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# **RUSSIA-PAKISTAN EURASIAN FORUM 2025**

*“FORGING CONNECTIVITY AND EXPLORING  
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PARTNERSHIP FOR A NEW ERA”*

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# H.E. FAISAL NIAZ TIRMIZI

AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN  
TO THE RUSSIAN  
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The Russia–Pakistan Eurasian Forum 2025, scheduled to be held in Moscow on 16–17 December 2025 under the theme “Forging Connectivity and Exploring People-to-People Partnership for a New Era,” represents a timely and forward-looking platform for reinforcing our multifaceted engagement with the Russian Federation and the broader Eurasian region.

Bringing together Parliamentarians, government officials, policy experts, business leaders, academics, and cultural representatives from both countries, the forum focuses on connectivity that aligns with Pakistan’s vision of focusing on regional integration through various linkages including economic corridors, energy cooperation and trade facilitation. The forum underlines synergies between Pakistan’s geostrategic location and Russia’s Eurasian outreach. The forum is also expected to dilate upon the promotion of shared desire of both countries to broaden and deepen mutual understanding and explore new avenues of cooperation in ever changing global environment.

I am confident that the discussions at the forum will provide action-oriented recommendations and will help to chalk out a roadmap for a more connected, cooperative, and mutually beneficial Pakistan–Russia partnership in the years ahead.



РОССИЯ–ПАКИСТАН ЕВРАЗИЙСКИЙ ФОРУМ 2025, запланированный на 16–17 декабря 2025 года в Москве под девизом «Налаживание связей и укрепление партнерства в сфере общественной дипломатии на рубеже новой эры», представляет собой своевременную и перспективную платформу для укрепления нашего многостороннего взаимодействия с Российской Федерацией и более широким евразийским регионом.

Объединяя парламентариев, правительственных чиновников, экспертов в области политики, бизнес–лидеров, ученых и представителей культуры обеих стран, форум фокусируется на вопросах взаимосвязи, соответствующих видению Пакистана, направленному на региональную интеграцию посредством различных связей, включая экономические коридоры, энергетическое сотрудничество и упрощение торговых процедур. Форум подчеркивает синергию между геостратегическим положением Пакистана и евразийским влиянием России. Ожидается также, что форум будет способствовать продвижению общего стремления обеих стран к расширению и углублению взаимопонимания и изучению новых путей сотрудничества в постоянно меняющейся глобальной среде.

Я уверен, что дискуссии на форуме дадут конкретные рекомендации и помогут разработать дорожную карту для более тесного, взаимовыгодного и основанного на сотрудничестве пакистано–российского партнерства в предстоящие годы.

# H.E. ALBERT KHOREV

## AMBASSADOR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN



The Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan welcomes the most timely launch of the **Pakistan–Russia Eurasian Forum 2025** titled “Forging Connectivity and Exploring People-to-People Partnership for a New Era” that is being held in a period marked by increased multifaceted bilateral dialogue between our two countries.

This platform has every chance to serve as an important link between Russian and Pakistani academic and expert communities. The Forum is expected to considerably contribute to analysis of bilateral ties between Moscow and Islamabad, in particular, and the developments within the vast Eurasian region, in general.

There are no doubts that the upcoming discussion and exchange of views would eventually allow to achieve a new level of expertise on Russia–Pakistan relations with a focus on their impact on regional processes, hence unveiling new routes and options for further progress in this direction.

Посольство Российской Федерации в Исламской Республике Пакистан приветствует весьма своевременный запуск российско–пакистанского евразийского форума под девизом «Налаживание связей и укрепление партнерства в сфере общественной дипломатии на рубеже новой эры», который проводится в период, характеризующийся активизацией многовекторного двустороннего диалога между нашими странами.

Данная площадка имеет все шансы стать важным связующим звеном между академическим и экспертным сообществами России и Пакистана. Ожидается, что форум внесет значимый вклад в анализ двусторонних связей между Москвой и Исламабадом в частности, и развития ситуации в обширном евразийском регионе в целом.

Несомненно, предстоящая дискуссия и обмен мнениями в конечном итоге позволят достичь нового уровня изучения российско–пакистанских отношений с акцентом на их влияние на региональные процессы, представив, таким образом, новые пути и предложения по достижению дальнейшего прогресса на данном направлении.

# PROF. OLEG SLOBOTCHIKOV

RECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF  
WORLD CIVILIZATIONS,  
RUSSIA (UWC)



Россия–Пакистан Евразийский форум 2025 является важным мероприятием в развитии не только дипломатических, культурных и научных контактов между Россией и Пакистаном, но и многообещающим затактом новой вехи в продвижении общественной дипломатии и «мягкой силы» между нашими странами и нациями.

