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**FACULTY OF GLOBAL STUDIES OF  
THE MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Second International Symposium*  
***Big History and  
Global Evolution***  
*Moscow, October 21–23, 2015*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> announcement*

On October 20–25, 2015 Lomonosov Moscow State University will hold the International Congress *Globalistics-2015*. In the framework of this congress, the Eurasian Center for Big History & System Forecasting in collaboration with the Faculty of Global Processes at Lomonosov Moscow State University is organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium “Big History & Global Evolution”.

Big History is a relatively new field of study. It is a synthesis of disciplines from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, one that seeks to explore overarching trends that stretch across all existence for 13.8 billion years, – based on the most current scholarly thinking. The definition adopted by the International Big History Association is as follows: “Big History is the attempt to understand, in a unified and interdisciplinary way, the history of the cosmos, earth, life and humanity.”

Similar to Big History, the macroevolutionary approach seeks *to develop an inclusive view of the cosmos, earth, life and humanity* by erasing boundaries between disciplines, and that is why we have decided to organize a symposium dealing with Big History and Global Evolution as a unified whole.

The symposium will address a wide range of topics, such as:

- How Big History Works
- Interdisciplinary Development of Big History
- Understanding Big History and Evolution
- Big History Patterns, Trends, & Regularities
- Big History, Global Evolution, and Complexity Studies
- Evolution of the Universe
- Evolution of the Earth
- Evolution of Life
- Social Evolution
- Different Forms of Evolution: Connections and Comparisons
- Globalization within the Context of the Global Evolution
- Forecasting Global Future
- Big History Trends and Phases
- Teaching Big History

Co-organizers:

Faculty of Global Studies, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Eurasian Center for Big History & System Forecasting in the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

The Symposium will be held in the framework of the World Congress “Globalistics-2015” organized by the Moscow State University.

**We would ask all those who do not exclude the possibility of their taking part in our symposium to fill in the participation form below and to email it to the Symposium conveners by March 1, 2015 at the following addresses:**

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