

# RESEARCH REPORT

2018



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# INTRODUCTION



Research and knowledge transfer are fundamental to HSE University St Petersburg's mission, and the campus's reputation depends on its competitive edge in these areas.

Our overarching research priorities are: Data Science for a Changing Society, Inequality and Governance, and Humanities in the Knowledge Economy. We believe that these priority areas reflect the campus's unique features, such as its emphasis on economics, social sciences and the humanities, and its focus on quantitative research methods. They also reflect the campus's ambition to serve both the city of St Petersburg and the global academic community, providing research *Urbi et Orbi*, to the city and to the world. In 2019 we plan to extend the campus's research objectives into the fields of cognitive and information sciences, particularly in combination with social sciences.

First of all, we have increased support for our flagship international research centers, among which are the International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision Making, the Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics, and the Laboratory for Comparative Social Research. We are delighted to announce that at least two new international research centers will be established in 2019 — the International Laboratory for the Intangible Economy and The International Social and Cognitive Informatics Laboratory.

Secondly, in 2018 we have continued to facilitate the work of multiple interdisciplinary research groups, focusing on areas including cognitive and information sciences, digital business transformation, and big data. We look forward to some of these groups also becoming research centers of outstanding international reputation and standing.

Thirdly, in 2018 HSE University St Petersburg continued to organize large-scale international events, which has contributed to the campus's reputation as a site for cutting-edge discussion in the social sciences, economics and the humanities. In this regard, we were proud to hold the International Social Informatics Conference and to organize the Analytics for Management and Economics Conference 2018 (AMEC 2018), another key annual research event.

In May 2018, we also held our annual flagship international conference on Education and World Cities, as well as a number of more focused seminars and roundtables organized by our laboratories and research centers.

We will continue to maintain the heights of excellence for which we are recognized leaders both nationally and internationally, and to invest in emerging researchers and groups which can have a global impact. We will also continue to attract and develop an outstanding international academic community, and we remain committed to the close links we have fostered between our research activities and the classroom, where the transfer of knowledge itself begins.

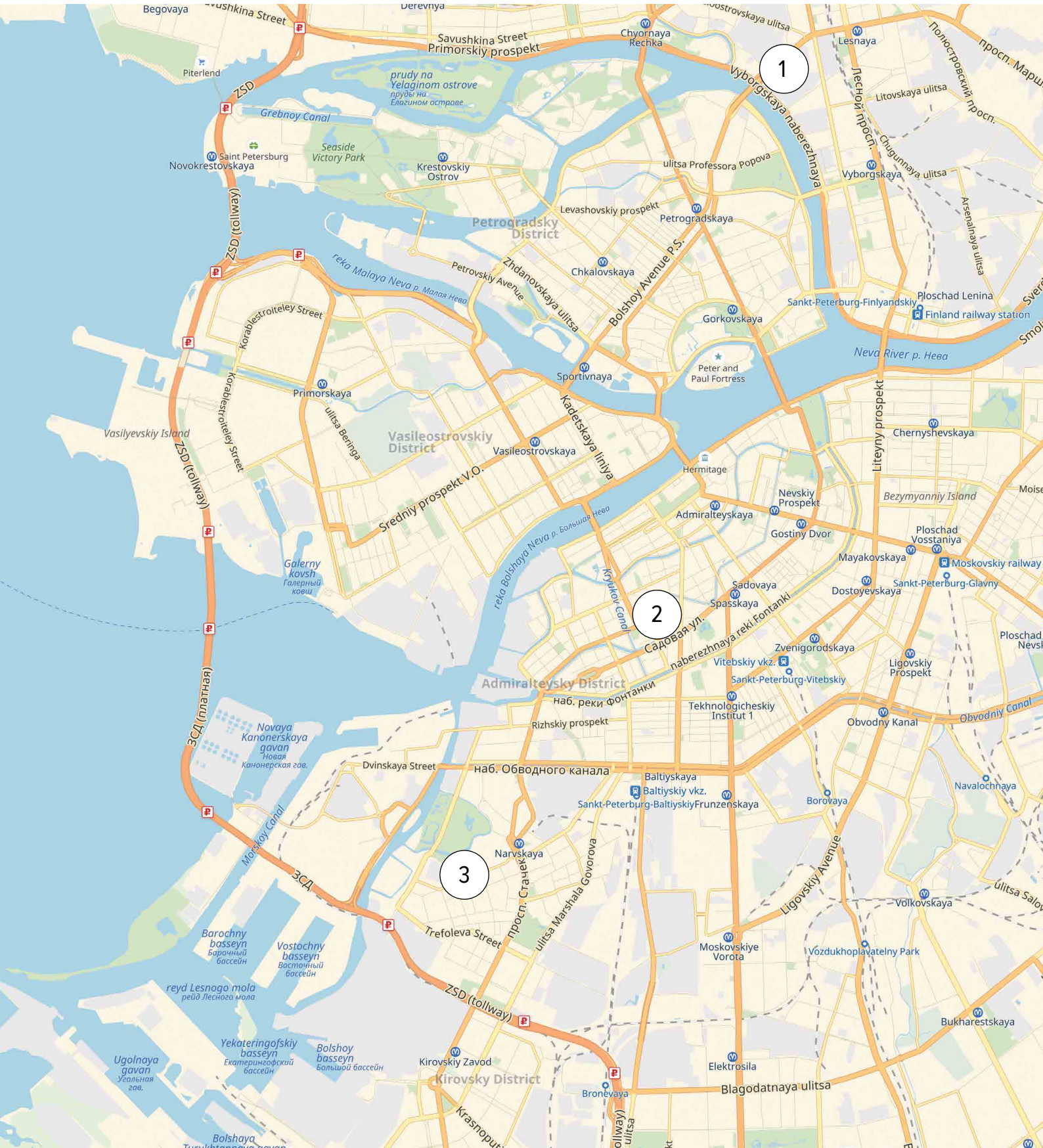
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Professor Sergey M. Kadochnikov  
Director, HSE University St Petersburg



