



Introduction to SMBU Economics Faculty



Faculty of Economics of MSU

of them: dean Elena Y. Arkhipova, vice dean Meng Fanchen and vice dean Ildar S. Sadykov.

DRIVEN by China's economic demands and the need for talents who understand the Russian language and the Belt and Road Initiative, there is currently a huge demand for high-quality Chinese economists.

Founded in 1941, the Faculty of Economics of Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) is one of the biggest economics schools in Russia. Led by renowned economist Prof. Alexander A. Auzan, the faculty has 409 teachers and researchers, 310 of whom hold Ph.D. titles. The faculty is composed of 22 teaching and research offices, 14 labs and eight dissertation defense committees. Over 2,200 undergraduate students and more than 300 post-graduate students are studying at the

faculty. In addition, more than 2,000 students take business courses at the faculty every year.

The faculty is proud of having cultivated a group of talented graduates, including Elvira Nabiullina, Bank of Russia Governor, Andrei Belousov, First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Ruslan Grinberg, Academic Director, Associate Member of the RAS (the Russian Academy of Sciences), and many other successful professionals in various fields.

Four years ago, the Faculty of Economics of Shenzhen MSU-BIT University (SMBU) adopted the teaching plan of its counterpart in MSU and attracted Chinese and international students to Shenzhen. Over the past four years, the strength of the Faculty of Economics of

MSU has been fully demonstrated in Shenzhen. The teaching goal of SMBU's Faculty of Economics is to train students to master the basic knowledge of economics. The best professors and associate professors of the faculty deliver courses in Shenzhen based on the MSU standards.

In just four years, they have achieved great results not only in competitions but also successfully cultivated the faculty's first batch of graduates this June. The faculty dean Elena Y. Arkhipova and vice dean Meng Fanchen contributed greatly to helping SMBU to meet the qualifications necessary to grant new bachelor's degrees.

The Faculty of Economics of SMBU has many renowned professors and experts. We are here to introduce three



Elena Yurievna Arkhipova

In 2017, Elena Y. Arkhipova was appointed dean of the Faculty of Economics of SMBU. She said that the past four years was an unforgettable memory for her, which was made up of hard work, endless effort, troubles, amazing discoveries, happiness and success. "Our students have grown from high school students who didn't know anything about Russian to graduates who can confidently speak Russian in dissertation defense sessions," she said. During the graduation ceremony and degree certificate awarding process, some students couldn't help shedding tears and warmly embraced the dean.

Arkhipova graduated with honors from the Faculty of Economics of MSU in 1987 and obtained the qualifications to be an economist and political economics teacher, specializing in foreign economics. Then she went on to study for a Ph.D. degree at IMRD. After defending her Ph.D. dissertation, she began to work at the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (The Gorbachev Foundation). In 2002, she began working at the Faculty of Economics of MSU.

While working at the MSU faculty, Arkhipova was responsible for an international project named "Support for Higher Education Innovation," initiated jointly by the

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the NFPC, whose mission was to improve university education. She has also participated in international research projects in the fields of risk management and insurance. It was at the School of Economics of MSU that she had her first opportunity to get in touch with Chinese issues and organized teachers from her department to attend a lecture held in Fudan University in Shanghai.

In August 2012, at the invitation of then Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang, MSU organized 300 Russian students to come to China for an internship program and Arkhipova served as the leader of the student team of five faculties of MSU. At the invitation of Fudan University, she gave a speech at the ceremony marking the anniversary of China's access to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and participated in a WTO seminar.

Arkhipova also completed training sessions in the London School of Economics and Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt, the International Training Center of the International Labor Organization and the School of Economics of Bocconi University.

In MSU, she taught state regulations for master's programs and economics and management for bachelor's programs. Her courses were deeply favored by students. She received high teaching evaluations from students and was listed as one of the top 10 teachers in the department.

In Shenzhen, Arkhipova never stops her teaching activities. Since June 2018, she has been teaching professional economic courses at the Faculty of Economics and introductory economic courses at the Faculty of Materials Science. She also obtained a very high score (9.4-9.8 out of 10) in teaching evaluations by students.

