



Saint-Petersburg  
School of Social Sciences  
and Area Studies

# Comparative Politics of Eurasia

Master's degree

2023

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<b>Training period</b>	2 years
<b>Education</b>	full-time
<b>Language</b>	English

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## Available places in 2023

State-funded places	Self-funded places (Russian)	Self-funded places (Foreigners)
<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

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## Admissions criteria in 2023

<b>Application</b>	<b>English</b>
Portfolio	Full Language Assessment

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### Overview

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 South Caucasus; social policies in these countries; policy analysis; political economy, international development initiatives and international politics of Eurasia. As a result, we provide you with great expertise in the post-soviet area and cutting edge tools to analyze contemporary political and social processes. No wonder, our graduates work in diverse academic institutions, the non-profit sector and advisory structures, business companies and governmental bodies.

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PhD, Associate Professor



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## Three tracks

- Post-Soviet Area Studies
- International Politics of Eurasia
- Advanced Theory and Methods

## Core courses

- Contemporary Political Science
- Governance and Public Administration in the Post-Soviet Space
- Political Economy of Postcommunist Transformation
- Politics and Society in the South Caucasus
- Politics and Society in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine
- Russian Politics
- Politics and Society in Central Asia
- Digital Politics: Eurasia in the Global Context
- Social Policy in Post-Soviet Countries
- Post-Communist Civil Society: Comparative Perspective
- Russia in World Politics
- EU-Russia Relations
- Russia and the Middle East
- Central Asian Countries in Regional and International Organizations
- Logic of Inquiry and Key Issues in International Studies
- Research Seminar "Methodology and Research Design"
- Qualitative Methods in Political Science
- Quantitative Methods in Political Sciences

## International exchange

The programme assists students in finding and securing study abroad opportunities within the broad network of HSE partner universities. 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.

## Internship opportunities

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).

## 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.



**Program website**

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