



# *U.S. - RUSSIA RELATIONS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM*

Kennesaw State University

Georgia Institute of Technology

March 16 - 17, 2017







## RIVALS OR PARTNERS?

In conjunction with Kennesaw State University's 'Year of Russia' program, the primary focus of this interdisciplinary symposium is to examine U.S. – Russia relations in the context of today's complex, interdependent world. Due to the storied history of our relations over the last century - epitomized by the Cold War era, an often adversarial period resulting in numerous third world proxy wars - there is great need for new perspectives that work to identify areas for collaboration in joint problem-solving efforts.

Moreover, the recent issues and concerns raised about internet security and election interference have only served to fuel suspicions and undermine trust. The need for open communication and engagement by a wide variety of organizations, institutions and individual citizens within the two countries is as important as ever. The goal of this forum is to help improve such communication and develop shared understanding.

Topics covered in the symposium range from issues related to foreign policy, human rights, security and global terrorism, conflict in the Middle East and former Soviet republics, the legacy of the Cold War, trade policy, natural resources and environmental concerns, public health, and cultural exchange. We encourage all participants to engage in meaningful dialogue as you discuss openly your thoughts and concerns in a respectful and sincere manner.

*U.S. - Russian Relations in Global Context* represents a partnership with the Georgia Institute of Technology Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and the Atlanta Council on International Relations.

## Special Thanks

Kennesaw State University especially thanks our two primary partners for their instrumental help and support in organizing and hosting this symposium: the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Atlanta Council on International Relations. In addition to the organizing committee, we are extremely grateful to Christopher McDermott, Tony Cuzzucoli, Sandra Rogers, and Patrick Harbin for their dedicated commitment and support behind the scenes to help make everything happen as smoothly as possible. We are also thankful for the leadership and support of Dr. Lance Askildson, KSU's Vice-Provost and Chief International Officer, and Dr. Robin Dorff, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, not only for their support of this symposium, but for the entire 'Year of Russia' programming. Finally, we want to recognize the faculty and students from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), who are not only participating in the symposium but also have been engaged with KSU throughout the entire 'Year of Russia' through an on-line collaborative course.



## FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Andrei P. Tsygankov** is Professor of Political Science and International Relations at San Francisco State University. He has taught Russian/post-Soviet, comparative, and international politics since August 2000. A Russian native, Tsygankov is a graduate of Moscow State University (Candidate of Sciences, 1991) and University of Southern California (Ph.D., 2000).



Tsygankov is a contributor to both Western and Russian academia. In the West, he co-edited collective projects, and he published *National Identity and Foreign Economic Policy in the Post-Soviet World* (2001), *Russia's Perception of American Ideas after the Cold War* (2004), *Anti-Russian Lobby and American Foreign Policy* (2009), and *Russia and the West from Alexander to Putin* (2012), as well as many journal articles. Tsygankov also published a well-received textbook *Russia's Foreign Policy* (2006). In Russia, his best known books are *Modern Political Regimes* (1996), *Russian Science of International Relations* (2005, co-edited with Pavel Tsygankov, also published in Germany and China), *Sociology of International Relations* (2006, co-authored with Pavel Tsygankov, also published in China), and *International Relations: Traditions of Russian Political Thought* (2013).

Tsygankov has spoken at various forums at Berkeley, Stanford, World Affairs Council, and other venues in the Bay Area and outside, and has contributed to *Asia Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Moscow Times*, *Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty*, *Voice of Russia*, and other media publications. Tsygankov has served as the Program Chair of International Studies Association (ISA), 2006-07. ISA has well over 3,000 members globally, and is the largest scholarly association in this field.

## WELCOME ADDRESS

**Sam Olens** became Kennesaw State University's fourth president on Nov. 1, 2016.



Olens was elected Georgia's 53rd attorney general in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In his role, Olens worked with the governor and legislature to strengthen the penalties for sex trafficking and protect the victims. He also guided a comprehensive revision of Georgia's sunshine laws and led the effort to stem the epidemic of prescription drug abuse. Prior to being elected attorney general, Olens was chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, serving from August 2002 through March 2010. He previously served as a county commissioner from 1999 through June 2002. He also served as chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission from December 2004 through 2009, and as vice-chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District from 2005 through March 2010.

