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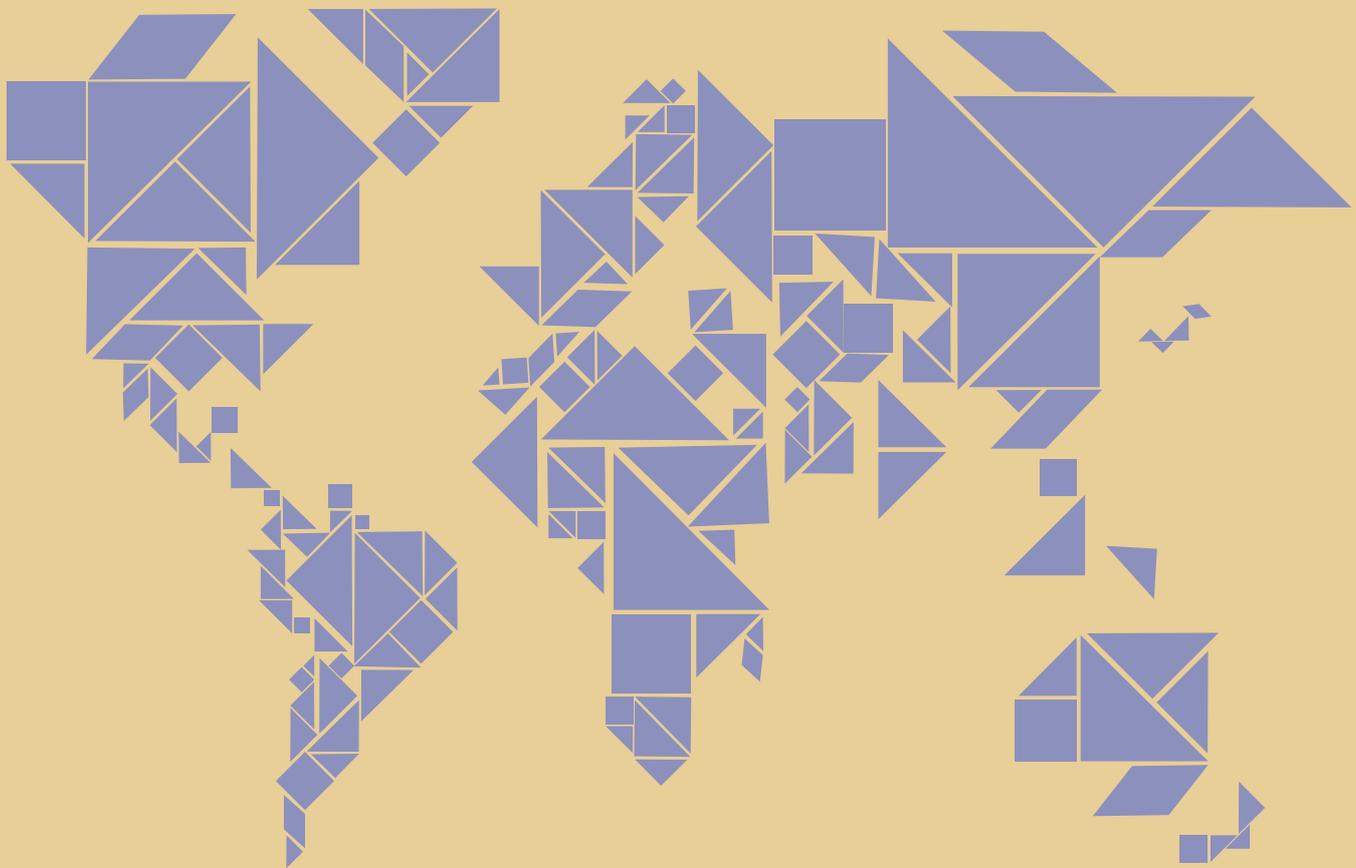
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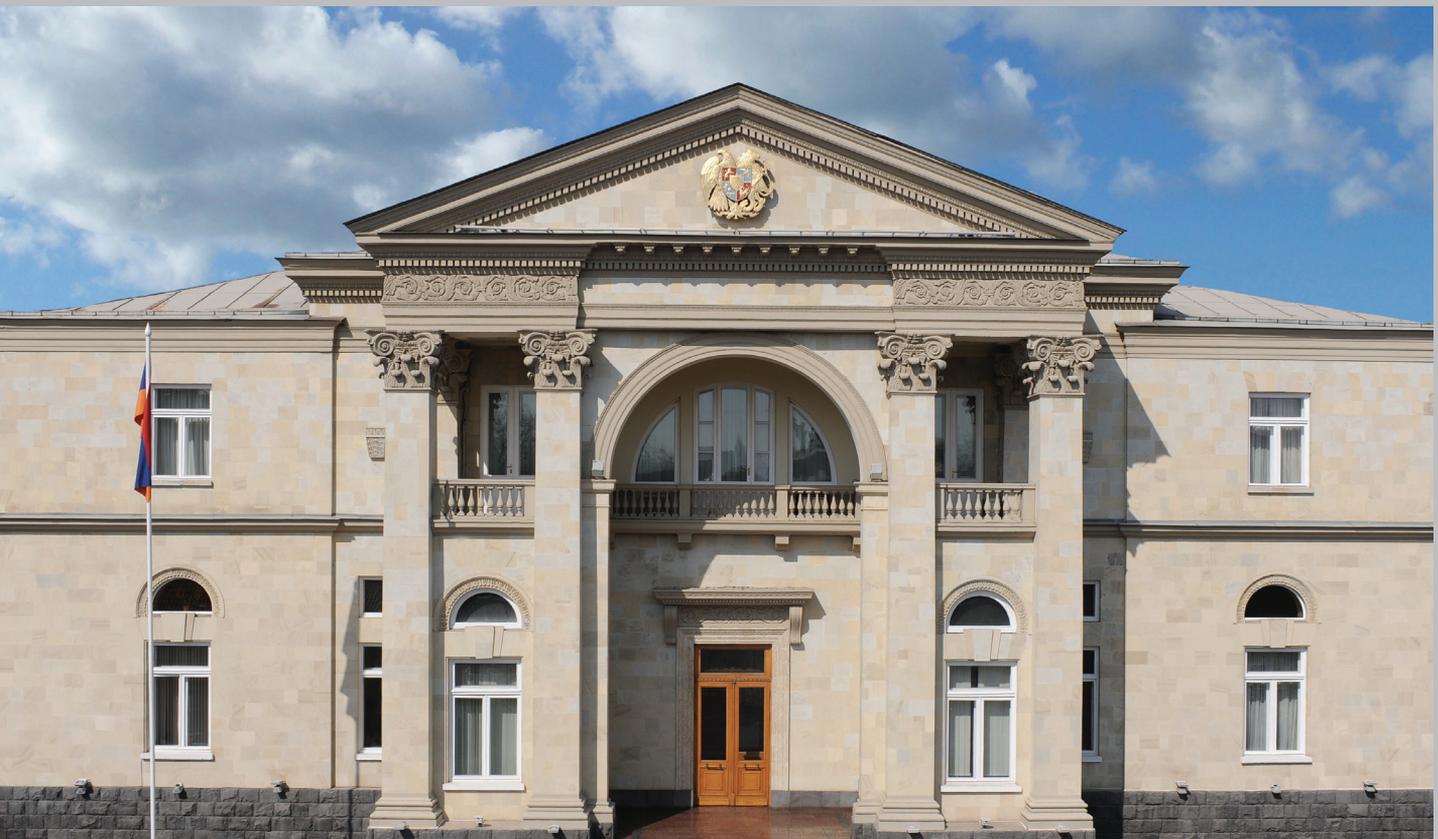


