



**INTERNATIONAL MASTER
PROGRAM
IN APPLIED AND
INTERDISCIPLINARY
HISTORY
«USABLE PASTS»**

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THE FACTS



OPEN IN 2015



ENGLISH AS LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION



2 YEARS



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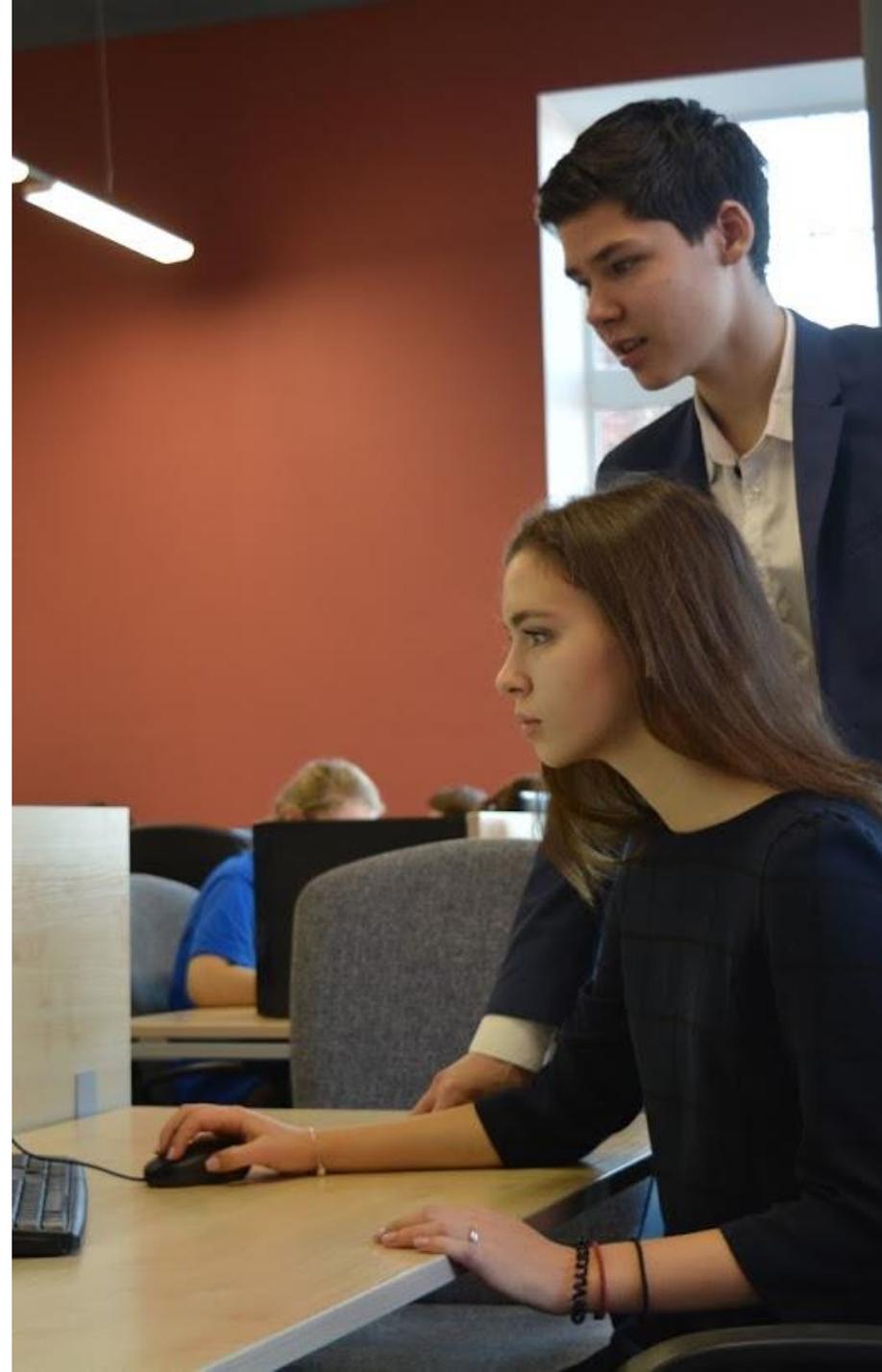
CONCEPT OF THE PROGRAM

- Program seeks to fill a gap in professional training in applied history and provide a platform for creating interactive processes that link the historical object, the historian and the public
- Applied history embraces methods and practices dealing with identification, preservation, interpretation and presentation of historical artifacts, texts, structures and landscapes
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WHO CAN APPLY?

