**Mastering Russian through Global Debate**

**Course Syllabus**

Mastering Russian through Global Debate (или можете просто оставить Global Debate) is a course designed for Advanced students of Russian, including heritage speakers. The course focuses on developing the skills of presentation, debate and negotiation through the discussion of the key burning issues of the global agenda such as international affairs, economy, ecology, immigration and the like. The participants will find themselves actively engaged in practicing their presentational and interpersonal speaking skills. This three week course will not only improve your fluency in Russian, but also will make you a more confident presenter, debater and negotiator!

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| **Course objectives:** |  to master Russian as a foreign language at Advanced level |
| **Learning Outcomes:** | * presentational skills of articulating one’s opinion and supporting it with evidence
* interpretative skills of dealing with Russian-language sources of information
* interpersonal skills of debate and negotiations
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| **Time frame:** |  June 20th 2015 – July 8th 2015 (three weeks) |
| **Class** **schedule:** |  4 academic hours per day twice a week Mondays and Wednesdays  |
| **Course** **topics:** | * Environment vs Economy
* Interventionism vs Isolationism
* Wealth redistribution vs Self-Reliance
* Cultural Preservation vs Diversity
* Security vs Freedom
* Education vs Field Experience
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| **Course materials:** | Mastering Russian through Global Debate (Brown et al, 2014) GUP<http://press.georgetown.edu/book/languages/mastering-russian-through-global-debate>***(students are responsible for purchasing their own copy of the textbook prior to arrival)*** |
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