SERZH SARGSYAN
President of the Republic of Armenia,
Chairman of YSU Council

Today a knowledge-based society is the main impetus for the development of any state. This is particularly true for our country. Yerevan State University has had an invaluable contribution to the creation of such a society in Armenia, and today it greatly fosters the consolidation of the RA strengths by continually educating the Armenian youth.

On this road a particularly important mission is assigned to the Faculty of International Relations of YSU. For twenty years the faculty has been training highly qualified, patriotic and dedicated specialists, many of whom, taking up diplomatic service or holding responsible positions, bring their unique contribution to the cause of the development and enhancement of the international reputation and role of Armenia.

I wish you success in the realization of this crucial mission!



The Faculty of International Relations is one of the most prestigious faculties at Yerevan State University. It can rightfully be considered the main forge in Armenia for training young specialists in the field of international relations.

It is no coincidence that the majority of the students of the RA MFA Diplomatic School, and hence our future diplomats, are graduates of this faculty.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs attaches great importance to continued cooperation with the YSU Faculty of International Relations with a view to fostering the training of high-skilled professionals in the field of international relations, as well as making the educational, scientific and research work more comprehensive and efficient.

I wish great success to the academic staff and the students of the Faculty of International Relations!



EDWARD NALBANDIAN
RA Minister of Foreign Affairs





ARAM SIMONYAN

YSU Rector, RA NAS Associate member,
Doctor in History,
Honorary Worker of Science

Considering the 20-year-old history of the Faculty of International Relations of Yerevan State University one can confidently say that the Faculty has covered an impressive road to fulfillment and development. The following can serve as a proof to this: annual improvement of academic disciplines at the Faculty; the desire and tendency to conduct them in compliance with the standards of leading international universities; the fame and respect that a number of lecturers enjoy

both within the Republic and beyond it; the fact that several graduates of this Faculty hold responsible governmental positions and are actively involved in international affairs; involvement of students in various international educational programmes; participation in international and republican conferences and seminars.

As one of the most essential scientific and educational departments, the Faculty of International Relations has certain contribution to the realization of the national and global mission of our University. The Faculty has demonstrated high aspirations to become the leading centre for educating professionals in the fields of politics and international relations in the Republic.

While voicing our appreciation for the Dean of the Faculty, Mr. Gegham Petrosyan, Deputy Deans, renowned lecturer Vahan Bayburdyan, heads of chairs, the academic and administrative staff for their input in the development of the Faculty, we should pay tribute to the late Edik Zohrabyan, Ishkhan Balyan, Hakob Hakobyan and others.



Today the Faculty of International Relations is one of the leading faculties of Yerevan State University, where the main academic potential for training professionals for the areas of international relations, political science and public administration is concentrated. Fundamental research is carried out in different directions, like theory of international relations, foreign policy and diplomacy, theory of politics and history, study of political institutions and processes, public policy making and management.

Great attention is constantly attached to the improvement of educational programmes due to which the knowledge students gain meets current educational standards.

We particularly highlight our cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia (RA MFA). Every year most of the entrees to the MFA Diplomatic School are Master's or postgraduate students and graduates of our faculty.

One can find graduates from our faculty in almost all embassies of the RA to foreign countries. We have excellent cadres in different areas of diplomatic service serving as deputy ambassadors, first secretaries, consuls in the Russian Federation, France, Germany, Spain, the



GEGHAM PETROSYAN
Dean of the Faculty,
Doctor in History, Professor

Czech Republic, Poland, Austria, Italy, the USA, Canada, Argentina, representatives in the UN, other international bodies and political analytical centres.