Деловые связи, привлечение инвестиций, активизация торговли и трансфер передовых технологий, – все эти направления напрямую зависят от благополучия и динамики укрепления взаимоотношений между людьми, общественными организациями и медиа России и Пакистана, залогом расширения контекстуальной значимости стратегического партнерства между нашими странами.

Университет мировых цивилизаций приветствует инициативу проведения форума и выражает надежду на установление плодотворных отношений с Пакистаном в будущем.»



The Russia–Pakistan Eurasian Forum 2025 is an important event in the development of the diplomatic, cultural and scientific ties between Russia and Pakistan as well as a promising beginning of a new milestone in the public diplomacy and soft power promotion between our countries and nations.

The business relations, mutually profitable investments, trade enhancement, and advanced technologies transfer – all these areas directly depend on the well-being and dynamics of strengthening relationships between people, public organizations, and media in Russia and Pakistan, which can be marked as a driving force of expanding the contextual significance of the strategic partnership between our countries.

The University of World Civilizations welcomes the initiative of the Russia–Pakistan Eurasian Forum 2025 and expresses a strong hope for advancing a fruitful and inspiring path of the relations with Pakistan in the future.

# PROF. DR ZABTA KHAN SHINWARI

VICE CHANCELLOR, FEDERAL  
URDU UNIVERSITY OF ARTS,  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
ISLAMABAD



It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the Pakistan–Russia Eurasia Forum 2025. On behalf of Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, I commend our colleagues at the Zhirinovskiy University of World Civilizations and the Consortium for Asia–Pacific and Eurasian Studies (CAPES) for convening this timely and important forum.

At FUUAST we believe that universities must lead in building bridges across cultures, disciplines, and regions. This Forum—focused on connectivity, people-to-people engagement, and practical cooperation—reflects the very mission of higher education: to generate knowledge, foster mutual understanding, and translate ideas into actionable partnerships that serve the public good.

The challenges facing the Eurasian region today—ranging from non-traditional security risks to socio-economic development and connectivity—demand collaborative, interdisciplinary, and sustained responses. We are confident that the discussions and networks formed here will help advance research collaborations, student and faculty exchanges, and concrete projects that benefit both societies.

I extend my gratitude to all scholars, policymakers, practitioners, youth delegates, and cultural representatives for their participation. Your expertise and engagement will be crucial in shaping pragmatic recommendations and long-term initiatives emerging from this Forum.

I wish the Forum every success and look forward to future cooperation that deepens the academic and cultural ties between our institutions and nations.



С удовольствием приветствую всех участников Пакистано–российского Евразийского форума 2025. От имени Федерального университета искусств, науки и технологий урду я выражаю признательность нашим коллегам из Университета мировых цивилизаций имени Жириновского и Консорциума по изучению Азиатско–Тихоокеанского региона и Евразии (CAPES) за организацию этого своевременного и важного форума.

В FUUAST мы считаем, что университеты должны играть ведущую роль в построении мостов между культурами, дисциплинами и регионами. Этот форум, ориентированный на взаимосвязь, взаимодействие между людьми и практическое сотрудничество, отражает саму миссию высшего образования: генерировать знания, способствовать взаимопониманию и преобразовывать идеи в действенные партнерства, служащие общественному благу.

Вызовы, стоящие перед Евразийским регионом сегодня, — от нетрадиционных угроз безопасности до социально–экономического развития и взаимосвязи, — требуют совместных, междисциплинарных и последовательных ответных мер. Мы уверены, что дискуссии и созданные здесь сети будут способствовать развитию научного сотрудничества, обмену студентами и преподавателями, а также реализации конкретных проектов, приносящих пользу обоим обществам.

Я выражаю благодарность всем ученым, политикам, практикам, молодежным делегатам и представителям культуры за их участие. Ваш опыт и вовлеченность будут иметь решающее значение для формирования прагматичных рекомендаций и долгосрочных инициатив, вытекающих из этого форума.