In addition to administrative management and teaching, research is also an important part of Arkhipova's work. She has participated in a research project initiated by the Central Bank of Russia and the Russian Foundation for Basic Research and in annual international meetings held by Russia's largest insurance company. Her research directions are mainly the characteristics of national economic supervision, risk management and the development of the insurance industry.

For Arkhipova, the most important job now is to organize management work amid the pandemic as the COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to her work. The university has to hold both online and offline lessons. It is hard for MSU to send teachers to SMBU and the time difference between Shenzhen and Moscow also increases the difficulty of management work. Despite obstacles in teaching, students know that the door to the dean's office on the fifth floor of the main building is always open for them. Students can communicate with the dean whenever they have questions.



Ildar Seutovych Sadykov

Ildar S. Sadykov, Ph.D. of economics, is an associate professor and vice dean of the Faculty of Economics of SMBU.

After graduating from the Faculty of Economics of MSU in 1981, he continued to study for his doctoral degree of economics and taught at the university. He earned the doctoral degree in 1985.

Sadykov started his thesis at the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute of the Russia Academy of Sciences in 1990. From 1995 to 1997, he worked as a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the United States and continued his research.

As the head of a nonprofit organization for specialists in professional development in economics and finance, Sadykov was responsible for improving assessment methods and raising employees' qualifications in the financial sector from 2001 to 2015. He developed a training system for professional accountants, auditors and tax consultants, which has been widely adopted by Norilsk Nickel, university departments, personnel service centers and other organizations.

Sadykov began his work in the Faculty of Economics of MSU in 2015, having carried out pedagogical research on undergraduate and post-graduate courses.

Finance is a special major for students, who need to learn theories and skills to address financial and economic issues. They need to acquire a range of tools to obtain timely information on financial assets. Sadykov's teaching primarily centers on these issues.

Sadykov came to China for the first time in the fall of 2019. He taught the "Financial Theory" course at SMBU. He said that it was an interesting experience and China is an amazing country. He formed a pleasant relationship with students and interacted actively with them. The latter's enthusiasm to explore financial issues encouraged him to show the charm of finance. The students also eventually developed a passion for the study.

Since 2021, as vice dean of the Faculty of Economics of SMBU, Sadykov has been in charge of teaching management issues.



Meng Fanchen

Professor Meng Fanchen is the first vice dean of Faculty of Economics of SMBU. He has long been engaged in teaching and research in economic management. He teaches undergraduate courses, including "International Marketing" and "Cross-cultural Management," among others. He also manages an interdisciplinary team consisting of teaching staff to offer online courses, such as "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Management," "Innovative Engineering and Practice" and "International Economics (English)." Prof. Meng has won the second prize of the Excellent Teaching Achievements in Beijing awards, and the excellent course of

English Courses for Overseas Students of the Ministry of Education. He has initiated and participated in over 10 teaching and reform projects for the Ministry of Education, Beijing and individual schools. He has also received special and first prizes of Excellent Teaching Achievements.

His major research lies in transnational business and strategy, cross-cultural management, technological innovation and international strategy. He has been responsible for over 10 projects at international, national and provincial levels for organizations such as the National Natural Science Foundation of China and German Research Foundation. In the past five years, he has published more than 20 papers in prominent domestic and foreign journals, and authored a scholarly book.

He also works as a guest professor in Paderborn University and Bayreuth University. He is on the Editorial Committee of the Review of Managerial Science journal.

In 2020, Prof. Meng was honored as an outstanding teacher of the 16th Beijing Municipal Higher Education Contest. The award is the most widely recognized in the field.

Prof. Meng has taught undergraduate courses at Beijing Institute of Technology for years, focusing on students' knowledge systems and their ability. To contribute to the university's development, he has cultivated many established and skilled talents in various sectors. With his experience in teaching and administrative management, Prof. Meng significantly helps the Faculty of Economics of SMBU gain the qualifications necessary to grant new bachelor's degrees.