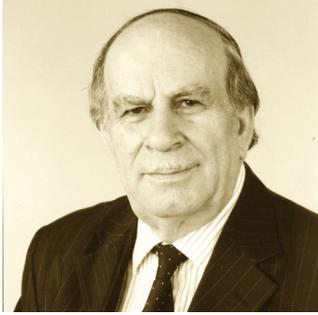


BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



The first attempt to establish the Faculty of International Relations at Yerevan State University was made back in the 40s of the previous century. During the Great Patriotic War, on 19 July 1944, S. Karapetyan, People's Commissar of the ArmSSR Foreign Affairs applied to S.V. Kaftanov, Chairman of the All-Union Committee on the Affairs of the Higher School, attached to the Council of People's Commissars

of the USSR, noting that there was an urgent need to prepare qualified diplomatic cadres in Armenia in order to establish an Armenian branch at ArmSSR People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs and at the All-Union Cultural Ties Organization abroad. To that end a decision was made to establish the Faculty of International Relations at State University after V.S. Molotov in 1944-1945 academic year



EDIK ZOHRABYAN



HAKOB HAKOBYAN



ISHKHAN BALYAN



GURGEN MEGHRYAN

and to admit 35-40 students to start with.

In 1945 the Faculty of International Relations was opened at the university and functioned till 1954 as the need for training professional diplomats disappeared owing to the USSR government new policy adopted with respect to the Armenian issue. Thus, until the collapse of the USSR Armenian young people specialized in “International Relations” in Moscow.

In 1990 the Department of International Relations was opened at the Faculty of Oriental Studies of Yerevan State University and was transferred to the Faculty of History a year later. On 16 September 1998, by the decision of the YSU Academic Council the Department became a separate faculty and the Chair of Political Science, which functioned within the Faculty of Philosophy, joined the Fa-

culty of International Relations. Edik Zohrabyan, Doctor of History, Professor was elected Dean of the newly formed faculty and Gegham Petrosyan, PhD in History was elected Deputy Dean. Due to intense activity, the Faculty of International Relations is gradually becoming one of the leading faculties of YSU. Ed. Zohrabyan, G. Petrosyan, H. Hakobyan, V. Bayburdyan, I. Balyan and other merited people have had their undeniable contribution to developing the educational process at the Faculty.

In 2006 the Department of Public Administration was opened at the Faculty of International Relations and due to the advanced educational programmes it has become a much demanded speciality.

Since 2008 **Gegham Petrosyan**, Doctor of History, Professor has been the Dean of the Faculty of International Relations.

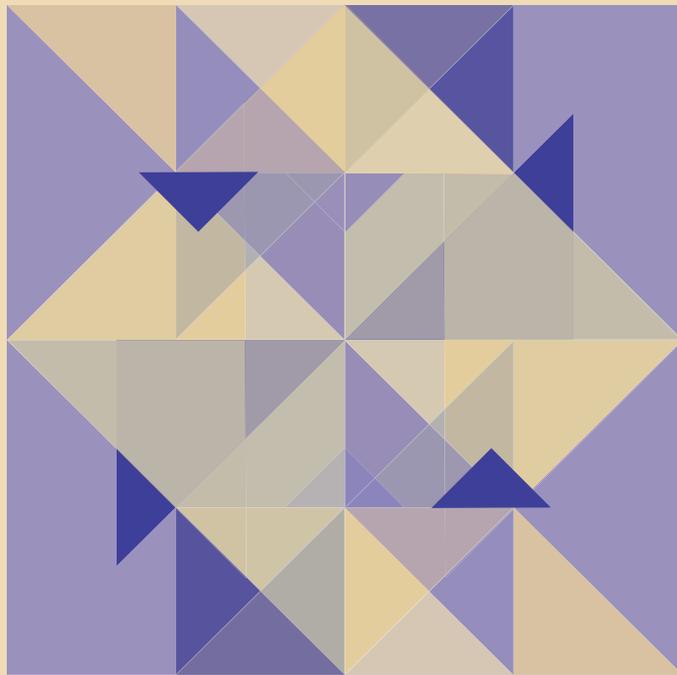






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DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES OF THE
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FACULTY STRUCTURE AND ACADEMIC PROCESS

Currently three departments function at the Faculty of International Relations:



International Relations



Political Science



Public Administration

The Faculty is comprised of one NAS RA academician, 12 doctors of sciences, 58 PhDs, 33 of whom are associate professors. Many of them are prominent not only in Armenia but also beyond its borders.

Currently 2235 students are getting their full-time or part-time education at the Faculty of International Relations; 100 of them are from the Russian Federation, the USA, Greece, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Serbia, Syria, Germany. Most of them are our compatriots doing their BA or MA degrees at the Faculty of International Relations.





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FACULTY DEPARTMENTS

International Relations, one of the most relevant academic and practical branches, is involved in political science research as well. The students of the Department of International Relations have the opportunity to study the theory and history of international relations, inter-state relations and foreign policy, the system of modern international relations and a range of other courses. A special place in the curriculum is assigned to diplomacy as the science dealing with the means, methods and ways of tackling foreign policy through peace negotiations, as well as with characteristic features of diplomatic and consular service, the mission and main responsibilities of a diplomat. “Diplomatic, Consular Service and Law”, “Diplomatic Protocol and

Etiquette”, “Multilateral Diplomacy”, “Conduct of Diplomatic Negotiations” are only a few of the courses studied at the Department. Undoubtedly, the history of international relations of Armenia and Armenian diplomacy are also studied.

