



GLOBAL AND REGIONAL HISTORY

MASTER'S PROGRAMME

2020

ADMISSION DETAILS

- on-line application form that includes statement of purpose, writing sample and CV
- up to three reference letters
- admission interview in person or via Skype
- English exam certificate if you have not completed English-language degree or are not an English native speaker

AVAILABLE PLACES

- Up to twenty tuition free places for international and Russian students (1 March 2020 deadline; early applications encouraged)
- Eligibility for the HSE Gold Scholarship and HSE Top Applicant Scholarship
- 20 August 2020 MA application final deadline

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QUICK FACTS

- **new, the first and only English-language taught History MA in Russia**
- **international students from a dozen of countries and all continents**
- **professors with international PhDs**

THIS IS A PROGRAMME FOR YOU, IF YOU AIM AT

- understanding how history speaks to the future
- academic career in global history, Russian and Eurasian studies
- adding historical training to your previous education
- using historical knowledge in media, publishing, museums, tourist industry
- learning new methods of digital humanities, visual history, material culture studies

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

This two-year MA introduces students to the vibrant field of global history through a regional focus on Russian, former Soviet and Eurasian spaces. How and why did the global history paradigm emerge, and what are its key current debates? How does its classic problematic of modern empires and critiques of Eurocentrism benefit from the emerging engagement with the questions of the anthropocene, histories of gender and economy, studies of science and technology, and religion and secularism? How does global history balance historians' fundamental commitment to exploring history from below and the emphasis on translocal and global interconnections and hierarchies? These questions underpin this programme's core seminars in theory and methodology as well as a broad array of regional courses. These range from the history of St Petersburg to that of personality cults of the 20th century, the Cold War, imperial crossroads in northern Eurasia, the Caucasus, Central and Eastern Europe, the Arctic as well as Russian/Soviet links with Africa, Asia, Latin America. The programme teaching is cutting-edge international research-led while also based on distinctly Russian tradition of 'historical sciences' (istoricheskaya nauka) which encompass not just history proper but also history of art and sociocultural anthropology. The programme draws on the proximity and wealth of archives and museum collections of St Petersburg and the diversity of its rich environs. Its students benefit from the ease of travel to Moscow, Finland, the Baltics and multiple regional locations within Russia.

ACADEMIC HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME



Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov
PhD Stanford University,
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RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

Recent and current student research projects include:

- memories of WWII
- Russian Orientalism
- early Soviet documentary film making
- ethnography of history teaching in post-Soviet St Petersburg
- Soviet relations with African and Latin American countries
- history of the Communist International
- Russian and Soviet science
- history of waste and recycling

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE

- methodology of global history
- anthropocene
- science and technology studies
- religion and secularism
- history of gender and medicine
- economic history and global inequalities
- Cold War; 20th-century personality cults; visual history and anthropology
- Russian empire, Soviet and Eurasian space
- Caucasus, the Arctic, Eastern and Central Europe

INTERNSHIPS

The programme draws on the proximity and wealth of archives and museum collections of St Petersburg and the diversity of its rich environs which provide excellent internships opportunities.

SEMESTER ABROAD

Semester abroad through Erasmus+ (Europe-wide), FIRST (Finland) and DAAD (Germany) schemes as well as the HSE partner agreements with the University of York, Vrije University of Amsterdam, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and many others.

CAREER PROSPECTIVE

The course makes you fully prepared both for further graduate study as well as for work in publishing, media, museums and tourist industry. Recent graduates are now enrolled in PhD programmes at Oxford, Princeton and the European University Institute in Florence.

