

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

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Current Positions:

- Founder & Director, PIR Center
- President, Trialogue Club International
- Co-Founder & Academic Supervisor, International Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation & Global Security Studies, MGIMO University, Moscow, Russia
- Professor, MGIMO University

Areas of Expertise:

- Foreign and security policy of the Russian Federation.
- Nonproliferation of nuclear weapons.
- Russian-US relations on international security matters.
- BRICS' agenda on peace and security issues.
- Russia's views on European security architecture.
- Nuclear nonproliferation issues in the Middle East, including Iranian nuclear program.

Biography:

Dr. Orlov is expert in international security and Russia's foreign policy. His areas of research include major threats and challenges to international security, primarily, nuclear nonproliferation as well as Russian-US relations in the framework of international security.

Vladimir A. Orlov was born in Moscow in 1968. After receiving degree with honors from the Foreign Ministry's Moscow State Institute of International Affairs (MGIMO), where he specialized in international journalism and Latin American studies, Dr. Orlov completed an internship at the USSR Consulate in Havana, Cuba. After that he began his career as a journalist at the offices of the Novosti Press Agency (now known as RIA Novosti), rising through the ranks from a columnist to a political commentator, section head, Vice President and, finally, to a member of the Executive Board of the *Moskovskiye Novosti (Moscow News)* company.

Dr. Orlov is President of the *Triologue Club International*, which he founded thirty years ago, in 1993. Dr. Orlov presided over 116 sessions of this prestigious Club which brings together diplomats, business community, and security experts.

In April 1994, Dr. Orlov founded PIR Center, a private think tank dealing with international security and Russia's foreign policy issues, now a leading Russian and international research and publishing nongovernmental organization in this area. Dr. Orlov is currently PIR Center's Director; member of its Executive Board; and Director of the Center's Nonproliferation and Russia Program.

In 1994, Dr. Orlov launched the first Russian journal on nonproliferation issues, *Yaderny Kontrol* (Nuclear Control). In 2007 the journal was developed into *Security Index* (*Indeks Bezopasnosti*), with both Russian and global (English-language) editions. In 2012, the publication celebrated its landmark 100th issue, which was launched in Moscow, Geneva, and Vienna. Altogether, 112 issues of the journal were produced with Dr. Orlov's leadership as its editor-in-chief. Currently, *Security Index* continues as Occasional Paper Series, with Sr. Orlov as its Chief Editor.

In 1994 and later during 1999-2002, Dr. Orlov, while continuing his work in Moscow, was a Visiting Scholar and Senior Research Associate at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California.

In 2001-2002, the U.N. Secretary-General appointed Dr. Orlov as a U.N. consultant on disarmament and nonproliferation education. As a result of the work done by the group of governmental experts, the Secretary-General issued a report that formed the basis for a U.N. General Assembly Resolution (2002).

In 2004, Dr. Orlov became a professor at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and in 2005 he was named Co-Director of the GCSP European Training Course in Security Policy – position he kept until 2008, when he decided to concentrate on the development of Center russe d'études politiques in Geneva, an association which he led for twelve years (2006-2018).

Dr. Orlov took an active part in the analysis of the top issues on the agenda and in the development of recommendations on key items of Russia's G8 presidency, and was also a participant of the G8 summit in St.-Petersburg (2006).

Since 1995, Dr. Orlov took part in the work of all NPT Review Conferences. Since 2010, as a member of the Russian delegation, he has participated at the NPT Review Conferences (most recently, in August 2022 in New York).

Starting 2008, Dr. Orlov has been working on the concept of BRIC, later BRICS, and its development, particularly when peace and security issues are concerned. He is a member of the Russian National Committee for BRICS Studies Research Council and participated in a number of BRICS Academic Forums.

From 2014 to 2020, Dr. Orlov served as Head of the Center for Global Trends and International Organizations at the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Orlov participates in the activity of several international centers and groups in the sphere of international security. Among others, he is a member of the Russian Council of Foreign and Defense Policy (SVOP) (since 2013); of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC, since 2022); of International Nuclear Energy Academy (INEA) (since 2012); and of the *Washington Quarterly* Editorial Board (since 2005). Dr. Orlov was a member of the Global Agenda Council on Nuclear Security at the World Economic Forum (2014-2016); a member of the Advisory Board of the Government of the Russian Federation (2014-2019); a member of the Advisory Board on the Corruption Prevention under the Anti-Corruption Directorate at the President's Office of the Russian Federation (2014-2018).

For four years (2015-2018) Dr. Orlov was a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.

In 2018, Dr. Orlov was awarded a medal "For the contribution to the international cooperation" of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. "In Russia and abroad, you are well known as a reputable expert in the field of WMD nonproliferation and arms control", Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in his address to Dr. Orlov.

Dr. Orlov is constantly engaged in teaching and educational activities, giving lectures and expert comments on Russian foreign policy and on nuclear nonproliferation within Russia and abroad. His initiative culminated in establishment (in 2016) of the International Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation and Global Security Studies – a joint project by the Moscow State Institute of International Affairs (MGIMO) of the Russian Foreign Ministry, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and PIR Center. Currently he serves as academic director of the program (since 2017). Dr. Orlov is Professor at MGIMO University (since 2017) where he teaches Russian foreign and security policy as well as nuclear nonproliferation (since 2013). He also gives lectures in Geneva, Bishkek, Monterey and Washington, among other places. Vladimir Orlov is executive editor and co-author of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Textbook in two volumes.

Dr. Orlov is author (or co-author) of more than a dozen books and monographs and more than three hundred research papers, articles, and essays. Most recently, he was a co-editor and an author of "A New Nuclear Nine? Addressing Global Nuclear Nonproliferation Threats" (2022; in Russian) and "Russian-American Nuclear Nonproliferation Dialogue: Lessons Learned and Road Ahead" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022; in English). He publishes his views in Russian and foreign periodicals including *International Affairs (Mezhdunarodnaya Zhizn')*, *Russia in Global Affairs*, *Security Index*, and the *Washington Quarterly*. He runs a column at the *Kommersant* – a leading Russian policy daily newspaper as well he regularly addresses Russian TV audience at the *Great Game* TV show of the Russian Channel 1.

Dr. Orlov speaks English and Spanish. His hobbies include Russian classical literature, theatre, hiking in the mountains, and bicycle touring in the tropics. Dr. Orlov is a passionate world traveler, with over 75 countries visited. Together with his wife Tatyana, he crossed 16,000 km by car across Russia towards lake Baikal, around it, and back, also crossed the United States by car from the Atlantic to the Pacific, hiked in western Madagascar, explored eastern Bhutan, took a canoe trip into Venezuelan rainforest to see the highest waterfall in the world, reconstructed Count Alexander Suvorov's 1799 Alpine Crossing of Switzerland, and made a round-the-world trip visiting over 30 remote islands and archipelagos of which he is currently writing his new book.

Dr. Orlov is on Twitter (Orlov_pircenter) on professional matters (in English), and on Facebook (VladimirAOrloff). He runs his blog on PIR Center's www.nonproliferation.world and on Telegram "Sobesednik-na-Piru". His web site Orloff.world is a mix of his professional expertise and travel-related experiences.

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