Political Science is one of the most rapidly developing specializations throughout the world. There is a demand for political scientists in almost any sphere of social life. The demand for serious and professional political scientists is great specifically at counseling and informational centres of government departments; at the National Assembly (NA) to work as assistants to Parliament Members; at periodicals to carry out political analyses; to hold electoral campaigns

Vahan Bayburdyan, the first RA Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Doctor of History, Professor; a seminar with graduate students





Gagik Yeganyan, Head of the RA Territorial Administration Ministry's Migration Service, PhD in Economics; a lecture on "Demographic Security and Migration Processes"

relevantly; at various other political, economic and public bodies to enhance public relations, and so on. The work of non-governmental organizations is increasingly growing in Armenia as well as in other post-Soviet countries. These organizations unite young people with deep political knowledge and, through funding by international organizations, support democratic processes in different areas of social life. Well-educated political scientists can achieve great success due to the variety of subjects studied at the Faculty. The curriculum, meeting the

demands of modern Political Science, gives the students an opportunity to gain necessary skills in evaluating modern internal political processes; grasp new challenges of global politics; implement political technologies relevantly; stand out in the existing social and political environment. Consequently, a future graduate of the Department of Political Science becomes a broad-minded and active citizen who can appreciate national values and identify global patterns; who is led by tolerance, and is an initiator, for whom there is a strong demand in the society.





FACULTY DEPARTMENTS

The Department of Public Administration provides the students with thorough knowledge in the foundations and modern directions of state governance and local self-governance (LSG); of management of organizations and public bodies, and of public policy and strategic governance. Being of interdisciplinary character, the academic and educational aspects of public administration comprise both theoretical and practical elements. Among the disciplines taught at the Department are: “Administration and

Management”, “Public Policy”, “Comparative Administration”, “Theories of Organizations and Bureaucracy”, “Organizational Behaviour”, “Community Development and Administration”, “E-Governance”, “Management Reforms”, “Analysis of Foreign Policy”, and so on. This level of education grants the graduates of the Department the opportunity to work at government and LSG institutions, bodies and organizations designing and conducting public policy, international organizations and elsewhere.

Aram Tamazyan, Deputy Head of the RA Special Investigative Committee, RA Councilor of Justice, Doctor of Law, Professor, Honorary Lawyer of the RA; a lecture on “Constitutional Law”





The educational process at the Faculty is organized at the following chairs:

- ◀ Chair of International Relations and Diplomacy
- ◀ Chair of Diplomatic Service and Communication
- ◀ Chair of Political Institutions and Processes
- ◀ Chair of History and Theory of Political Science
- ◀ Chair of Public Administration





CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

The Chair was established in 1993. The first Head of the Chair was Doctor of History, Professor E.A. Zohrabyan; from February 2001 to April 2008 its Head was Doctor of History, Professor V.A. Bayburdyan. In the period of 2008-2013 Professor E.A. Zohrabyan headed the Chair for his second term.

Before the Faculty of International Relations was founded in 1998, the Chair of History and Theory of International Relations functioned within the Faculty of History. The Chair that was initially comprised of only four members, in 2014 had already a staff of 23 members 11 of whom having full-time, others half-time or quarter-time employment. Currently the staff of the Chair is comprised of one RA NAS Member, four Doctors and 14 PhDs. Eight members of the staff have hands-on experience in diplomatic career.

The staff of the Chair is actively involved in academic research in the following directions:

- ◀ issues of Armenian diplomacy and RA foreign policy
- ◀ current issues and processes of international relations
- ◀ global and regional integration developments.

The Chair annually holds scientific sessions and conferences. It also organizes meetings with foreign diplomats accredited to the RA and renowned lecturers from abroad.

The Head of the Chair is **Marut Vardazaryan**, PhD in Historical Sciences, Associate Professor.

Academic staff of the Chair of International Relations and Diplomacy



CHAIR OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION



The Chair of Diplomatic Service and Communication was established in May 2010. The academic disciplines delivered at the Department of International Relations give the students thorough knowledge on both theoretical and practical issues of diplomatic and consular service.

The Chair delivers such courses as “Conduct of Diplomatic Negotiations”, “Diplomatic Etiquette and Protocol” and “Area Studies”, which constitute an indispensable part of diplomatic service.

The Chair of Diplomatic Service and Communication attaches great importance to the students’ fluent command of both European and Oriental languages. According to Article 24 of the Law on Diplomatic Service of the Republic of Armenia, the command of at least two foreign languages is mandatory. Hence, the instruction of

the first and second foreign languages is provided in accordance with such disciplines as “Diplomatic Language and Culture”, “Diplomatic Service”, “Diplomatic Correspondence”, as well as “Skills of Conducting Visits and Conversations”.

Research at the Chair is conducted in the following directions:

- ← applied linguistics
- ← discourse analysis
- ← materials development
- ← ESP issues
- ← area studies.

The Head of the Chair is **Noubar Chalemian**, PhD in History, Associate Professor.

Academic staff of the Chair of Diplomatic Service and Communication





CHAIR OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

The Chair of Political Institutions and Processes was set up in April 2010, in accordance with the decision of the Academic Council of YSU. The Chair was created on the basis of the Chair of Political Science functioning since 1991. Among the staff of 15 professors of the Chair 3 are Doctors of Sciences and 10 are Candidates of Sciences. Nine members of the staff hold the degree of Doctor or Candidate of Political Science. Within a short period of time the Chair has established itself as an educational and research centre, and now is systematizing the disciplines of applied politology that are taught at all the departments of the Faculty of International Relations.

There are more than 10 postgraduate and research students at the Chair, seeking specialization in Political Institutions and Processes. The research conducted by the staff and postgraduate students is carried out in three directions:

- ◀ political institutions
- ◀ political processes
- ◀ world policy and regional processes.

The Head of the Chair is **Garik Qeryan**, Doctor of Political Science, Professor.

