



# COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF EURASIA

MASTER'S PROGRAMME

2021



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## QUICK FACTS

- **Full-time**
- **2 years**
- **120 ECTS**
- **English-taught**
- **State-accredited master's degree**
- **International accreditation by the Central Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (ZEVA) for 2020-2025**
- **European Credit Transfer**
- **Three educational trajectories led by mentors (recognized experts in the field)**
  1. Eurasian (post-Soviet) Area Studies
  2. International Politics of Eurasia
  3. Advanced Theory and Methods (pre-PhD)

## OVERVIEW

The Master's in Comparative Politics of Eurasia at HSE University in St. Petersburg is a response to the growing strategic importance of the wider Eurasian region as well as the associated need for both national and international expertise on this vital region. This programme drawing on discipline-based professional training in political science provides for an advanced interdisciplinary understanding of the Eurasian region. The programme curriculum has been developed around a core conceptual learning in comparative politics, International Studies and area studies. It emphasizes solid methodological training provided through a number of key methodological courses, core thematic and methods-oriented research seminars. Alongside this core learning, the programme offers an exciting range of courses that cover politics and society in contemporary Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the South Caucasus; social policies in these countries; policy analysis; political economy, international development initiatives and international politics of Eurasia. Courses are taught by professors from across the HSE University and by invited scholars from Institute of Europe (Russian Academy of Sciences), Free University of Brussels (ULB), University of Helsinki, University College London, University of Giessen and other partner universities. Thanks to the new system of educational trajectories (increased freedom of choice around core elements) and mentorship scheme students are able to build individualized curricula with courses from other disciplinary fields and find interesting opportunities for academic mobility.

## CORE COURSES

- Contemporary Political Science / Policy Analysis
- Methodology and Research Design / Research Seminars on Methods
- Political Economy of Post-Communist Transformation
- Core seminar "Key Issues and Methods in Post-Soviet Area Studies"
- Russian Politics
- Politics and Society in Central Asia
- Politics and Society in the South Caucasus
- Politics and Society in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine
- Nations and Nationalism in USSR and post-Soviet Countries
- Internet in Noncompetitive Politics
- Social Policy in Post-Soviet Countries (joint course with University of Helsinki)
- Core seminar "Logic of Inquiry and Key Issues in International Studies"
- Russia in World Politics
- EU-Russia Relations
- Russia in the Middle East
- Central Asian Countries in Regional and International Organizations
- International Development Initiatives in Eurasia
- Department Seminar (Political Science and IR)
- Laboratory Seminar (Ronald F. Inglehart Laboratory for Comparative Social Research)

## ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR



**Oleg Korneev**

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## YOUR DAY AT UNIVERSITY

The programme strikes a right balance between lectures and seminars focused on discussions of the state-of-the-art in the field. It also involves practical training related to one of the programme trajectories.

HSE — St. Petersburg hosts a number of interdisciplinary research centres, including the Centre for comparative governance studies, ongoing projects, interdisciplinary seminars and series of guest lectures that offer stimulating research environment within which to develop the Master's Dissertation under the guidance of recognized experts in the field.

## INTERNSHIP AND FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES

The programme provides all necessary assistance for identifying research, fieldwork and practice-oriented internship placements. Among them are independent research centres, NGOs and civic organisations, international organisations, local governments and federal government structures, and state and private companies. We expect that students' priorities for internship placement and fieldwork will be across the post-Soviet space but we also help them find options in other countries. Our students have had internship placements at various organisations including at the OSCE Academy (Kyrgyzstan), Institute for War and Peace Reporting, Institute of Demographic Research RAS (Russia), PaperLab (Kazakhstan), OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities (The Hague).

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The programme assists students in finding and securing study abroad opportunities within the broad network of HSE partner universities. Among these are University College of London, King's College London, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, American University of Central Asia and many more. The programme also includes a double degree track in European and International Studies provided in partnership with the University of Trento (Italy) during the second year of the programme. This helps students develop a deeper and broader understanding of the transformations taking place in the European and international contexts, get experience of international communication and education in a new environment, become more competitive and successful on the global labor market, develop academic career and enter international PhD programme.

## CAREERS AND FURTHER STUDY

The rigorous conceptual and methodological design of the programme means that it is accessible to strong students from all academic backgrounds and with different levels of professional experience. Through the programme, students will attain subject and disciplinary knowledge, methodological expertise and the professional sophistication to successfully pursue careers in the public or private sector, including in academia, think tanks, risk and business consultancies, political consultancy, the public sector, international organisations, NGOs, the media, and diplomacy.





#### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Application Portfolio
- English (Full Language Assessment)

#### AVAILABLE PLACES

**State-funded places:** 15

**Self-funded places:** 5

**Self-funded places for international students:** 9

#### CONTACTS



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