Желаю форуму всяческих успехов и надеюсь на дальнейшее сотрудничество, которое укрепит академические и культурные связи между нашими учреждениями и странами



## MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZERS

It is our great honor to welcome the distinguished scholars, policymakers, diplomats, business leaders, media professionals, and youth representatives to the **RUSSIA-PAKISTAN EURASIAN FORUM 2025**. This Forum reflects the shared commitment of our institutions to deepen academic, cultural, and socio-economic cooperation between Pakistan and the Russian Federation at a defining moment in Eurasian regional transformation. As global dynamics shift toward multipolarity, the partnership between Pakistan and Russia is gaining new relevance, driven not only by strategic considerations but also by the recognition that a long-term stability and development depend on strengthened educational linkages, scientific collaboration, business connectivity, and people-to-people engagement. The Forum provides a platform to explore these opportunities through informed dialogue and collaborative vision. Over the next two days, the participants will examine a broad range of themes—from the non-traditional security to socio-economic stability, from a regional connectivity to the youth diplomacy. A wide range of the discussions is aimed at generating practical insights, encouraging innovative cooperation, and contributing to a shared understanding of how Pakistan and Russia can work together for a stronger and sustainable regional development. We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners, speakers, and delegates whose support and participation have made this Forum possible. Your presence strengthens our collective efforts and aspirations to build an enduring academic, cultural, and economic bridges across Eurasia. We wish all participants a meaningful and productive engagement.



Для нас большая честь приветствовать известных ученых, политиков, дипломатов, лидеров бизнеса, представителей средств СМИ Пакистана и России, молодежи, на **РОССИЯ-ПАКИСТАН ЕВРАЗИЙСКОМ ФОРУМЕ 2025 года**. Этот форум отражает приверженность наших институтов углублению академического, культурного и социально-экономического сотрудничества между Пакистаном и Российской Федерацией в решающий момент трансформации Евразийского региона. По мере того, как глобальная динамика международных отношений смещается в сторону многополярности, партнерство между Пакистаном и Россией приобретает новую актуальность, обусловленную не только стратегическими соображениями, но и признанием того, что долгосрочная стабильность и развитие зависят от укрепления академических связей, научного сотрудничества, деловых контактов и взаимодействия между людьми. Форум предоставляет платформу для изучения этих возможностей посредством утверждения всестороннего диалога и совместного видения. В течение следующих двух дней участники рассмотрят широкий спектр тем — от нетрадиционной безопасности до социально-экономической стабильности, от региональных связей до молодежной дипломатии. Проблематика диалога и дискуссий направлена на выработку практических идей, поддержку инновативного сотрудничества и содействие общему пониманию того, как Пакистан и Россия могут работать вместе для более устойчивого регионального развития. Мы выражаем нашу искреннюю благодарность всем партнерам, докладчикам и делегатам, чья поддержка и участие сделали возможным проведение этого форума. Ваше присутствие укрепляет наши коллективные усилия и стремления к построению прочных академических, культурных и экономических мостов через Евразию. Мы желаем всем участникам значимого и продуктивного взаимодействия.

**Dr. Roxolana Zigón & Dr. Faisal Javaid**

# ABOUT THE FORUM

The Russia–Pakistan Eurasian Forum 2025, jointly organized by the Zhirinovsky University of World Civilizations (Moscow), the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), Islamabad, and the Consortium for Asia-Pacific and Eurasian Studies (CAPES), is a premier academic and policy platform dedicated to advancing cooperation between Pakistan and Russia within the broader Eurasian landscape.

Held on **16–17 December 2025** in Moscow, the Forum brings together scholars, policymakers, diplomats, business leaders, media professionals, and youth representatives to discuss shared opportunities and challenges shaping regional and global dynamics. The event reflects the growing commitment of both countries to enrich bilateral relations through multidimensional engagement.

Centered around the theme “Forging Connectivity and Exploring People-to-People Partnership for a New Era,” the Forum focuses on three major pillars:



**Non-Traditional Security** – addressing emerging challenges such as climate change, cyber threats, health security, and regional stability.



**Socio-Economic Stability** – exploring pathways for enhanced trade, investment, enterprise collaboration, education, and cultural diplomacy.



**Regional Development & Connectivity** – examining infrastructure, energy, and transport corridors; digital and academic connectivity; and Pakistan’s strategic role as a gateway linking Russia and Central Asia with South Asia.

The Forum features four plenary sessions, cultural engagements, academic presentations, and networking opportunities designed to foster long-term partnerships. By promoting dialogue, collaboration, and shared understanding, this Forum aims to contribute meaningfully to the evolving architecture of Eurasian cooperation.

The initiative underscores the belief that connectivity—whether through ideas, education, culture, or infrastructure—is the foundation of a stable, prosperous, and inclusive regional future.

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## FORUM CONCEPT

The conference aims to bring together policymakers, business leaders, academia, and cultural experts to discuss and explore opportunities for enhancing economic connectivity and people-to-people contact between Pakistan and Russia. The goal is to promote mutual understanding, cooperation and sustainable development through collaborative efforts in trade, investment, energy, infrastructure, education, cultural exchange and youth diplomacy to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

This timely initiative will operationalize the shared goals of connectivity (Greater Eurasian Cooperation) and people-to-people contact. Moving beyond symbolism, the forum will focus on practical, project-based cooperation.

