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**CSIS Lecture Series on Regional Dynamics**

## **Developing the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership in a Troubled World**

**Speaker**

**Victor Sumsky**

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Russia is geographically and historically part of Asia and the Pacific. The ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations could be traced back to July 1991 when the then Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation attended the Opening Session of the 24th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) in Kuala Lumpur. Russia was subsequently elevated to a full Dialogue Partner of ASEAN at the 29th AMM in July 1996. Still, the challenges of distance and language-difference have led to relatively little interaction between ASEAN member states and Russia. However, as growth poles in the world economy, there is much benefit in greater interaction between their rich economies.

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14:30–16:00

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before the lecture starts**

## About the Speaker



Victor Sumsky is the Director of the ASEAN Centre at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, MGIMO University. He is a graduate of MGIMO's School of International Journalism (1975). Victor Sumsky speaks fluent English and Indonesian, and holds a Doctorate in History. His three monographs and many articles are mostly dedicated to political histories and present day development of Southeast Asian nations, international relations in East Asia and its security problems. His writings in English include publications in such periodicals as *Alternatives* (New York), *Japanese Journal of American Studies* (Tokyo), *Philippine Studies* (Quezon City) and *Global Asia* (Seoul). Along with Mark Hong and Amy Lugg, Victor Sumsky is a co-editor of "ASEAN-Russia: Foundations and Future Prospects" (Singapore, 2012, 376 p.) jointly published by MGIMO University and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership. In the past he worked for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Institute of Oriental Studies and Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) in Moscow. His overseas lecturing and research experience includes the University of the Philippines, London School of Economics, and the University of Washington. Among Dr. Sumsky's awards are the Medal of the Order of Friendship (Vietnam, 2014) and the Medal of the Order of Merit for the Motherland, 2nd grade (Russia, 2016).

## About the Lecture Series

A regular event of the Department of International Relations of Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), #CSISLectureSeries on Regional Dynamics aims at broadening interests amongst policymakers, intellectuals and diplomatic community for the rapidly evolving dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, as well as generating critical yet constructive policy debates on prominent issues in the region. Current and emerging powers of the Indo-Pacific are engrossed in a complex web of security uncertainties and economic interdependencies. Within this geopolitically important region, Indonesia and the rest of Southeast Asia are at the centre of the shift in gravity. This lecture series features prominent scholars and policy makers, who present their views on the dynamics in the region and the consequent strategic concerns.