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Present positions

Member of executive council, National coordination's center for Developing Economic Cooperation Asia Pacific cooperation development with Countries of Asia Pacific region
Member of State-level Russian-Chinese committee for education
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Professor Alexey Maslov is one of the leading Russian scholars and expert in East Asian studies. His particular area of expertise includes cultural and political development of China and relations in East Asia. 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.

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). Among other he was Dr. Maslov was twice awarded by the fellowship of British Academy and many times awarded as "The Best Lector of the Year" in USA and Russia.

Dr. Maslov was invited as a long-term visiting professor for New York State University, Colorado State University (USA), Heidelberg University (Germany), fellow of the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu (USA), and also as the guest lecturer to Leeds, Sheffield 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". Dr. Maslov is one of the most widely published scholars in East Asian studies in Russia and up to day published 21 books (most of which are republished). Some titles of his books are: "*Looking to Chinese mind*" (2012) "*East-West: Contacts and Conflicts in the Modern World* (2008); *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). 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 a state-level expert for several Russian-Chinese projects and takes part as an expert in Russian-Chinese negotiations on political, economic and education 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. A. Maslov was a head of the Expert Commission of Russian-Chinese Committee for Friendship, Peace and Cooperation. He is also one of the most experienced business consultants for cooperation with China for large-scale companies. Dr. Maslov also is a head of several research projects with Chinese, Korean, UK and US Universities on academic exchange and joint research.

Dr. A. Maslov is widely quoted expert in East Asia and Asia Pacific issues. As a media consultant and commenter Dr. Maslov works with the 1-th National channel, "Russia" channel, "TV-center", "Radio Russia" National broadcasting company, BBC, Al-Jazeera, Xinhua agency, etc., he was many times interviewed by Russian and international media about Asian Pacific cooperation, political and cultural traditions in East Asia. He is also the scriptwriter of several documentaries on the history of China, two of which ("*Double-faced Mao*" and "*China of Deng Xiaopin*") were awarded in the international documentary film festivals.

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 disciple 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

Russian-Chinese relations

Religious Traditions and popular culture of China

Political culture in Modern China

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