Olens is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for leadership and service. In 2016, *Georgia Trend* magazine named him the Georgian of the Year, and he has been listed among the publication's "100 Most Influential Georgians" for 12 consecutive years.

He recently served as vice president of the National Association of Attorneys General, having previously served as chair of the 13-state Southern Region both in 2013 and 2015. Olens is a registered mediator/arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and has been admitted to practice law in Georgia and the District of Columbia. Olens received his juris doctorate from Emory University School of Law, and holds a bachelor's and master's degree from American University in international politics.





## PLENARY SPEAKERS



**General “Phil” Breedlove** recently joined the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech after retiring as NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander Europe and the US European Command Commander. In these capacities, he commanded all US and Allied troops in Afghanistan, Kosovo as well as all NATO operations across Europe and the Mediterranean. During his career, he was responsible for Air Force activities in an area of operations covering more than 19 million square miles and 105 countries. As a Distinguished Professor, he works with faculty, staff and students on security issues and policy, and facilitates a number of projects, classes and presentations to advance these same thoughts. General Breedlove brings a wealth of both deep and recent experience in our world’s toughest security and policy issues as well as leadership in situations spanning both peace and conflict.

**William Hill**, Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College, is a retired foreign service officer and an expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union, east-west relations, and European multilateral diplomacy. He served two terms – January 2003-July 2006 and June 1999-November 2001 – as Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, where he was charged with negotiation of a political settlement to the Transnistrian conflict and facilitation of the withdrawal of Russian forces, arms, and ammunition from Moldova. During his foreign service career Dr. Hill has served in Moscow, Leningrad, Belgrade, the U.S. CSCE delegation in Vienna, and Dhaka. He is a former Public Policy Scholar at the Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute and is a Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College in Washington DC.



**Victoria Smolkin** is Assistant Professor of Russian History at Wesleyan University (Middletown, Connecticut). Her book, titled *A Sacred Space Is Never Empty: A History of Soviet Atheism*, is forthcoming with Princeton University Press in 2018. Her work has been supported by the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies Fellowship at Princeton University, the Social Science Research Council Eurasia Post-Doctoral Research Award, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship in Religion and Ethics, and the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, among others. She is currently working on a book on the religious factor in the Cold War, titled *The Crusade Against Godlessness: Religion, Communism, and the Cold War*. In 2014-2015, she was a Research Scholar at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C.





## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**Dan Paracka, Ph.D.** is Director of Campus Internationalization in the Division of Global Affairs and Professor of Education in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department at Kennesaw State University. His Ph.D. is in international education policy from Georgia State University. He has previously served as Chair of Region VII NAFSA: Association of International Educators and has presented widely at the state, regional, national, and international levels. Dr. Paracka teaches courses aimed at helping students develop strategies to internationalize their college experience and reflect on today's complex interdependent world. Since 2004, he has coordinated KSU's signature annual country study program. With more than 25 years of international education experience, Dr. Paracka's scholarship focuses on intercultural learning and global engagement.

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**Tom Rotnem, Ph.D.** is both a Professor and Assistant Chair in the Department of Political Science and International Affairs at Kennesaw State University. He teaches courses in comparative politics, international relations, political risk management, comparative political economy, and Russian foreign policy. His current research interests focus upon Sino-Russian relations, Russia's Arctic policies, and territorial conflicts in the former Soviet space. Dr. Rotnem earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Ohio State University, as well as a Graduate Certificate as Specialist in Russian Area Studies. Besides receiving a Fulbright Lecturing Award at the University of Latvia in 2011, Tom has been awarded four teaching awards at Kennesaw State, including "Teacher of the Year" in 2011-2012. In 2016 he was awarded the Outstanding Professional Service Award at KSU. Tom also received KSU's "Campus Internationalization Prize" in 2016, which, in part, has brought students and faculty from Russia to participate in the current symposium.

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**Adam N. Stulberg, Ph.D.** is Professor and Neal Family Chair; Associate Chair/Research; and Co-Director, Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy (CISTP) in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on international security, Russia/Eurasian politics and security affairs, nuclear (non)proliferation, and energy and international security, as well as inter-disciplinary courses on science, technology, and international security policy. His current research focuses on the geopolitics of oil and gas networks, energy security dilemmas and statecraft in Eurasia, Russia and "gray zone" conflicts, new approaches to strategic stability and denuclearization of military arsenals, internationalization of the nuclear fuel cycle, and implications of emerging technologies for strategic stability and international security. Dr. Stulberg earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), as well as holds an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University, an M.A. in Political Science from UCLA, and a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan.