Academic staff of the Chair of Political Institutions and Processes



CHAIR OF HISTORY AND THEORY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



This Chair used to function as the Chair of Political Science since June 1991 till April 2010 when it was renamed into the Chair of History and Theory of Political Science. The shift in the activities of the Chair was brought about by the need for solid research in ongoing political processes and the study of the behaviour of political subjects in the course of democratic transition. It is the theoretical interpretation of current processes that makes it possible for the Armenian society to find ingenious and systemic solutions to the urgent problems it faces. The main directions of the research conducted at the Chair are:

- ◀ ideological and political bases of modern social and political transformations
- ◀ political conflictology
- ◀ political theory
- ◀ history of Armenian political thought.

Special attention is paid to the problem of national security, which encompasses a wide range of social and political, demographic, environmental, economic, socio-cultural, political and legal issues.

Out the Chair staff of 22, 2 are doctors of science and professors, 17 are PhDs, 7 of whom are associate professors.

The Head of the Chair is **Ashot Yengoyan**, Doctor of Political Science, Professor.

Academic staff of the Chair of History and Theory of Political Science





CHAIR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Chair of Public Administration was founded in 2008. The YSU educational programme of Public Administration was launched in 2005, by offering the specialization of “Public Administration” (MPA) at the Master’s Programme of the Faculty. The programme was initiated and developed in partnership with Arizona State University (U.S.) beginning with 2003. Since 2007 the Faculty of International Relations has offered Bachelor’s degree with a specialization in “Public Administration”. The major directions of research carried out at the Chair are:

- ↳ theoretical and applied dimensions of state governance as well as of local self-governance
- ↳ study of practical and conceptual aspects in the reform of public governance systems.

Currently 19 lecturers work at the Chair, most of them holding a PhD degree.

The Head of the Chair is Vahagn Aglyan, PhD in History, Associate Professor.

Academic staff of the Chair of Public Administration



IMPROVEMENT AND PERFECTION OF EDUCATION PROCESS



The Faculty pays great attention to the improvement and perfection of the educational and methodological work carried out at the departments. In the period of 2012-2014 the curricula underwent a substantial revision. To secure the implementation of an efficient educational process all the chairs of the Faculty revised and improved their educational plans and academic curricula for the Bachelor's and Master's programmes to meet modern-day requirements. A number

of new academic disciplines were added to the existing curriculum. In the department of International Relations "Economic Diplomacy", "Current International Relations in the Middle East", "Integration Processes in the Asian Region", "Integration Processes in the Post-Soviet Region" and several other disciplines were introduced. Great importance is attached to the content adequacy of the subject curricula and the delivered lectures.

QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM

Consistent work aimed at ensuring high quality of the academic process is carried out. To achieve this goal properly functioning mechanisms, through which quality assurance process is fulfilled, have been created. In the framework of the Faculty the function of quality assurance is chiefly conducted by:

- ◀ the Methodological Council of the Faculty
- ◀ the Quality Assurance Committee of the Faculty
- ◀ the Contest Committee.

At the Academic Council, annual reports and presentations are regularly made by heads of chair, the Chairman of the Methodological Council, the Chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee, and the Chairman of the Contest Committee.

The Contest Committee



The Methodological Council





BACHELOR'S DEGREE

◀ To get a Bachelor's Degree, a YSU student has to accomplish 240 academic credits by the end of his/her studies.

The Faculty of International Relations offers the BA students the following programmes:

◀ International Relations

◀ Political Science

◀ Public Administration

Ashot Melkonyan, RA NAS Academician; a consultation on "Issues of Armenian History"



ORGANIZATION OF INTERNSHIP FOR STUDENTS



In the 8th academic term (6th term at the Department of Political Science and 10th term for part-time education) of baccalaureate students follow internship. The administration of the Faculty attaches great importance to the effective organization of the internship for students as it provides them with the opportunity to add professional and practical skills to the theoretical knowledge acquired during previous terms of studies.

The internship of undergraduate students at the YSU Faculty of International Relations is organized at the following institutions:

- ← Office to the RA President
- ← RA National Assembly
- ← RA Government
- ← RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ← RA Ministry of Defence
- ← RA Ministry of Diaspora
- ← RA Ministry of Culture
- ← NKR Permanent Mission in the RA
- ← Yerevan Municipality.





**INTERNSHIP AT THE RA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



MASTER'S DEGREE



**Eduard Sharmazanov, Vice President of the RA National Assembly, PhD in History;
a lecture on “The Political Map of the Caspian and Black Sea Region”**



**Artak Zakaryan, Chair of the RA NA Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, PhD in Political
Science, Associate Professor and Gegham Petrosyan, Faculty Dean discussing methodological
issues on “Political Governance”**





MASTER'S PROGRAMMES AT THE FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

◀ To get a Master's degree, a YSU student has to accomplish 120 academic credits by the end of his/her studies.

Master's programmes at the Faculty of International Relations are as follows:

- ◀ International Relations
- ◀ World Politics
- ◀ International Law
- ◀ Political Science
- ◀ National Security
- ◀ Regional Policy
- ◀ Political Technologies and Marketing
- ◀ Public Administration

All Faculty departments have designed relevant academic curricula.

The Department of International Relations offers Master's programmes in "International Relations" and "International Law" (a joint programme with the Faculty of Law).

The Master's programme "World Politics" was introduced into the Faculty

of International Relations in 2011. It joined the CIS Network University, and since 2013 every year we have had holders of Master's degree majoring in "World Politics" at Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (PFUR). Currently, a number of the Faculty students are improving their professional skills at the Faculty of International Relations at MGIMO University.

The Department of Political Science has a Master's programme in "National Security" which contributes to improving the quality of education of our students, promotes deeper knowledge on the issues of national security.

The same Department has a Master's programme in "Political Technologies and Marketing".

Shavarsh Kocharyan, RA MFA Deputy Minister, RA Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, PhD in Biology, Associate Professor; a lecture on "RA International Relations and Current issues of Foreign Policy"





The department of Political Science also offers a Master's programme in "Regional Policy" with its own website, which is practiced at the YSU for the first time.

