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The Institute for International Studies (IIS) of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) presents a series of policy **debates “Dialogue on Urgent Issues”** hosted by MGIMO University.

The events are by invitation only, closed to general audiences, and aimed at Russian and international experts, diplomats, and media/political observers. Simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided via Zoom.

We invite you to the event **“Current Trends in and around Belarus”**, which will take place at MGIMO on the **21st of October, 2021, 15:00-18:00 Moscow time (GMT+3)**<sup>1</sup> with a short 10 min break.

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**15.00** – Welcoming remarks from MGIMO Vice-Rector for Human Resources Vladimir Morozov

**15.05** – Introductory remarks by the moderator Yulia Nikitina, Associate Professor, Leading Research Fellow, Center for Eurasian Studies, ISS MGIMO

**15.10** – Foreign Policy

- Andrey Rusakovich, Senator, vice-Chair of the Permanent Commission of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of Belarus on international affairs and national security, Professor, Belarusian State University;
- Yauheni Preiherman, Founder and Director of the Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations,
- Dzianis Melyantsou, coordinator of the Belarusian Foreign Policy program at the Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations

**15.55** – Social development

- Aleksandr Shatko, Deputy Chair of the Belaya Rus' Republican Public Association,
- Irina Lashuk, Head of the Department of economic sociology and psychology of entrepreneurship of Belorussian State Economic University
- Nikolay Sukhotsky, Analyst (sociology), Belarusian Institute for Strategic Research.

**16.45 – 18.00** – general discussion, comments by Russian scholars (up to 4 min per comment)

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<sup>1</sup> 8 AM – 11 AM Washington DC time; 14:00-17:00 CET (Vienna)

- Alexander Gushchin, Associate Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities,
- Daria Khaspekova, Editor, Eurasia.Expert,
- Kirill Koktysh, Associate Professor, Department of Political Theory, MGIMO,
- Elena Kuzmina, Head of the Department of Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Center for the Post-Soviet Studies, IMEMO,
- Nikolay Mezhevich, Professor, Chief Researcher, Director, Center for Belarusian Studies at the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences, President of the Association for Baltic Studies,
- Maxim Samorukov, fellow at the Carnegie Moscow Center and deputy editor of Carnegie.ru,
- Sergey Panteleev, Director of the ANO Institute of the Russian Abroad,
- Sergey Rekada, Director, Center for the Study of Integration Perspectives,
- Vyacheslav Sutyurin, vice-rector for international affairs, State Academic University for the Humanities (GAUGN), editor-in-chief of Eurasia.Expert,
- Anna Tsybulina, Associate Professor, Department of Integration Studies, MGIMO,
- Sergey Utkin, Head, Group for Strategic Assessment, IMEMO,
- Anna Velikaya, Researcher, IMEMO

Chatham House rules for the discussions, the event is off-the-record.