By convening at a premier institute, the forum will highlight the critical role of technological sovereignty, innovation, and scientific collaboration as the foundation of a modern, resilient Pakistan – Russia relationship. It will also emphasize Pakistan's role as a cultural partner and a key logistical and economic gateway in South Asia, crucial for Russia's broader connectivity vision.

## FORUM OBJECTIVES

The Forum seeks to:

- Strengthen Pak-Russia bilateral relations through academic exchanges, youth engagement, scientific collaboration, business partnerships & cultural diplomacy.
- Promote Pakistan's role as a pivotal logistic & economic hub linking Russia & Central Asia to South Asia.
- Enhance people-to-people contact through education, cultural diplomacy & media cooperation.
- Contribute to the Greater Eurasian Cooperation by creating a practical roadmap for long-term collaboration.
- Elaborate strategically vital Initiatives to be addressed to the respected governmental, NGOs, business institutions and communities in Russia and Pakistan for eliminating the borders on the way of closer ties.
- Signing up an Agreement of Collaboration between University of World Civilizations, Moscow, Russia and CAPES /FUUAST

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# OUR SCHEDULE DEC-16 (DAY-1)

## 10:30 - 11:40 - OPENING CEREMONY

- National Anthems of Russia and Pakistan
- Welcome Remarks — **Prof. Oleg Slobotchkov**, Rector of the University of World Civilisations, Russia
- Address — **Prof. Dr Zabta Khan Shinwari**, Vice Chancellor, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, Islamabad (online)
- Keynote Address— Ambassador of Pakistan to the Russian Federation **H.E Faisal Niaz Tirmizi**
- Keynote Address- Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Pakistan **Albert Khorev** (online)
- Keynote Address- **Alexey Pavlovsky**, Director of the Second Asian Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Address - **Nikita Berezin**, Head of the staff of the LDPR faction in the State Duma, deputy of the State Duma of the VII convocation, member of the Liberal Democratic Party
- Address — **Dr. Roxolana Zigon**, co-organizer of the forum, Director of the Scientific Center for International Research «Moscow: diplomacy of nations, partnership of civilizations», University of World Civilizations, Russia, Member of the Advisory board of CAPES
- Vote of Thanks
- Souvenir Distribution and Group Photo

## 11:40 - 12:00 - TEA BREAK

## 12:00 - 13:30 - SESSION I: RUSSIA - PAKISTAN COOPERATION IN A NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY DOMAIN

- **Dr. Maria Sultan**, «Rethinking Security: Securitization and Human Security Approaches in the South Asia—Eurasia Region»
- **Leonid Savin**, «Navigating Non-Traditional Security Challenges in South Asia and Eurasia: Climate, Health, Energy, and Human Security Threats»
- **Senator Mushahid Hussain**, «Non-Traditional Security and Regional Cooperation: Pathways for Economic Stability and Confidence-Building in Eurasia»
- **Dr. Roxolana Zigon**, «Building Trust Through Non-Traditional Security: A Foundation for Regional Integration»

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- Follow up discussion/questions



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## DEC-16 (DAY-1)

**13:30 - 14:30 - NETWORKING LUNCH**

**14:30 - 15:50 - SESSION II: SOCIO-ECONOMIC STABILITY — PAKISTAN-RUSSIA BUSINESS SYNERGY: EXPANDING ECONOMIC HORIZONS**

- **Mr. Shehzad Sheikh**, «Unlocking Pakistan—Russia Economic Synergies: Expanding Trade Through Energy, Agriculture, Mining, IT, and Logistics Cooperation»
- **Mr. Abdullah Farrukh**, «Pakistan as a Eurasian Transit Hub: Expanding Russia—Pakistan Trade and Investment Through Connectivity and B2B Partnerships»
- **Ambassador Andrei Baklanov**, «Navigating Sanctions: Barter Trade and Alternative Payment Mechanisms for Enhancing Pakistan—Russia Economic Cooperation»
- Follow-up discussion/questions

**16:00 - 17:00 - EVENING CULTURAL PROGRAM**

- Pakistani and Russian traditional music & folk performances

**18:30 - 21:00 - DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION/DINNER HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION H.E. FAISAL NIA\I TIRMI\I**



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## DEC-17 (DAY-2)