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**Robert Kennedy, Ph.D.,** a former senior official in the U.S. Department of Defense and professor emeritus of the Sam Nunn School at Georgia Tech, is currently president of the Atlanta Council on International Relations. Previously he has served as director of the joint German-American George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany, Deputy Commandant of the NATO Defense College in Italy, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professor of National Security Studies and senior researcher at the Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, and as a Foreign Affairs Officer with the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He also has served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army and command pilot on active duty with the U.S. Air Force and later with the reserve forces from 1958 to 1986. He holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Georgetown University and a B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy. He has lectured and published widely and has served as a consultant in the fields of international security and defense affairs. He has been elected a permanent member of the Academy of Security, Defense, and Law Enforcement, Russian Federation with the title of Professor and was awarded the title of Commander by the President of Romania.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA: DAY ONE - MARCH 16, 2017 (KENNESAW STATE)

**8:30 - 9:00am** **KSU Center Atrium**

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## Conference Registration

**9:00 - 9:30am** **KSU Center 400**

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## Opening Remarks

Samuel S. Olens, President, Kennesaw State University

**9:30 - 10:45am** **KSU Center 400**

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## Opening Keynote

*Russia's Foreign Policy*

Andrei P. Tsygankov, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, San Francisco State University

**11:00 - 12:15pm** **KSU Center 400**

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## Session I-A: Democracy, Ideology, and U.S.-Russian Relations

*Russia, the United States and Elections: Democracy Support and Authoritarian Resistance*

Charles E. Ziegler, Professor of Political Science, University of Louisville

*US-Russian Relations: Dissonance of Ideologies*

Elena Glazunova, Associate Professor, School of World Politics, Lomonosov Moscow State University. Lecturer in Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine

*Protest in the Midst of Soviet Collapse: Nonviolent Success as Flash in the Pan*

Unislawa Williams, Associate Professor of Political Science, Spelman College

*Democracy or Dictatorship? On the Risky Politics of Evaluating Russian Democracy*

Amir Azarvan, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College

Chair: Tom Rotnem, Professor of Political Science, KSU

**11:00 - 12:15pm** **KSU Center 402**

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## Session I-B: Terrorism, Migration and the Potential for Cooperation

*Russian Rhetoric, Reality, and Reflexive Control*

Travis C. Frederick, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

*U.S.-Russian Relations in Global Context*

Jim Peterson, Professor Emeritus, Valdosta State University

**11:00 - 12:15pm** **KSU Center 402**

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## Session I-B: Terrorism, Migration and the Potential for Cooperation (Cont.)

*Russia's Fight for the Globe*

Yuliya Brel, Doctoral Student, School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Delaware

Chair: Jack Moran, Professor of Political Science, KSU

**12:15 - 1:45pm** **KSU Center 400**

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## Lunch and Plenary Panel

*Understanding Russian Actions and Motives*

William Hill, Professor of National Security Strategy, National War College

Victoria Smolkin, Assistant Professor of Russian History, Wesleyan University

Moderator: Robert Kennedy, President of the Atlanta Council on International Relations and Professor Emeritus, The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

**1:45 - 2:00pm** **KSU Center**

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## Break

**2:00 - 3:15pm** **KSU Center 400**

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## Session II-A: Russia's Foreign Economic Relations

*Regionalism in Russian Trade Policy*

Tatiana Isachenko, Deputy Dean, School of International Business and Business Administration, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)

*Economic roots of the Cold War: IMF, ITO and other economic issues in postwar Soviet-American relations*

Kristina V. Minkova, Senior Lecturer, School of International Relations, St.Petersburg State University, Russia

*A Critical Geopolitics of Russian Aid Engagement in Latin America*

A M Lantukh, Marie Curie Doctoral Research Fellow, PUC-Rio, Brazil

*Russia and the U.S. in an Emerging Multipolar World*

Alisa Shcherbachyeva, Senior student of Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), Faculty of International Economic Relations

Chair: Timothy Mathews, Professor of Economics, KSU

**2:00 - 3:15pm** **KSU Center 402**

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## Session II-B: Identity, Ideology, and Russian Foreign Policy

