.

4. İpek Coşkun Armağan (Institute Social)

*Sociological Transformations, Educational Paradigms, and Emerging
Discontents in Eurasia*

5. Selçuk Aydın (Institute Social, Boğaziçi University)

*Beyond Global and Eurasian Consensus: Decolonial Consensus or
Decolonizing Consensus in the 21st Century*

6. Amur Gadzhiev (IOS RAS)

*Information Sovereignty Challenges in the Middle East and Neighboring
Countries under Current Geopolitical Conditions*

7. Akif Emre Öktem (Galatasaray University)

*Religion, Law, and Society in Eurasia: Emerging Dynamics and
Transformations*

8. Irina Svistunova (IOS RAS, IMEMO)

*Russian-Turkish Relations as a Factor of International Political Processes in
Eurasia*

13:15–14:00

Coffee Break

14:00–15:00

Second Session:
**THE MIDDLE EAST AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS
INDEPENDENT ACTORS IN CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS**

*Moderator: Dr. Amur Gadzhiev,
Senior Research Fellow of the Turkish Studies Sector at the Center for Middle
East Studies of the IOS RAS*

1. İpek Coşkun Armağan (Institute Social)

The Quest for Decolonial Principles in Eurasia and the Global Order

2. Irina Fedorova (IOS RAS)

Iranian–American Tensions as a Driver of the Middle East Crisis in Early 2026

3. Akif Emre Öktem (Galatasaray University)

The New International Law of the Emerging World Order

4. Anri Chedia (IOS RAS, Higher School of Economics)

Prospects and Limits of Transport Corridors in the South Caucasus

5. Selçuk Aydın (Institute Social, Boğaziçi University)

Trade Routes, Security, and the Political Landscape: A Eurasian Perspective

6. Inessa Ivanova (IOS RAS)

*The Development of Independent Foreign Broadcasting in the Middle East and
Neighboring Countries*

15:00–15:30

Discussion