

A stylized globe with blue grid lines. The right side of the globe is filled with horizontal stripes of white, blue, and red, representing the Russian flag.

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**Russian International Affairs  
Council**

Moscow, Russia

**RIAC**



# RIAC

- The Russian International Affairs Council is a Russian think tank focused on producing reports and facilitating dialogue on the topic of international affairs and Russian relations and diplomacy with other countries.
- RIAC activities are aimed at strengthening peace, friendship and solidarity between peoples, preventing international conflicts and promoting conflict resolution and crisis settlement.



# Work

- ◉ Editing English Translations of reports
- ◉ Blogging
- ◉ Compiling database of articles on international affairs by Russian scholars
- ◉ Reviewing English websites of foreign universities
- ◉ Interviewing international affairs journals on best practices for Russian scholars
- ◉ Attending conferences





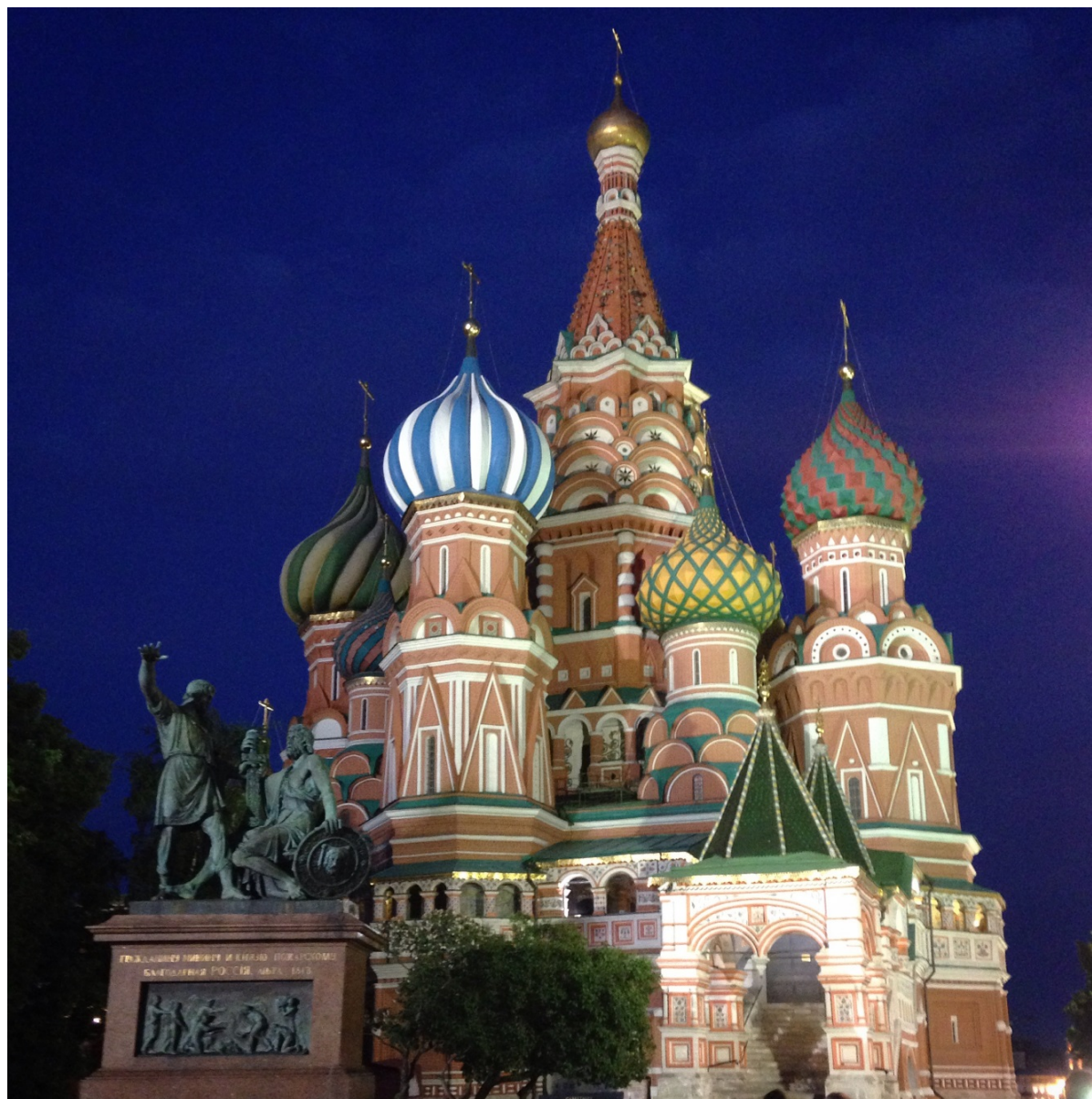
Discussion on "The Visegrad Europe and Russia Today"