**10:00 - 10:30 - TEA & COFFEE GREETING**

**10:30 - 12:00 - SESSION III: COMPREHENSIVE  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONNECTIVITY**

- **Dr. Prokhor Tebin**, «Regional Development Through Connectivity: Pakistan's Infrastructure, Energy Links, and Port Corridors as Strategic Gateways for Russia and Central Asia»
- **Dr. Maria Sultan**, «Afghanistan's Stability as the Cornerstone of Regional Integration and Eurasian Connectivity»
- **Senator Mushahid Hussain**, «Leveraging Regional Platforms: SCO, Eurasian Corridors, and Pakistan — Russia Cooperation for Integrated Connectivity»
- **Ambassador Igor Khalevinsky**, «Governing the Global Commons: Climate, Oceans, Space, and Scientific Cooperation in a Changing World»
- Follow-up discussion/questions

**12:00 - 13:00 - NETWORKING LUNCH**

**13:00 - 14:30 - SESSION IV: BRIDGES BEYOND  
BORDERS: PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE COOPERATION &  
EXPANDING YOUTH DIPLOMACY**

- **Prof. Dr. Shabana Fayyaz**, «Education, Culture, and Tourism as Pillars of Pakistan—Russia People-to-People Diplomacy»
- **Dr. Irina Serenko**, «Media Partnerships for a New Era: Advancing Pakistan—Russia Cooperation Through Joint Journalism Initiatives»
- **Dr. Yury Samonkin**, «Digital Diplomacy and Youth Voices: Shaping the Future of Pakistan—Russia People-to-People Connectivity»
- **Dr. Faisal Javaid**, «Strengthening Soft Power Ties: Practical Pathways for Deepening Pakistan—Russia People-to-People Engagement»
- Follow-up discussion/questions

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## DEC-17 (DAY-2)



**14:30 - 15:00 - TEA BREAK**

**15:00 - 15:45 - CLOSING CEREMONY**

- Summary and Way Forward
- Signing of MoU between the University of World Civilizations, and CAPES
- Acknowledgements to partners and participants

**15:45 - 16:45 - VISITING THE MUSEUM OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WORLD CIVIL\ATIONS**

**17:00 - 20:00 DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION / DINNER  
HOSTED BY THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY  
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# MEET OUR SPEAKERS



## H.E. Dr. Alexey Pavlovsky

H.E. Dr. Alexey Pavlovsky is the Director of the Second Asian Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, given in June 2017. He has held different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic missions, including, the Director of the Fourth CIS Department, Senior Counsellor, Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Portugal.



## H.E. Albert Khorev

Ambassador H.E. Mr. Albert P. Khorev is currently serving as the Russian Federation's Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to Pakistan. He has over two decades of experience in the Russian foreign service and is known for his expertise in Asian affairs and proficiency in English, Dari, Pashto, and Persian.



## H.E. Faisal Niaz Tirmazi

Faisal Niaz Tirmazi is a veteran diplomat with nearly three decades of service and currently serves as Pakistan's Ambassador to the Russian Federation. He has represented Pakistan in Bishkek, Ashgabat, Geneva, Abu Dhabi, and Chicago, and is a recipient of the prestigious Order of Zayed II for his outstanding service.

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## Nikita Berezin

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## Prof. Oleg Slobotchikov

Professor Oleg Slobotchikov is the rector of the Zhirinovsky University of World Civilizations. He has a Ph.D. in Political Science and also acts as the Professor Honorable Worker of Higher Education sphere of the Russian Federation.



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## Senator Mushahid Hussain



Mushahid Hussain Sayed is the founding head of the Pakistan-China Institute and is a leading voice on Pakistan's foreign policy, regional security, and Pakistan-China and Pakistan-Central Asia relations. He has served as the Federal Minister for Information, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and chaired the Senate Defence Committee.

## Dr. Maria Sultan



Dr. Maria Sultan is the Chairperson and President of SASSI University and the founding Vice Chancellor of Muslim Youth University. She previously co-directed the South Asian Strategic Stability Unit at the University of Bradford and has taught at major institutions including NDU, the Foreign Service Academy, Pakistan's war colleges, and the NATO Defense College.

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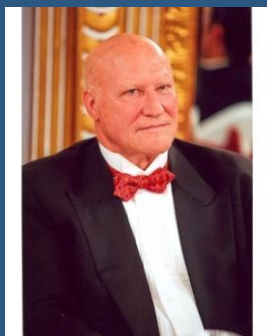
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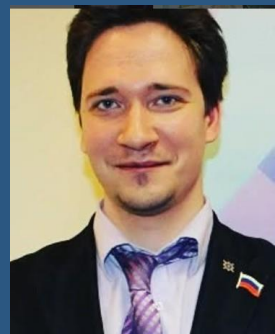
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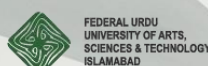


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