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Dr. Alexey Maslov is one of the leading Russian scholars and expert in East Asian studies. Dr. Maslov received his BA and MA (1986) from the Moscow State University and Ph.D. from the Institute of Far Eastern Studies under Russian Academy of Science. The title of his first doctoral dissertation was “Secret Societies in political history of China 20-80’ of 20 c.” and his second dissertation was “Chinese martial arts in the cultural development of China”

Prior to joining the Highest School of Economics in 2010 Dr. A. Maslov in 1986-97 had been a senior research fellow in the Institute of Far Eastern Studies under Russian Academy of Sciences and then in 1997-2007 hold a chair at the Department of World History at the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (Moscow). In 2004 he was a fellow of the Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu. Dr. Maslov was twice awarded by the fellowship of British Academy and many times awarded as “The Best Lector of the Year”.

Dr. Maslov was invited as a long-term visiting professor for New York State University, Colorado State University (USA), Heidelberg University (Germany) and also the guest lecturer to Oxford, Leeds and Coventry Universities (UK), Leiden University (Holland), Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK), Beijing and Peoples’ Universities (China), etc.

His recent researches include “Changing of political values in modern East Asia”, “Comparative studies of East-West intellectualism”, “Local religious communities in modern China” “East-West: contacts and conflicts”, “Confucius: new translations and new meanings”. Dr. Maslov is the most widely published scholar in East Asian studies in Russia and up to day published 21 books (most of which are republished). Some titles of his books are: *Bells in the Dust. Spiritual quest and sacral ecstasy in China*. (Aleteya, 2003, 2005); *Taming a dragon. Wanderings of mystic and intellectual in China* (Aleteya, 2003, 2005), *East-West: History of the Relations and Conflicts in the Modern World*, (Moscow, 2009) *Chinese Secret Societies in the Political Culture of China of 20 c.* (Institute of Far Eastern Studies, 1993); *Inconstancy of the Eternity. Lao-zi: Myth, Man, and His Book*. (Edwin Mellen Press, 1999); *Scriptures on the Water: the Genesis of Buddhist Mysticism in China* (Sphere Press, 1999); *Complete encyclopedia of East Asian martial arts, in 2 vls.* (Gala press, 2002). He contributed a chapter on Chinese in Russia to *Encyclopedia of the Chinese Overseas* (Harvard University press, 1999). Two of his books were nominated for the prize in international book fairs. Dr. Maslov also is a translator of important Chinese classics, including several Buddhist scriptures, Confucius, Meng-zi, Lao-zi, etc.

Dr. A. Maslov is an advisor for the Russian Ministry of Education and Sciences. He is a state-level expert for several Russian-Chinese projects and takes part as an expert in Russian-Chinese negotiations on political and economic issues. He is the member of the State-level intergovernmental commission for educational cooperation of Shanghai Organization of Cooperation as well as the member of the Russian-Chinese state-level Committee for Education.

Dr. Maslov also is a head of several research projects with Chinese, Korean and US Universities on academic exchange and joint research.

As a media consultant and commenter Dr. Maslov works with the 1-th National channel, “Russia” channel, “TV-center”, “Radio Russia” National broadcasting company, he is also the author of four documentaries on the history of China. He was many times interviewed by Russian and Chinese media about Asian Pacific cooperation, political and cultural traditions in East Asia.

Dr. A. Maslov has spent many years in China researching popular traditions and political culture. He was trained for two years and then initiated as one of the first non-Chinese monk in Shaolin temple, and a memorial stone was erected in the inner yard of monastery in recognition of his contribution to the studies of traditional Chinese culture and translation of classical scriptures. Dr. Maslov is the Member of the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame and was several times awarded as the “Master of the Year” by the International Institute of Martial Arts.

Research Specializations and Interests

The Major Powers relationships and the Legacy of History in Asia

Spiritual Traditions and popular culture of East Asia

Political culture and traditions in China

Overseas Chinese communities

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