International and Russian students
The program solicits applicants with undergraduate degrees in:

- History
- Other fields of humanities
- Social and political sciences
- economics, law
- Natural sciences (especially geography and ecology)
- Engineering



SAINT-PETERSBURG AS AN ADVANTAGE



The program fits well into HSE Saint-Petersburg Areas of Research Excellence:

- **Diversity and Tolerance**
- **Urban development**
- **Digital Society**

The program is centered in Saint- Petersburg and its vicinity, a global heritage city of world rank with wide range of cultural-natural heritage objects.

KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

#1

Unique combination of fundamental and applied training

#2

Interdisciplinary focus – admission of students with different background

#3

Special emphasis on the practical use of historical knowledge through focusing on research work and practically oriented MA theses

#4

Internships and projects in order to obtain cross-cultural skills

#5

Active learning methods (case studies, research seminars, master classes, and internships)

#6

Focus on digital humanities in teaching and research using modern IT

THREE FOCUSES OF LEARNING

Historical memory and historically informed discourses of public politics and identity politics, nationalism, cultural heritage and nationalization of the past, symbolic representations of history in post-imperial and post-colonial societies, studies of collective trauma and historical justice

Historical training with the main focus on **historical, cultural, and natural heritage**, including public museums and media space; archeology and policy of historical heritage, environmental history, history of science, technological history, urban history, economic history, history and law

Methodology of interdisciplinary history and applied historical methods including but not limited to material culture, digital humanities, oral history, database management, historical-geographic information systems and visualization methods



CORE PROGRAM DISCIPLINES / 6 COURSES / 24 ECTS

Historical Textual Criticism

**Historical Memory and
Identity Narratives**

Theory and History of Culture

**Historical Heritage: Policy
and Practices**

**History of Historical
Knowledge**

**Technology, Science and
Environment in History**

ELECTIVE COURSES / 30 ECTS

Year 1 (1 of 2)

**History of Economics and Economic Institutes
Public Choice and Public Policy**

Year 2

Block 1(1 of 2)

**History of Social Institutes, Movements and
Communication**

Political development in contemporary Russia

Block 2 (4 of 5)

**Ideology and Political Imagination of Imperialism
and Nationalism**

Urban History in Transnational Perspective

**Area Studies: Circumpolar North and the Baltic
Region**

Area Studies: Russia, Eurasia, BRICS

**Elective course from Master's Program «Experience
Economy: Hospitality and Tourism Management»**

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research Seminar includes training in methods: methods in digital humanities and oral history.

Master Thesis: academic or project based.

Opportunity to affiliate with the **Centre for Historical Research** and integrate an individual research into collective research projects.

Participation in various **international research projects** carried out by the Centre for Historical Research.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY HSE - Saint-Petersburg

Undergraduate Program in History (100 students from 40 regions in Russia) ↔ International Master's Program (opening in 2015) ↔ PhD program ↔ Center for Historical Research ↔ International Research Projects

Evgeniy Anisimov

Tenured Professor, Academic Supervisor
Department of History, Member of the HSE
Academic Council

Author of more than 350 publications, including
about 50 books on history of Russia of the 18th
– 19th cc



Alexander Semyonov

PhD (Central European University), Professor,
Dean of the Department of History, Deputy
Director of HSE SPb,

Visiting Professor at University of Chicago and
University of Michigan (USA)



Ronald Grigor Suny

Senior Research Fellow, Academic Director
of the international research project
Comparative Historical Studies of Empire
and Nationalism, Emeritus Professor of
Political Science and History at University of
Chicago



**ACADEMIC
DIRECTOR**



Associate Professor, Department of History
Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Historical Research
Visiting researcher at Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
(2008)

Marie Curie Research Fellow funded by the European Commission
(University of Birmingham, Great Britain, 2009)

Vice-president of the European Society on Environmental History
(2011- 2015)

Member of the editorial boards of international journals
Environment and History and Global Environment

Research interests: history of science,
history of the study and exploration of the Arctic,
marine environmental history (including history of fisheries), urban
environmental and technological history.