*Russia's Growing Role in the Great Middle Eastern War*

Larry P. Goodson, General Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security and Professor of Middle East Studies, U.S. Army War College



2:00 - 3:15pm

KSU Center 402

**Session II-B: Identity, Ideology, and Russian Foreign Policy (Cont.)**

*Social Identity Theory in the Transnistrian Conflict*

Nicole Junker, Doctoral Student in International Conflict Management, KSU  
*Securitization of National Identity in Russian Foreign Policy: The Case of Crimea*

Adriana Cuppuleri, Master in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe, University of Bologna

*NeoAtlanticists vs Eurasianists: Cold War 2.0?*

Kevin Doremus, Graduate Assistant, Middle Tennessee State University

Chair: Alice Pate, Professor of History, KSU

3:15 - 3:30pm

KSU Center

Break

3:30 - 4:45pm

KSU Center 400

**Session III-A: Russia, Eurasia, and Asia**

*Central Asia: Great Powers and the Great Strategies*

Aleksei Dundich, Lecturer, Department of Applied International Analysis, School of Political Science, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)

*The Eurasian Economic Union: Russian “March Eastwards” or an Alternative to Rejoining the West?*

Natalia Artemenkova, Senior student of Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), Faculty of Political Science

*Greater Eurasia: Russia as the Meeting Point of Europe and Asia*

Gleb Yuchenkov, 3rd year Student of Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), Faculty of International Economic Relations

Chair: Katya Vladimirov, Professor of History, KSU

3:30 - 4:45pm

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**Session III-B: State Policies of Repression: Then and Now**

*Homophobia and statecraft: the role of media in the framing of perception of homosexuality in Russia*

Nikita Sleptcov, Master’s student of Political Science, University of Louisville, KY

*1916 Russian Atrocities of Kyrgyz/Kazakh Population*

Sairagul Matikeeva-Kinney, International Student and Scholar Advisor, Kennesaw State University

Chair: Harrison Long, Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies, KSU

4:45 - 5:00pm

KSU Center

Break

5:00 - 6:15pm

KSU Center 400

**Session IV – A: Cultural Exchange & Interchange**

*Learning through the 2016-2017 SIG Award*

Tom Rotnem, Professor, Department of Political Science & International Affairs, Kennesaw State University  
(Also participating are the members of the MGIMO and KSU “Global Leadership Exchange” faculty and student delegations)

*Firebird or Phoenix – The Globalization of the Quintessential Rite of Spring*

Lisa Fusillo, Professor of Dance, University of Georgia

Chair: Stephen Bartlett, Senior Lecturer of World History, KSU

5:00 - 6:15pm

KSU Center 464

**Session IV- B: Case Studies in Policymaking**

*Social Determinants of Health in Russia*

Jerry B. Daniel, Associate Professor of Social Work, Albany State University

*Reassessing the US Response to the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan*

Herman Blake Reinhold, Instructor of History, United States Air Force Academy

Chair: Joseph Bock, Associate Professor of International Conflict Management, KSU

6:30 - 7:45pm

KSU Center 400

Dinner

8:00 - 9:30pm

Stillwell Theatre

*The Three Sisters*

By Anton Chekhov



The Division of Global Affairs wants to thank students in Professor Carole Mauge-Lewis’s Design Practicum (ART 4030) for their efforts designing the “Year of Russia’s” promotional material. This year’s logo was designed by student Colette Leima.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA: DAY TWO - MARCH 17, 2017 (GEORGIA TECH)

9:00 - 9:30am

Wardlaw Center

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## Day Two Opening Remarks

*Envisioning a Second Thaw: American and Russian Perspectives*

Adam Stulberg, Professor & Co-Director, Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

Tatiana Isachenko, Deputy Dean, School of International Business and Business Administration, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Aleksei Dundich, Lecturer, Department of Applied International Analysis, School of Political Science, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

9:30 - 10:45am

Wardlaw Center

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## Session I: Natural Resources and Russian Foreign Policy

*Pandora's Box Reopened: The Birth, Death, and Rebirth of Sibaral*

Christopher J. Ward, Ph.D., Professor of History, Clayton State University

*Status-Seeking in a Multi-Polar World: Putin's Arctic Strategy*

Thomas E. Rotnem, Professor of Political Science, Kennesaw State University

*Russia's Role in the Iran Nuclear Treaty*

Peter Ajongwa Ngwafu, Associate Professor of Public Administration, Albany State University

