



Russian Approaches to International Peace, Security, and Institutions: Debating Within IR Schools

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INTRODUCTION

The study of the role of international institutions in conflict resolution and peacebuilding is an important priority for the Russian scholarly community. On the one hand, this can be explained by the fact that in the post-Soviet era, Moscow had to deal with numerous conflicts—both domestically and internationally—and for this reason, badly needed academic expertise in this field. The lack of such expertise or poor expertise or the Kremlin’s deafness to experts’ recommendations all this has led to Russia’s inability to prevent or successfully resolve ethno-religious conflicts in the Northern Caucasus, local conflicts in the post-Soviet space and other regions that are geopolitically important for Moscow. In addition to the frozen conflicts of Transnistria, Nagorny Karabakh, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia, Moscow has recently found itself amidst other dangerous conflicts—in and around Ukraine, as well as in Syria. On the other hand, Moscow is increasingly concerned with erosions within major international

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