PROGRAM FACULTY



Prof. Adrian Selin

Doctor of Science,

Research interests: transnational history of the Baltic region, border studies in history, practices of management of archaeological and cultural heritage.



Ass.Prof. Alexandra

PhD, Candidate of Science,

Research interests: history of chronological history, urban history.



Ass.Prof. Nathan Marcus

PhD from Columbia University (NY)

Research interests: world and European economic history.



Ass.Prof. Tatyana Borisova,

Candidate of Science,

Research interests: social history, history and law.



Ass.Prof. Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov

PhD from Stanford University, 15 years taught at Cambridge University

Research interests: the anthropology of the state, socialist modernity and post-socialism, exchange theory, aesthetics, history of anthropology, and globalization; northern Siberia.



Ass.Prof. Ivan Sablin,

PhD from Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (Germany)

Research interests: history of Siberia and Far East, history of Buddhism, digital methods, including GIS in history.



Ass.Prof. Marina Loskutova

PhD from Central European University (Budapest)

Research interests: history of science, environmental history, oral history, social history of education.



Lecturer, Evgenii Khvalkov,

PhD from European University Institute, Florence (Italy)

Research interests: medieval history

CURRENT MASTER STUDENTS

First-year master students (2015) from 8 countries:

Russian Federation

USA

Belarus

Netherlands

India

Italy

Ghana

Serbia



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERS

University of Jyväskylä (Finland)

One semester abroad +
Intensive course +
Teacher's exchange
Supported by FIRST program
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Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy)



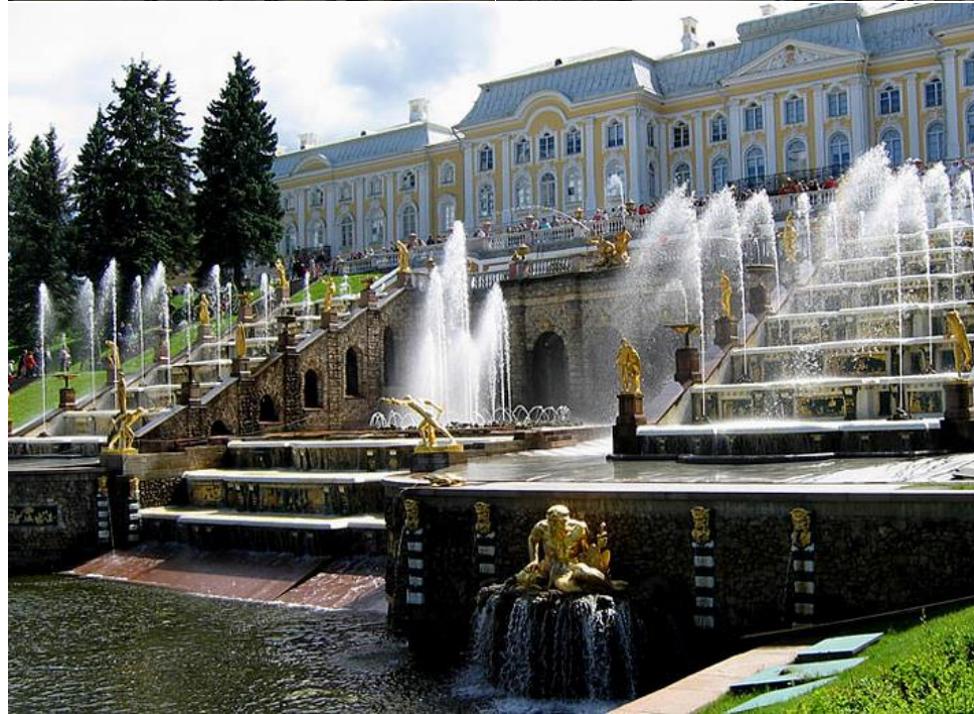
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)



INTERNSHIPS

Museums:
Ice-Breaker Krassin,
Peterhof Museum
Complex,
Museum of
Communications,
Museum of History of
Religion.

Travel companies:
Eclectica Tour. Non-
governmental
organizations: Kaykino
Creative Projects.
Mass media.