Chair: Adam Stulberg, Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology

10:45 - 11:00am

Wardlaw Center

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Break

11:00 - 12:15pm

Wardlaw Center

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## Session II: Countering Terrorism & Illicit Trafficking in US-Russian Relations

*The Rise and Fall of Anti-Trafficking Movement in Russia*

Nadia Shapkina, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kansas State University

*Counterterrorist-cooperation between the United States and the Russian Federation: the Release of Russian citizens from Guantanamo*

Julia Sweet, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University, NJ

*Global Fight Against Terrorism*

Alina Kopylova, Senior student of Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), Faculty of International Economic Relations

11:00 - 12:15pm

Wardlaw Center

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## Session II: Countering Terrorism & Illicit Trafficking in US-Russian Relations (Cont.)

*Russia's Middle East Policy in the Twenty-First Century*

Kwame B. Dankwa, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Political Science, Albany State University

Chair: Eliza Markley, Georgia Institute of Technology

12:30 - 2:00pm

Wardlaw Center

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## Lunch and Plenary

General Philip Breedlove, Retired Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR)

Introduced by: Daniel S. Papp, Founding Chair of the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs & former President of Kennesaw State University



## PARKING DETAILS

The KSU Center and the Wardlaw Center each parking spaces available for conference attendees who plan to drive to the event. See below for parking details of the on-site lots.

### Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Free parking is available at the KSU Center.

#### Parking Address

Kennesaw State University  
KSU Center  
3333 Busbee Drive NW  
Kennesaw, Ga 30144

### Friday, March 17th, 2017

Visitors to the Wardlaw Center can park in the Burge Parking Deck on North Avenue. Hourly rates apply.

#### Parking Address

Georgia Institute of Technology  
Burge Parking Deck  
200 North Avenue NW  
Atlanta, Ga 30313

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

Conference registrants can receive complimentary van service from the Residence Inn to the conference venues each morning. In addition, the vans will travel on Thursday from the KSU Center to the Stillwell Theater for the presentation of Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters*.

### Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Van service between Residence Inn and KSU Center begins:	8:00 am (runs until 8:30)
Vans depart KSU Center for Stillwell Theatre:	7:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Vana departs Stillwell Theatre for Residence Inn:	At conclusion of performance

### Friday, March 17th, 2017

Shuttle departs Residence Inn for Wardlaw Center:	7:30 am
Shuttle departs Wardlaw Center for Residence Inn:	2:00 pm



