



# APPLIED AND INTERDISCIPLINARY HISTORY “USABLE PASTS”

MASTER'S PROGRAMME

2019

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Application Portfolio
- English (Full Language Assessment)

## AVAILABLE PLACES

State-funded places — 15

Self-funded places (Russian) — 5

## REDUCED ADMISSION COST

Applicants achieving top scores on their exams may be eligible for a partial tuition waiver (25 to 50 percent). Eligibility criteria for the upcoming year will be published no later than 1 June 2019.

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### QUICK FACTS

- **The 1st and only international, 100% English-language taught History MA Programme in Russia**
- **International students from 12 countries, all continents**
- **7 professors with international PhD degrees**

### THIS IS A PROGRAMME FOR YOU, IF YOU ARE KEEN

- to understand how history speaks to the future
- to get interdisciplinary training or to add historical training to your previous education
- to build an academic career in new global, comparative, environmental, technological history, history of empire and nationalism, heritage and historical memory studies
- to learn how to use historical knowledge in media, museums, tourism industry applying new methods in digital humanities and public history

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

This unique interdisciplinary programme provides training in methodology for supporting a dialogue between history and other disciplines, such as anthropology, sociology, economics, ecology and law; combines academic and applied training that links history, historian, and the public; gives theoretical background for applied history attempts to illuminate challenges and choices in present by analyzing historical precedents; trains students in understanding global, comparative and transnational dimensions of the past; embraces practices dealing with identification, preservation, interpretation, and presentation of tangible and intangible heritage including artifacts, texts, practices and landscapes; provides background to the following area studies competencies: Russia and Eurasia, the Baltic region, the Circumpolar North, the Global South and BRICS.

We seek applicants with undergraduate degrees in all disciplines with strong commitment to study history. Send in your personal motivation statement and be prepared for admission interview. Eligible students must have good command of English as demonstrated by international certificates or exam (except native English speakers and students who have completed a degree exclusively in English).

### ACADEMIC HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME



**Julia Lajus**  
Associate Professor,  
Head of the Laboratory  
for Environmental  
and Technological History

### RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

Research Seminar is running for the whole period of study. Students write academic or project-based research MA Thesis in history under supervision of world class professionals: Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov (formerly Cambridge U), Alexander Semyonov (PhD Central European U), Marina Loskutova (PhD Central European U), Alexandra Bekasova (formerly European U at St. Petersburg), Tatiana Borisova (PhD U of Turku), Kirill Chunikhin (PhD Jacobs Uni). The motivated students will be granted an opportunity to integrate their research into collective projects of the Center for Historical Research and Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History.

### INTERNSHIPS

The programme is centred in St. Petersburg, Russia, a global heritage city, and its vicinities which are homes to a wide range of museums, cultural, natural, and archaeological heritage sites that provide unique opportunities for practical training. Internship placements include the Peterhof State Museum-Reserve, the State Museum for the History of St. Petersburg, Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (the Kunstkamera) and other museums, tour companies and media outlets. During the internships, students prepare materials and work on designs for exhibitions, make original excursions and audio-guides, improve historical context of websites and publications.

### SEMESTER ABROAD

Exchange programs provide students with the chance to spend one semester at a partner university abroad. These partners include the University of Jyväskylä (Finland), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany), Vrije University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands). Students are eligible to participate in exchanges with any HSE partner institution. Many sponsor programmes exist, such as Erasmus+ (Europe-wide), FIRST (Finland) or DAAD (Germany).

### CAREER PROSPECTIVE

Specialization in Applied and Interdisciplinary History will allow graduates to enter the workforce or continue an academic path with a well-grounded education based on both research and practical experience; a dual advantage on the international job market. Professional careers include a wide range of professions where skills in applied history are particularly useful, such as museums, archives, libraries, media outlets, non-profit organizations, public institutions, professional scientific institutions and environmental services connected with heritage.

Graduates of the programme are fully prepared for academic careers and are accepted to doctoral programs in Russia and abroad (Oxford, European University Institute in Florence and others).