CAREER PERSPECTIVES



#1

Academic track PhD in history and related fields,
abroad or in Russia

#2

Professional track

Museums, media, tourism, education,
civil service, consultancy

HOW TO APPLY?

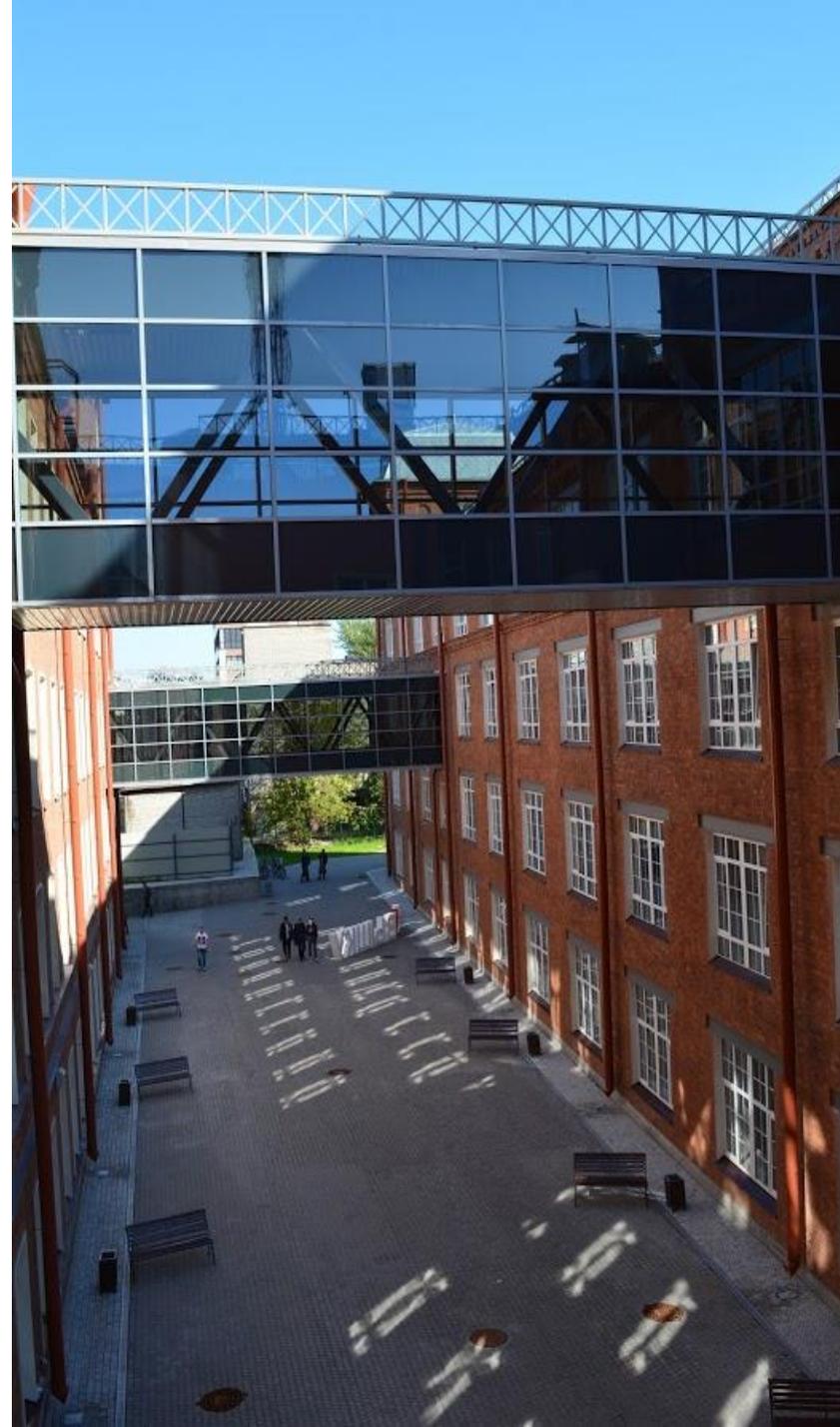
Admission requires exam or certificate on English language proficiency, a motivation letter, CV, a portfolio and an interview.