The Department of Public Administration has only one Master's programme in "Public Administration".

Every academic year Master's programmes are reviewed and updated.



Arevik Petrosyan, Member of the RA Constitutional Court, PhD in Law, Associate Professor; a lecture on "Parliamentary Diplomacy"

**Members of the Examination Board discussing Master's theses defence issues. From left to right: Arsen Avagyan, Head of the Neighbouring Countries Department of the RA MFA, RA Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Doctor of History, Professor
Ruben Azizbekyan, Councilor at the RA MFA CIS Department, RA Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, PhD in History
Gurgen Hovhannisyan, Councilor at the RA MFA CIS Department, RA Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary**





RESEARCH AT THE FACULTY

The Faculty highlights the implementation of high-level scientific research. Our goal is to maximize the use of the academic potential of the Faculty of International Relations in scientific research, thus producing high-quality scientific values in priority directions through encouraging the staff and students to get actively involved in research activities. Not only is the growth in the volume of research evaluated, but also is the expansion of involvement of the Faculty staff and students in research projects. The following measures are taken to implement strategically important issues:

- ← The results of the research are evaluated according to international standards, relevance and applicability.
- ← Interdisciplinary research programmes and directions are highlighted.
- ← Participation of postgraduate and graduate students' articles in journals related to academic programmes is provided.
- ← High quality for the supervision of the research work of students is provided and guaranteed.

International conference at YSU Faculty of International Relations





Presentation ceremony of the Russian publication of the book “Relations of the Republic of Armenia with Russia (1918-1920)” by Gegham Petrosyan, Doctor of History, Professor at “Argumenti i Fakti (AIF)” News Agency, Moscow

↙ The objective is to provide professional orientation and direction of Master’s courses and to link the theses topics with the academic research issues underway at the Faculty.

↙ Practical and research orientation of students’ practical training is appreciated.

↙ The whole academic potential is involved in the supervision and implementation of graduate papers and Master’s theses.

The Faculty of International Relations is persistent in cooperation with high-rated Armenian and foreign educational, research and analytical bodies. This is a constant process increasingly translating into a policy. The following measures are taken within the framework of this process:

↙ Research and educational programmes with direct participation of other YSU faculties, different higher educational and academic institutions, centres and organizations concerned are expanding.

↙ The academic and analytical potential of the Faculty of International Relations is presented in a new format: online.

↙ International conferences are regularly held and the Faculty staff and students take part in high-rated international conferences and discussions.

Meeting of Yuri Navoyan, Chairman of the organization “Armenian-Russian Cooperation” with the Faculty students





RESEARCH AT THE FACULTY

Publication of articles in leading foreign journals and participation in representational international scientific conferences are highly appreciated.

The list of journals and articles published in foreign languages is expanding.

Training of lecturers at leading scientific research organizations and adjustment of their experience and active contribution to the faculty are attributed great importance.

Joint scientific research and experimental work is carried out with foreign partners.

Participation of the Faculty specialists in the development and implementation of local and international grant programmes is expanding.

Favourable conditions are created for research work of foreign specialists at the Faculty.

The Faculty of International Relations attaches great importance to ensuring high academic quality of PhD and doctoral dissertations of the postgraduates and the staff.

Meeting of Rafayil Chinurov, Member of the RF Federation Council, former Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bashkiria, PhD in Law, Professor with the Faculty academic staff and students



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



At present the Faculty cooperates with universities in the USA, Greece, Egypt, Syria, Iran, France, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, the Russian Federation as well as with leading universities of other countries. The Faculty staff and students participate in different events and programmes organized by the Faculty, the YSU Division of International Relations, embassies accredited to Armenia, international bodies, foundations and other centres.

The Faculty staff and students have had an active participation in the IANUS, WEBB, HUMERIA projects of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship programme in the framework of scholarships, launched in Armenia by the European Committee.

The projects of this programme create an opportunity to boost cooperation between the institutions of higher education, to expand exchange among students, lecturers and researchers and support the mobility especially from non-EU member states to EU member states. The Faculty staff and students are also actively engaged in different programmes in the framework of other foundations and services, institutions and other bodies. Carnegie Research Fellowship Program, DAAD (The German Academic Exchange Service) and the scholarship programmes in the framework of PACT project in TEMPUS programme are worth special mention.

Marut Vardazaryan, PhD in History, Associate Professor and Zhak Manukyan, PhD in History, Associate Professor at the Faculty of International Relations of Belarusian State University





OUR TRADITIONS

It has become a Faculty tradition for the RA Foreign Minister to deliver the first lecture to the freshmen of the Faculty on September 1. The first-year students get an opportunity to learn about international and regional political processes and address questions to the Foreign Minister.

During the academic year many foreign ambassadors accredited to the Republic of Armenia visit the Faculty and introduce the principles and priorities of their states' foreign policy to our students and present their own personal perceptions of professional skills. The ambassadors hosted at the Faculty of International Relations and



Signing the Memorandum of Cooperation between the RA MFA and YSU Faculty of International Relations

Meeting of Mohammad Reis, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the IRI to the RA with the Faculty students





Meeting of the Faculty staff with the RA MFA Minister

the students hold cordial dialogues, discuss issues on world politics, human rights and humanitarian law, integration processes, settlement of conflicts.

It is also a tradition for the RA Foreign Ministry to organize various events in the framework of La Francophonie month together with the French Embassy in Armenia and the Faculty of International Relations.

The Faculty staff regularly holds meetings with the RA Foreign Minister. During the meetings professional discussions take place on the priorities of Armenia's foreign policy, the involvement of Armenia in international organizations, the settlement of Artsakh issue. Similar meetings are also held in the framework of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the RA NA.