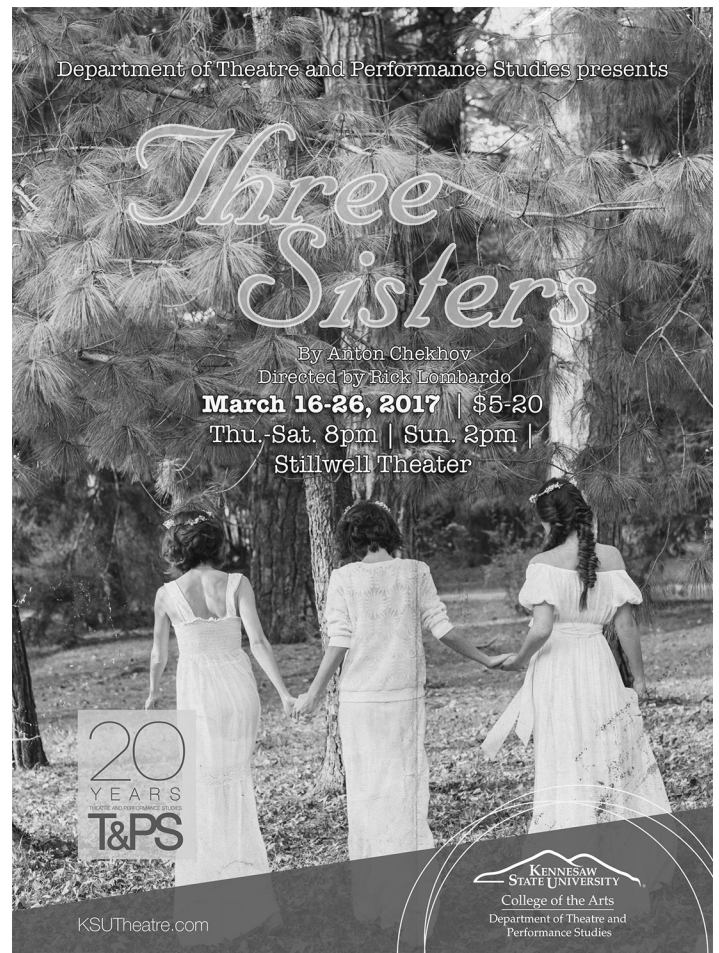
## ANTON CHEKHOV'S *THREE SISTERS*

**Thursday, March 16th**  
**Stillwell Theater**  
**8:00 - 9:30pm**

Guest who registered for the symposium receive complimentary tickets to the evening performance of Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters*, performed by the Kennesaw State University Theatre Department in the Stillwell Theatre.

*Three Sisters* is directed by Rick Lombardo. Written in 1900, it is one of the great masterworks of world drama. To this day, *Three Sisters* remains a vital and moving play about loss, desire, dreams, and the absurdity of life. In just a few months at their home in the country, the Prozorov family goes through inexorable and subtle changes, much like the landscape of Russia would soon also be forever changed by revolution.

Director Rick Lombardo is an associate professor, artistic director, and chair of the Kennesaw State Department of Theatre and Performance Studies. He is an award-winning stage director, artistic director, adapter and educator. He was the Artistic Director at San Jose Repertory Theatre for six seasons from 2008 - 2014, where his work included world premieres of both plays and musicals, as well as significant revivals. Noteworthy among these were the world premiere of the musical *The Snow Queen*, which he also co-wrote, along with the new play *Game On* by Tony Taccone and Dan Hoyle, and *Love in American Times* by Philip Kan Gotanda.







## UPCOMING YEAR OF RUSSIA EVENTS

The *Year of Russia* runs throughout the entire 2016-2017 academic year. Although the University's in-depth study of Russia is drawing to a close, there are still several events remaining that are open to the public. *The Year of Russia* speaker series will focus on some provocative topics in the coming weeks, while the year concludes with a concert featuring authentic Russian folk music. Learn more below.

**March 23, 2017**

**The Opportunities and Limitations of Russia's Oil and Natural Gas**

**Social Sciences Building 1019**

**12:30 - 1:45pm**

Featured speaker is Andrew Barnes, professor of political science at Kent State University

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**March 30, 2017**

**Contemporary Russian Capitalism**

**Social Sciences Building 1019**

**12:30 - 1:45pm**

Featured speaker is Leonid Kosals, professor in the Department of Economic Sociology at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He is also an adjunct associate professor for the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto.

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**April 20, 2017**

**Russia's Arctic Policies**

**Social Sciences Building 1019**

**12:30 - 1:45pm**

Featured speaker is Tom Rotnem, professor of political science at Kennesaw State University

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## CLOSING CEREMONY

**April 22, 2017**

**Russian Folk Music Concert**

**Bailey Performance Center**

**8:00pm**

Concert featuring authentic Russian folk music performed by The Atlanta Balalaika Society (pictured above)

**KSU  
TV**

Watch Previous 'Year of Russia' Events at  
[ksutv.kennesaw.edu/yearof](http://ksutv.kennesaw.edu/yearof)



## THE YEAR OF RUSSIA

For the past 33 years, Kennesaw State has dedicated each academic year to the study of a particular country or region. The award-winning program plays a vital role in internationalizing our campus and engaging local and global communities. Annually, it results in new courses and curriculum, research projects, education abroad programs, and global partnerships.

The Annual Country Study Program helps students break down stereotypes, build connections across cultures, and develop the intercultural competencies needed to act responsibly in today's complex interdependent world.

Academic year 2017 is the *Year of Russia*, which has brought academics, performers, and dignitaries to Kennesaw State

University. Guests have include Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak, the Atlanta Balalaika Society, and visiting professors from universities from around the world.

The *Year of Russia* has provided an historical overview of Russia, its international relations, and current context highlighting the country's unique position in global affairs. It is a story of both tragic suffering and tremendous accomplishments that shape the Russian character making the people resilient and proud. At the same time, Russian society and geography are too complex, too diverse, and too large for a single culture to serve as the national heritage.

