

Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov

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Current Positions:

- Founder (1994) & Director, PIR Center
- Founder (1993) & President, Trialogue Club International
- Founder (2024) & Academic Director , International Security MA Program at MGIMO University (jointly with PIR Center)
- Professor, MGIMO University
- Editor-in-Chief, *Security Index* Yearbook Global Edition

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.
- 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 Russia-US relations.

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

Dr. Orlov is President of the *Trialogue* Club International, which he founded in 1993. Dr. Orlov presided over 125 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 and a member of its Executive Board.

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. Since 2018, *Security Index* continues as Occasional Paper Series, with Dr. Orlov as its Chief Editor. Since 2024, Dr. Orlov is Editor-in-Chief of *Security Index Yearbook* (Global Edition).

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).

Dr. Orlov participated in the work of NPT Review Conferences in 1995, 2000, 2010, 2015, and 2022, including as a counsellor to the Russian delegation.

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, 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. In 2025, on behalf of PIR Center he received a national award recognizing PIR Community as No.1 in the field of international relations and among top 25 communities in Russia.

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. Since 2024, he has been academic director of the International Security MA Program at MGIMO implemented jointly with PIR Center. Dr. Orlov is Professor at MGIMO University (since 2017) where he teaches Russian foreign and security policy as well as nuclear nonproliferation (since 2013). Vladimir Orlov is executive editor and co-author of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Textbook in two volumes. In 2000, he founded International Summer School on Global Security in Zvenigorod; since then, he was academic director of 23 editions of the Zvenigorod School. There are more than 1,000 graduates from educational programs executed by Dr. Orlov residing in 62 countries.

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.

Dr. Orlov speaks English and Spanish. He is married. His son is 29, and his daughter is 20-month-old. 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 runs his [Telegram Channel “Sobesednik na Piru”](#). His web site [Orloff.world](#) is a mix of his professional expertise and travel-related experiences.

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