Meeting of Henri Reynaud, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to the RA with the Faculty students





Armen Ashotyan, RA Minister of Education and Science, delivering a lecture for the Faculty students

Every academic term the Minister of Education and Science of the RA delivers a lecture at the Faculty of International Relations.

There is also a tradition for the Dean of the Faculty of International Relations to hold meetings with the

students every academic year. The Faculty staff and the Dean's office staff do not participate in the meeting, which gives the Dean and the students an opportunity to have frank and direct discussions.

Inauguration of the auditorium named after John Kirakosyan: YSU Rector Aram Simonyan and RA Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Doctor of History, Professor Arman Kirakosyan



CAREER



The high educational level of the Faculty of International Relations grants its graduates the opportunity to work in diplomatic missions, various international organizations, Armenian

state agencies, as well as at research and analytical departments of non-governmental organizations and institutions.



Vigen Sargsyan
Chief of Staff of the Office to the RA President



Varuzhan Nersessyan
Assistant to the RA President, RA Special Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary



Tigran Balayan
RA Special Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary, Lecturer at YSU Faculty of International Relations, PhD in History, Associate Professor



Shirak Torosyan
RA NA Member, Lecturer at YSU Faculty of International Relations



CAREER



Serob Bejanyan
Deputy Head of the RA Mission to NATO, RA Special Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary



Davit Knyazyan
Deputy Head of Permanent Delegation of the RA to OSCE, PhD in History, Associate Professor



Tigran Sahakyan
Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of the RA Ministry of Education and Science



Davit Atanesyan
"First Mortgage" LLC, CEO

STUDENT LIFE



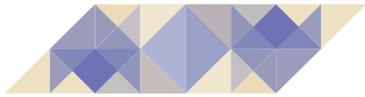
Alumni of YSU Faculty of International Relations, studying at the Diplomatic School of RA MFA

Student life at the Faculty mainly revolves around the activities of the **Student Council** and **Student Scientific Society**. Every year the latter organizes student conferences, where the most successful reports are

encouraged. The students of the Faculty actively participate in international youth conferences and win prizes. The faculty has a “Debate Club”, where the participants may discuss and hold debates on political and other issues.

David Sarkisyan, graduate student of YSU Faculty of International Relations at an international conference at Shanghai University





SPORT AND CULTURAL LIFE

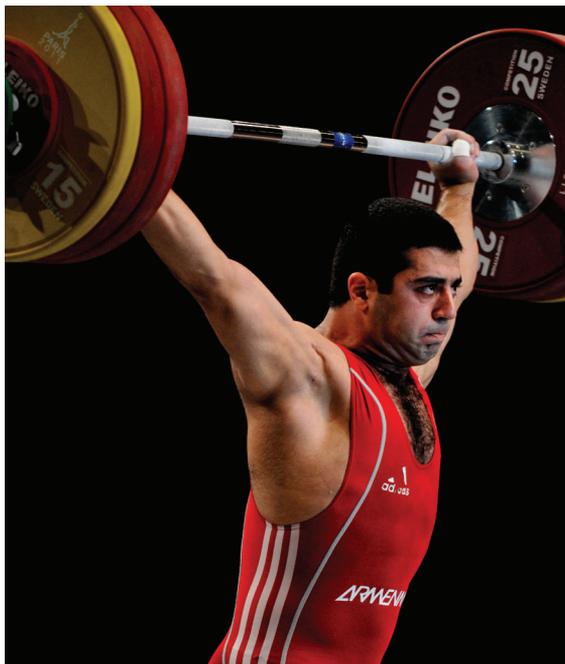


Arsen Julfalakyan, postgraduate student at YSU Faculty of International Relations

The students of the Faculty of International Relations have achievements not only in education, but also in culture spheres and sports, becoming winners of Olympic Games, World and European championships.

Arsen Julfalakyan, a Greco-Roman wrestler who became the World champion of 2014, European champion of 2009 and silver medal

Tigran Martirosyan, graduate student at YSU Faculty of International Relations



winner at London Olympic Games of 2012, is a graduate of the Faculty of International Relations and is currently a postgraduate student at the Chair of International Relations and Diplomacy. He was awarded 1st (2014) and 2nd (2012) degree medals for “Services to



Artur Gevorgyan, RA NA Member, Chairman of the Boxing Federation of Armenia, graduate student at YSU Faculty of International Relations

Elina Danielyan, graduate student at YSU Faculty of International Relations





Siranush Harutyunyan (Sirusho), singer, alumni of YSU Faculty of International Relations

the Motherland”. He has been the only student in the history of Yerevan State University to be awarded YSU Gold Medal twice.

Another graduate student of the Faculty of International Relations is weightlifter **Tigran Martirosyan**, who became World champion of 2010, Double European champion (2008 and 2010) and Beijing Olympic bronze medal winner of 2008.

Armenian chess grandmaster **Elina Danielyan**, 2003 European Team

Hamlet Gevorgyan, singer, graduate student at YSU Faculty of International Relations



Championship winner, is also studying at the Faculty of International Relations.

Student life includes not only classroom training, but also extracurricular sports and cultural events. The football team of YSU International Relations Faculty is a double winner of YSU foot-



Hrachuhy Utmazyan, editor of “Cosmopolitan Armenia”, announcer, alumni of YSU Faculty of International Relations

ball championships.

Our students and graduates display distinguished cultural achievements as well.

YSU Experts team is the winner of intercollegiate championships “What? Where? When?” and “Brain Ring”, organized by the RA Central Bank and Armenian Association of Experts. One of our students, Gevorg Adamyan, is in the YSU Experts team.

Students of the Faculty of International Relations are also enrolled in YSU KVN (Club of the Cheerful and Resourceful) Team activities and have great contribution to the intercollegiate victories.



