

*G8 Research Center in*  
*MGIMO–University*

*MFA Russia*

# Partnership between MGIMO- University and University of Toronto



# Evolution of the concept of the G8 Research Center in MGIMO

- Russia became G8 full scale member in 2002. University of Toronto G8 Research Group
- participating in previous pre-summit conferences
- visiting G8 summits as part of the expert group



# Why the new center is needed

- Keep St. Petersburg legacy alive
- Strengthen Russian contribution
- Improve work of the G8 as an instrument of international cooperation with the other countries all over the world, including CIS



# Structure of the Research Center in MGIMO

- The Center will be operationally linked with the Department of International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia
- Its experts will at the same time be part of the Department of IR and FP of Russia staff, but similarly to UofT Group, will encourage students, interested in the topic, to participate in the research and G8-linked activities
- Department will spare a place for a G8-related library, sponsored by GAEP (under the auspices of the CIDA) with contribution from the G8 Information Center of the University of Toronto
- Will establish a bilingual site Interlinked with the G8 Research Group University of Toronto site

# Main directions of activities and research

- to inform
- to advise
- to analyze
- to educate
- to network



# Possibilities and prospects

(why the Center should be established in MGIMO)

- MGIMO has immediate contacts and well established relations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia
- MGIMO has a wide net of partner universities all over the world
- Advanced position in knowledge acquisition, multi-lingual, hi-tech facilities

# ***TOWARDS THE FUTURE***

- Trans-Atlantic

Partnership G8RG-**M**

- G8 Russian Presidency  
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