International students can apply to study at HSE for free through a **full-tuition scholarships**.

Application deadline for scholarships: **May, 1**

<http://www.hse.ru/admissions/financial-aid>

Regular application deadline: **August, 10**



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PROGRAM'S WEBSITE:

<http://spb.hse.ru/en/ma/apphist/>

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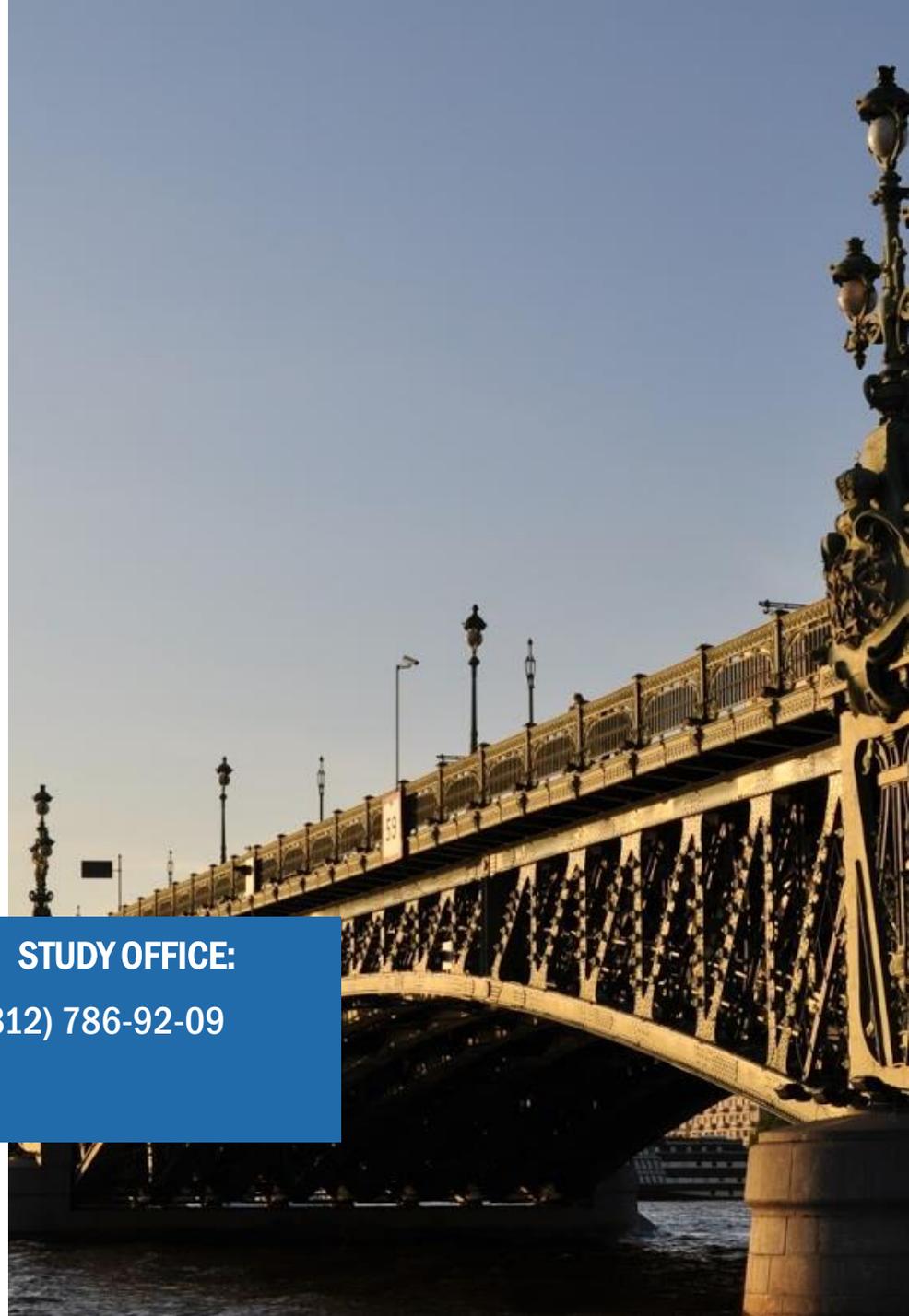
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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