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The Faculty of International Relations has Armenian (<http://ysu.am/faculties/hy/International-Relations>) and English (<http://ysu.am/faculties/en/International-Relations>) versions of its webpage on the YSU website.

Here one can find all the information on the Faculty, its chairs and professors' scientific research. In 2013-2014 academic year the quality and accessibility of informational, analytical and research materials of the Faculty website were improved. The Faculty's website has facilitated and

rendered more productive electronic communication with students. Particularly, the website contains the following information for "International Relations", "Political Science" and "Public Administration" majors: schedule for the current academic term, timetable of midterm and final examinations, results for student allowances, guidelines for the academic credit system and information about academic disciplines.

The number of monographs, scientific articles, textbooks, manuals and professional literature has enlarged

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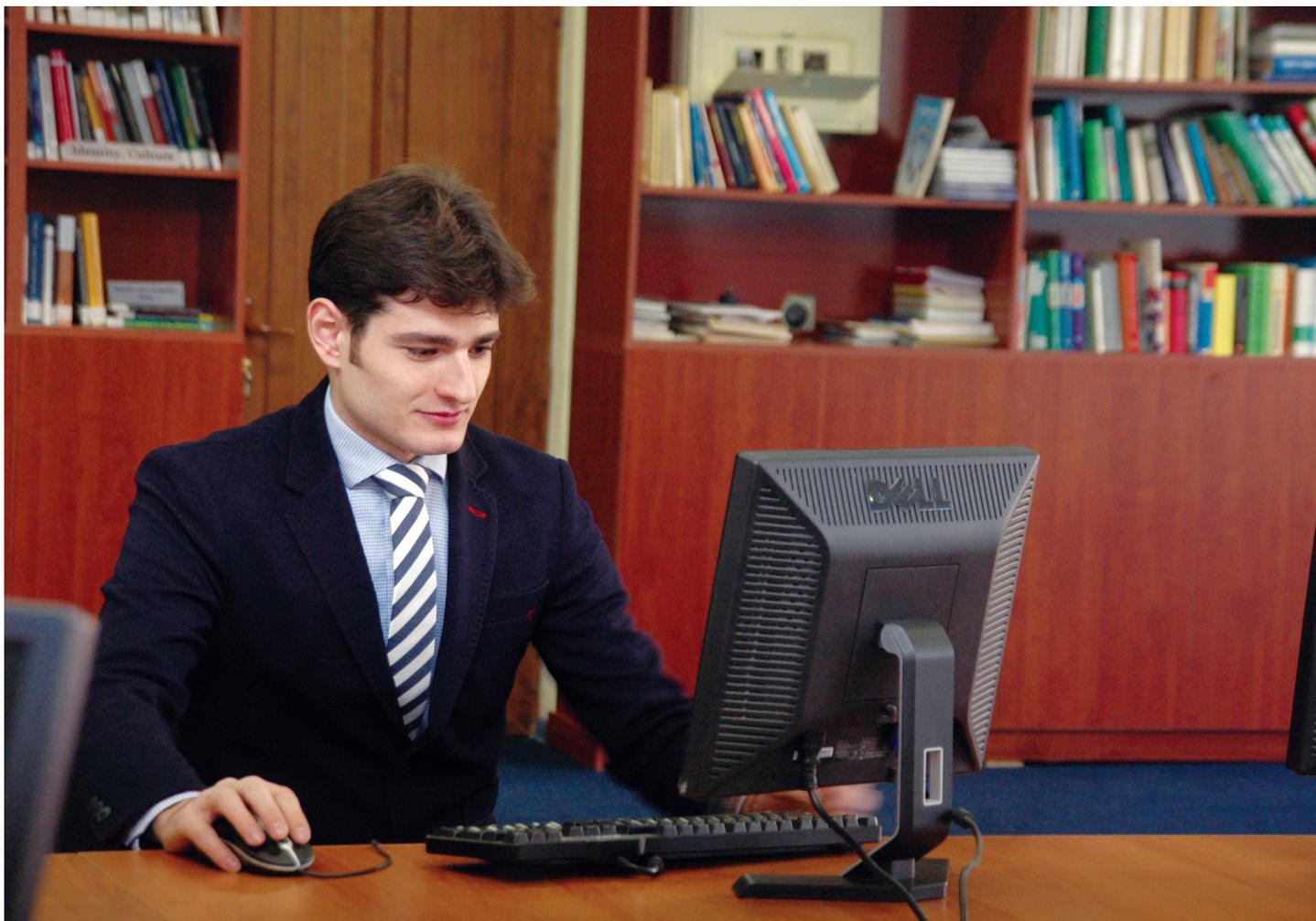
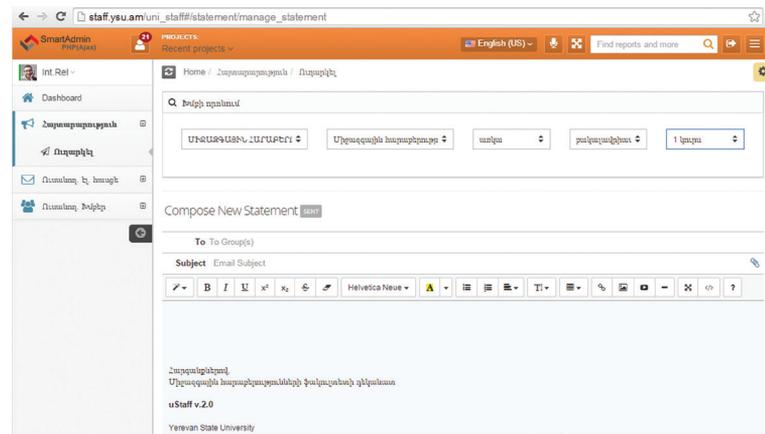
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