



International conference
«EAEU Strategies in the Age of New Protectionism»

Event format: Online (Zoom platform)

Date of the event: May 12, 2020

Time: 11:00-17:30

Conference architecture

The Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs invites you on May 12, 2020 to participate in the international online-conference «EAEU`s Strategies in the Age of New Protectionism». The conference is organized by the Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies of NRU HSE.

Today unilateral sanctions and trade wars are the most popular tools of the new protectionism and gain popularity among the developing and developed countries. The main task of the new protectionism is to achieve foreign political goals and solve domestic problems, not only to protect their markets. It could be expected that these processes will be greatly strengthened by the unfolding coronacrisis that has united both the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated global economic crisis, which is only gaining momentum.

The coronacrisis has already become a catalyst for growing divisions between the US and China, and is increasingly paralyzing the work of modern institutions of global governance. In these circumstances, in the foreseeable future, we can expect another wave of the increasing unilateral discriminatory measures. The crisis will reset the U.S.-China trade deal in 2019, which will lead to a new, tougher round of trade and economic contradictions between the world's first and second economies. In the recent years the intensive application of sanctions and trade wars was assessed as resulting in inevitable harm to international competition. Nevertheless, current events are gradually legitimizing them as a tool for overcoming crisis phenomena – an essential function of national states.



These circumstances create an objective request for the development of a comprehensive strategy at the EAEU level to respond to the challenges of new protectionism: both to minimize direct negative effects, and to provide a positive agenda for international cooperation in the new conditions.

The representatives of academic and expert community from the EAEU member states, USA, China, Canada, Italy, Norway, and Finland, etc. will discuss the reasons, peculiarities, mechanisms and magnitude of the potential impact of the new protectionism measures on the EAEU`s in long-term perspective. The experts will also offer their vision on the most effective tools for response to new challenges.



Time	Event
11:00-12:30	<p><i>The 1st session</i> – New Protectionism and systemic crises: what does this mean for the EAEU?</p> <p><i>The working language is English</i></p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <p>Karaganov S., Dean, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, Higher School of Economics</p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Bordachev T., Academic Supervisor, Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, Higher School of Economics</p> <p><i>How to overcome the crises of institutions, expectations and trust?</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makarov I., Head of the World Economy Department, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, Higher School of Economics• Kafruni A., professor of International Relations, Hamilton College (USA)• Shadurski V., Dean, Faculty of International Relations, Belarusian State University (Republic of Belarus)• Johnson C., HSE Visiting Fellow (Canada)• Melchior A., Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Relations (Norway)• Zhang Xin., Associate Professor, School of Advanced International & Area Studies, East China Normal University (China)• Timofeev I., Program director of the Valdai Discussion Club <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From defense to offense: sanctions, trade wars, informal restrictions as instruments of new protectionism. What is the reason for the popularity of this phenomenon? What are the limits of new protectionism?• The world after the WTO: how to resolve trade contradictions in the new era? Building the coordinate system of the new trade regulation. Competition between free trade and fair trade.• Stagnation or restructuring: what will happen to mega-regional trade agreements as global protectionism grows? Will they be able to become the primary mechanism of liberalization?• How to change perceptions about sanctions at the EAEU level?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calculation of losses and possible benefits. How will the crisis of the multilateral trading system and the growth of protectionism affect the long-term development of the EAEU? Which sectors of the EAEU will be hit the most as a result of new protectionism measures? What are the benefits of new protectionism for the economies of the EAEU?
12:40-14:10	<p><i>The 2nd session</i> – In search of an optimal strategy for the development of the EAEU in the context of the “new normality”</p> <p><i>The working language is English</i></p> <p><i>Adaptation or anticipation</i></p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Malashenkova O., Assistant professor and doctoral candidate, Department of International Economic Relations, Faculty of International Relations, Belarusian State University (Republic of Belarus)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likhacheva A., Director of the Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, Higher School of Economics• Dragneva R., Professor of International Legal Studies, Birmingham Law School (Great Britain)• Scalamera M., Associate Professor, Lecturer in Russian and Eurasian Studies, University of Leiden (Netherlands)• Knobel A., director of the Institute of International Economics and Finance of the All-Russian Academy of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation• Entin K., Counselor, the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union• Sydyknazarov M., Director, Institute of Modern Studies, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Republic of Kazakhstan)• Chizhova D., director of the Information and Analytical Center of Moscow State University• Belyi A., adjunct professor at the University of Eastern Finland (Finland)• Sutyryn V., Editor-in-Chief of Eurasia.Expert, Vice-Rector for International Relations, State Academic University for the Humanities <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What institutional solutions are needed by the EAEU to counter/exploit the possibilities of protectionism?• What kinds of cooperative arrangements are necessary to be created by the EAEU in the context of new protectionism? Seeking synergies between the EAEU and BRICS, re-filling the EAEU-SREB’s interface



	<p>agenda, integration of integration, FTZ +, privileged partnership formats. How to build interaction with the EU under sanctions and trade wars?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carbon protectionism in the EU. How will it impact the EAEU, and how will the Union respond to a new challenge?
14:20-15:50	<p><i>The 3rd session – Protectionism in the offensive: Prospects for “Four Freedoms” in the EAEU. Young researchers outlook</i></p> <p><i>The working language is Russian</i></p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Zhiyenbayev M., Visiting Expert of the Eurasian Sector, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, HSE University</p> <p>Round table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shimanskaya A., Graduate student (applicant), Department of International Economic Relations, Belarusian State University (Republic of Belarus)• Ospanova A., Head of the Department of Regional Studies, Faculty of International Relations, Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumileva (Republic of Kazakhstan)• Supaeva G., pro-rector for Science and the State Language of the Kyrgyz Economic University Named After M. Ryskulbekov (Republic of Kyrgyzstan)• Shenin A., Director of Eurasian Center for Economic and Legal Research at NARXOZ University (Kazakhstan)• Kalachigin G., research assistant at the Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, Higher School of Economics (Ukraine)• Bayak A., Postgraduate student, Department of International Relations, Higher School of Economics (Hungary)• Palachanin I., research assistant at the CCEIS, Higher School of Economics (Republic of Belarus) <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How to develop the common EAEU markets in the context of new protectionism?2. What opportunities does new protectionism offer for deepening integration?3. In what areas does the creation of Eurasian brands have the greatest potential for reducing the negative consequences of new protectionism?4. How much will the overall labor market suffer because of rising global protectionism?



5. Strengthening sanctions and trade wars: a threat or an incentive for the development of the financial market in the EAEU?

16:00-17:30

The 4th session – The development of the system of foreign economic relations of the EAEU in the context of new protectionism. Young researchers outlook

The working language is Russian

Moderated by:

Belous Yu., research assistant at the CCEIS, Higher School of Economics (Russian Federation)

Round table:

- **Kiselevich A.**, graduate student, Department of International Economic Relations, Belarusian State University (Republic of Belarus)
- **Nurbaev E.Zh.**, associate professor, Department of Regional Studies, Faculty of International Relations, Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumileva (Republic of Kazakhstan)
- **Akop Gabrielyan**, PhD in Political Sciences, research fellow at Russian-Armenian university (Republic of Armenia)
- **Kievec S.**, graduate student, Department of International Relations, HSE University (Russian Federation)
- **Tarasov A.**, graduate student, University of Trento (Italy)
- **Tshibola A.**, graduate student, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (Republic of Congo)

Issues for discussion:

1. The format of future EU-EAEU cooperation
2. Implementation of the EAEU-OPOP Interconnection Plan
3. Cooperation between EAEU and CIS
4. How to improve the quality of interaction of the EAEU-African Union