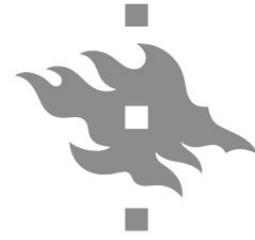


**ALEKSANTERI INSTITUTE
SPRING 2011**



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Thursday, 10 March 2011 at 14:15 Aleksanteri Institute, Unioninkatu 33, Meeting room 2nd floor
Prof. Irina Bystrova

The Military-Industrial Complex: From the Cold War Period to Post-Soviet Russia

ABSTRACT:

Irina Bystrova's presentation is part of her long-standing research on the history of military-industrial systems during and after the Cold War. In conditions of the Cold War, military-industrial complexes (MICs) appeared in most of the countries involved in it (USA, Soviet Union and Russia, China, France, etc.). The military-industrial complex was a confluence of interest groups: the professional military, the defense industry, governmental bureaucracies, and scientific and technical elite.

The main structure of the Soviet MIC had been formed by the mid-1960s (9 ministries plus 10 related ministries). The organ of coordination was Military-industrial commission of Presidium of the Council of Ministries of the USSR. Besides, a unified and centrally planned (the center was in Moscow) system of arms production and deliveries represented a sort of "military-industrial complex of the Warsaw Pact".

After the end of the Cold War the military-industrial complexes were substantially restructured. In the 1990s the MIC of the Russian Federation suffered major financial cutbacks. Since 1999, the defence industry received more financing, but defence production was oriented more on exports, rather than on the supply of the Armed Forces of Russia.

Only after 2006 a new period of development of the MIC started: the State order for armaments was reinstated (thus defence industry became more oriented toward the supply of the Russian Armed Forces), the Military-industrial commission was restored. This is the sign of the rising priority of defence sector, and the change in governmental policy, with the use of the Soviet legacy of planning and control of the State over the sphere of the national security. In general, Russian MIC has inherited the highest scientific and technical potential of the Soviet military-industrial complex.

In this presentation, the main periods of history, structures, and groups of the military-industrial complex of Russia will be shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Professor Irina Bystrova is a Leading Research Fellow at the Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences and Professor at the Russian State University for Humanities. She holds a Doctoral Degree in Russian History (Doktor nauk, 2002) and Kandidatskaya Degree (1989) in history of the USSR of the XXth century. She has received Fulbright Scholarship twice; she was a visiting researcher in Washington D.C. in November 2008 – May 2009 and August 1997 – April 1998. She has also been a visiting researcher at the Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, Nobel Institute in Oslo and Stanford University in USA. Her recent publications include: "The Cold War 1945-1960. Tokyo-

YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND THE VISITING FELLOWS RESEARCH SEMINARS!

Please register your participation at the latest one week prior to each seminar by filling in an electronic form at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/25492/lomake.html>

To find out more about the Visiting Scholars Programme, please see www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/english/fellowship

**ALEKSANTERI INSTITUTE
SPRING 2011**



VISITING FELLOWS RESEARCH SEMINARS



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Moscow-Washington" (Moscow, IDEL, 2009), "Soviet Military-Industrial Complex: Problems of Creation and Development (1930s-1980s)" (Moscow, The Inst. of Russian History, 2006) and "The Military-industrial Complex of the USSR in the Years of the Cold War (second half of 1940s- early 1960s)" (The Inst. of Russian History, 2000)

YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND THE VISITING FELLOWS RESEARCH SEMINARS!
Please register your participation at the latest one week prior to each seminar by filling in an electronic form at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/25492/lomake.html>

To find out more about the Visiting Scholars Programme, please see
www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/english/fellowship