# Most Rewarding Aspect

- Getting to attend conferences and seeing the impact of RIAC reports
- Being able to research topics I'm already interested in and incorporate them into my work





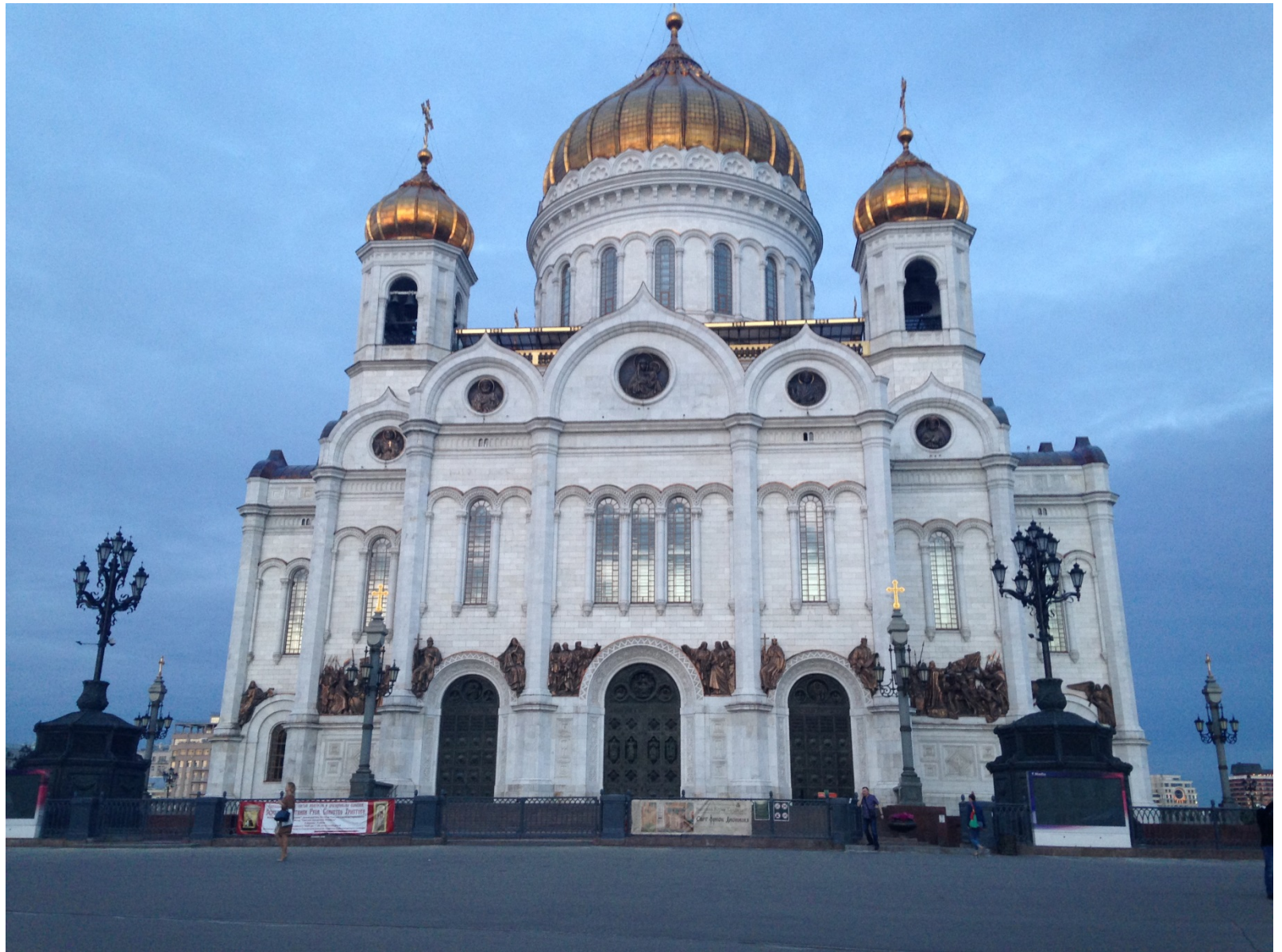


# Company Impact

- My projects laid the base for a number of RIAC projects, including a thorough web of science database and statistical analysis of Russian scholars, a review of the English sites of foreign universities, and interviews of editors of international affairs journals

# Personal Impact

- Experience in more academic, research-oriented end of policy
- Did a lot of research on topics that I may expand into a senior thesis







# Concluding Remarks

- Getting to work in another country was an incredible experience that gave me an entirely new perspective on understanding and appreciating the ways in which other countries approach international diplomacy, and the resulting difficulties that can occur between countries
- Great opportunity to practice Russian



