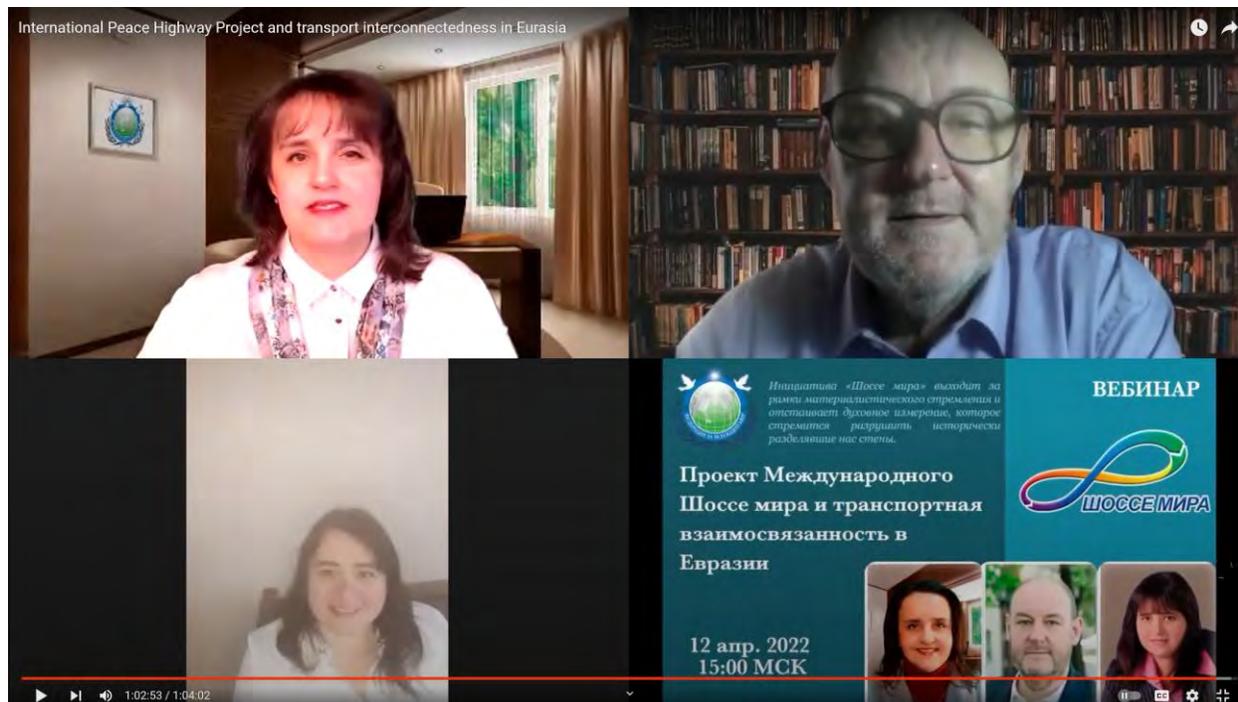


UPF Europe and the Middle East: An Eastern Peace Road View at EUME ILC2022

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Europe and the Middle East -- ILC2022 continued with a fourth session about the Peace Road Initiative.

The online conference "International Peace Highway Project and Transport Connectivity in Eurasia" was held on April 12, 2022, by UPF-Russia.

The first three sessions of the International Leadership Conference (ILC2022) were held on April 6 and 7 under the theme "Contemporary Challenges to the World Order: The Search for Solutions."

Session IV, which was held in the Russian-language with interpretation for English speakers, aroused great interest among the audience. In addition to 50 viewers on Zoom, a total of 85,400 viewers joined the session through social networks.

Proposed in February 1981 by UPF co-founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the International Peace Highway project envisioned a high-speed highway that would connect China, Korea and Japan. The project anticipated the strengthening of transport and economic interconnectedness in East Asia and Eurasia.

The International Peace Highway vision goes beyond the materialistic pursuit of economic and political gain and champions a spiritual dimension that seeks to break down the walls that historically have separated us.

However, a pragmatic assessment of implementing the project, taking into account the large-scale Chinese Belt and Road Initiative and the need to develop transport infrastructure in Russia and Eurasia, also is necessary.

Maria Nazarova, the president of UPF-Russia, moderated the webinar.

The two speakers were:

Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky, a doctor of political science, academician of the Russian Academy of Military Sciences, chief researcher at the "Russia, China, World" center of the Institute of the Far East of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and a senior advisor to the Asian Economic Cooperation Fund.

Dr. Yulia Kharlamova, a doctor of political science, lecturer at the Russian University of Transport MIIT, expert in the field of global transport policy and geostrategy, author of more than 100 scientific papers, and a member of the Scientific and Technical Council of Russian Railways.

You can watch a recording of Session IV with English interpretation at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmXJtXyJovs