

The Yeltsin Foundation,  
The International Nongovernmental Organization “Dialog – Europe – Russia” and  
the Department of Political Science  
at the Higher School of Economics – St. Petersburg

are happy to announce a call for participation in

**THE STUDENTS’ FORUM “VISIONS FOR WIDER EUROPE”**

devoted to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch by the former President Boris Yeltsin of the negotiation process between the Russian Federation and the WTO and the forthcoming accession of Russia to the OECD

October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, St. Petersburg

The main idea behind the organization of the Students’ Forum “VISIONS FOR WIDER EUROPE” is to offer an opportunity to some 30 BA and MA students from both Russia and EU Member States to gather in St. Petersburg, the truly European city of Russia, to present their views on the process of integrating Russia into the international community epitomized by the accession of the country to the WTO in 2012 and the forthcoming accession to the OECD that have been strongly supported by the European Union, and to discuss the prospects and difficulties laying before the partners as a result of these changes.

The students from EU Member States, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Yekaterinburg interested in participating in the Forum are welcome to apply.

**Working language:** English.

**Language skills:** to be able to present a 10-minute report and to participate in the discussion.

**Fees:** the Organizers of the Forum cover the travel and accommodation for the participants of the Forum.

**Application deadline:** June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**The application shall include:**

1. CV (in English);
2. Motivation letter (no more than 300 words in English);
3. Short essay (no more than 800 words in English) devoted to either some particular issue in the process of the accession of Russia to the WTO, its membership in the organization and the role that the EU has been playing in the process, or the particular issue of the negotiation process over the accession of Russia to the OECD. The essay shall be the basis for the report the applicant, if accepted to participate, will present during the Forum.

The application shall be sent to: [visions.students.forum@gmail.com](mailto:visions.students.forum@gmail.com)

Do not hesitate to pose your questions to Ms. Nina Ilchenko: [visions.students.forum@gmail.com](mailto:visions.students.forum@gmail.com)

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Monday)

First half of the day	Arrival of the participants from the EU and Russian cities (Moscow and Yekaterinburg)
Second half of the day	Sight-seeing program and welcoming dinner

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Tuesday)

Venue: Souza Pechatnikov street 16, St. Petersburg

9.30-10.30	Welcoming address by Dr. <b>Wolfgang Schüssel</b> (Former Chancellor of Austria, DER – Dialog – Europe – Russia) and Professor <b>Alexander Sungurov</b> (Department of Political Science, Higher School of Economics – St. Petersburg)		
10.40-12.10	Keynote address by a high-ranking official Russia and the WTO: 20 years of dialogue and the role of the EU in the negotiations		
12.10-12.30	Coffee break		
12.30-14.00	Keynote address by a high-ranking official Russia and the accession to the OECD		
14.00-15.00	Lunch		
15.00-17.00	Section-1 (15 participants): Russia, the WTO and the role of the EU <b>6 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar	15.00-17.00	Section-2 (15 participants): Russia, the OECD and the role of the EU <b>6 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar
17.00-17.20	Coffee break		
17.20-18.30	Section-1: CONT'D <b>3 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar	17.20-18.30	Section-2: CONT'D <b>3 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Wednesday)

Venue: Souza Pechatnikov street 16, St. Petersburg

9.30-11.30	Section-1: CONT'D: <b>6 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar	9.30-11.30	Section-2: CONT'D <b>6 reports</b> (10 min + 10 min – discussion) Moderator: Scholar
11.30-11.50	Coffee break		
11.50-12.50	Section-1: CONT'D Summing up Moderator: Scholar	11.50-12.50	Section-2: CONT'D Summing up Moderator: Scholar
13.00-14.00	Panel discussion over the results and farewell speech by Professor <b>Alexander Sungurov</b> (Department of Political Science, Higher School of Economics – St. Petersburg)		
14.00-15.00	Lunch		
15.00-	Departure of the participants from the EU and Russian cities		