



Prof. Alexey Portanskiy



Professor Alexey Portanskiy made a remarkable career in journalism and trade policy. From 1977 he worked for the Radio Moscow. He headed the Soviet Radio and TV office in Western Africa for 5 years. Since 1986, Mr. Portanskiy worked as an editorial writer for the Izvestiya daily on foreign and economic affairs. He also served as a permanent envoy of Izvestiya in Northern Africa in 1988-1991.

Since 1992 he has been specializing on the International economic issues, particularly on Russia's relations with the EU and its Institutions, Paris and London Clubs of Creditors, FMI, World Bank, GATT/WTO, OECD.

In 2001-2014 he headed the Information Office on Russia's Accession to the World Trade Organization (independent body) in Moscow. As the head of this body he was one of the key persons bringing into life since 2001 a large public awareness campaign through Russian Regions which included many debates on Russia's Accession to the WTO.

He published four monographs on the modern Multilateral Trading System.

Mr. Portanskiy is a professor of the World Economy Department at the Higher School of Economics (University) in Moscow. He is also a leading fellow at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO RAS), a visiting lecturer at the College of Europe (MGIMO, Moscow).

The main spheres of professional interest of professor Portanskiy are the Evolution of the Multilateral trading system and the Membership of Russia in the WTO, as well as International economic integration, Role and Place of Russia in World Economy, Russia's Relations with EU, Globalization and Global governance.

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