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## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Kennesaw State University is the third-largest university in the State of Georgia with more than 35,000 undergraduate and graduate students representing 92 countries. Our campus is located in metropolitan Atlanta in one of the safest and most beautiful areas of the United States.

KSU offers more than 150 bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in education, health, business, humanities, arts, science and math. The university's graduate degree programs include nursing, business, information systems, conflict management, public administration, education and professional writing.

Kennesaw State's Division of Global Affairs leads a comprehensive array of scholarly, educational and service-related

programs on behalf of the entire university, while administering more than 60 international studies programs, offering more than 100 courses and organizing more than 130 distinct international education events.

During the last 12 months, the Division of Global Affairs has received three prominent awards for its internationalization activities, including the Novelis International Commerce Spotlight from the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the 2016 Governor's International Award, and the 2017 Association of International Education Administrators Award for Innovation in Internationalization. This award was in recognition of the Division's *Around the World in 80 Days* program, which sent a cohort students to four continents during the Fall 2016 semester.





## THE SAM NUNN SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs draws on its unique setting at one of the world’s leading technological universities and on the unparalleled integrity and insight of the distinguished senator for which it is named to deliver innovative programs and cutting-edge research that integrate technology and the study of international affairs. At a time of rapid change, the School is dedicated to delivering programs in education, research, and public outreach that provide a greater understanding of factors that shape the world in which we live and work. The School strives to connect learning and experience through its interdisciplinary degree programs, policy-relevant research with a strong theoretical foundation, and regular interaction with practitioners.

Founded in 1990, the School enrolls more than 400 students in its bachelor’s of science, professional master’s, and research-focused doctoral programs. Twenty-two full-time faculty members teach and conduct research on a broad array of topics with a particular focus on how technological innovations affect national security, economic competitiveness, and prospects for international cooperation and conflict.

The School offers overseas programs in Europe, Asia, and Latin America and a variety of outreach programs including the Sam Nunn Bank of America Policy Forum. The School also houses the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy—a policy-relevant, action-oriented research center.

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## THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND POLICY

The Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy (CISTP) is the interdisciplinary policy research arm of The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech. The Center provides a collegial venue for scholars, policy analysts, scientists, technical experts, practitioners, and community leaders to explore innovative approaches to issues situated at the nexus of science, technology, and international affairs. In this capacity, CISTP is committed to generating independent, policy-relevant research and serving as an analytical “bridge builder” for engaging concerned members of the local community and influencing policymaking on contemporary strategic issues.

The Center’s active programs integrate faculty and specialists from Georgia Tech’s fields of engineering, science, and international affairs with leading figures in the global policy arena. Seminars, workshops, conferences, and in-house research and publications are merged with national and international fellowship training to provide meaningful contacts for an enhanced understanding of future technological opportunities and challenges facing both corporate and government planners.





## CALL FOR PAPERS!

The Journal of Global Initiatives is pleased to announce a Call for Papers (CFP) for its special edition on Russia, scheduled to be published in the Winter of 2017. The JGI is a refereed interdisciplinary journal of international policy, pedagogy and perspectives, published twice-yearly by Kennesaw State University's Division of Global Affairs.

We solicit contributions from all disciplines related to any aspect of life and culture, past and present, pertaining to the study of Russia. We are particularly interested in papers that address the complexity of Russian society in its global context. We are also interested in works that overlap with our Year of Russia Conference theme "U.S. - Russian Relations in Global Context."

All submissions should be original, previously unpublished works in English. Feature articles should range from 5,000 to 7,500 words, while book reviews should range from 750 to 1,000 words. To facilitate the blind-review process, do not include your name or institutional affiliation in the article itself. Please prepare your manuscripts in the APA Style.

For further information about the journal, please see the JGI website at <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/jgi/>.

To be considered for the Special Edition on the Portuguese Speaking World, all articles must be submitted electronically as an attachment in Word through the above Digital Commons website on or before **May 31, 2017**.

# JOURNAL *of* GLOBAL INITIATIVES

POLICY, PEDAGOGY, PERSPECTIVE

## Submission Deadline

# May 31, 2017



## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

The conference organizers want to say thank you to all of the presenters, sponsors, community partners, students, faculty, and staff who came together to make this event a success.

We also want to thank you, our symposium guests, for your desire to promote open, respectful dialogue about the sensitive global issues addressed during this two-day program.

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