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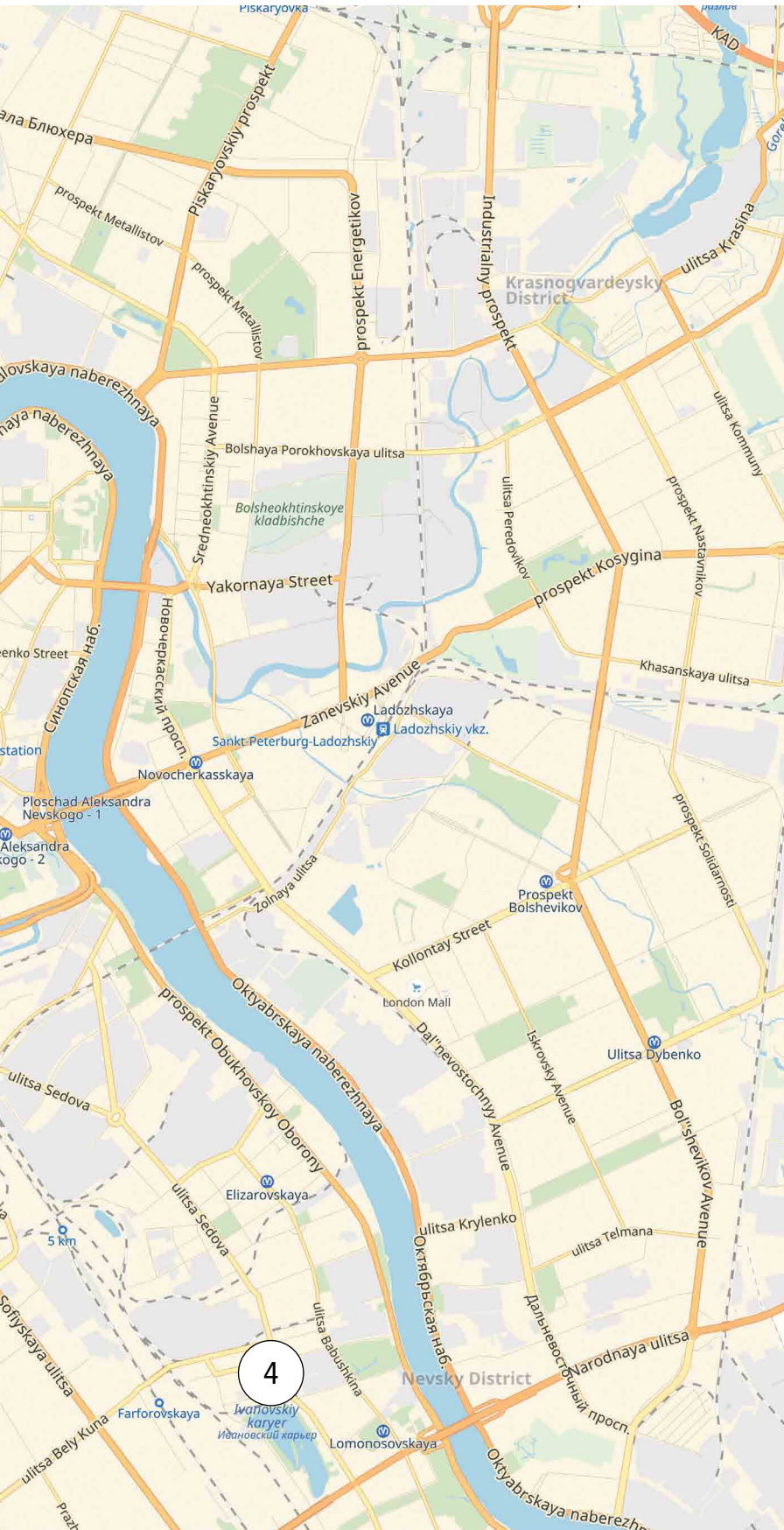
# RESEARCH MAP





## About St Petersburg

St Petersburg is Russia's second largest city after Moscow, and the third largest city (after Moscow and London) in Europe. Situated at the junction of the Baltic Sea, the river Neva and key land routes, St Petersburg is Russia's gateway to Europe, its strategic center and its closest city to the European Union. St Petersburg is the administrative center of the North-West Federal District, a region with significant natural resource potential, a highly developed industrial base and a comprehensive transport network. It is one of the Russia's strategic centers and its gateway to Europe, linking the country to the outside world through the ports of the Baltic Sea and the Arctic Ocean.



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### 3A Kantemirovskaya Ulitsa

- International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision-Making
- International Center for Health Economics, Management, and Policy (CHEMP)
- Laboratory for Economics of Culture
- Scientific Laboratory of Logistics Research
- Department of Applied Mathematics and Business Informatics
- Department of Economics
- Department of Finance
- Department of Management

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### 123 Griboedov Canal Embankment

- Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics
- Department of Political Sciences
- Department of Comparative Literature and Linguistics

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### 17 Promyshlennaya Ulitsa

- Center for Historical Research
- Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History
- Department of History

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### 55/2 Ulitsa Sedova

- Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR)
- Laboratory of Sociology in Education and Science
- Center for Youth Studies
- Laboratory for Internet Studies
- Department of Sociology

# HSE UNIVERSITY ST PETERSBURG: FACTS AND FIGURES

Established in 1997, HSE University St Petersburg is one of the four campuses of the Higher School of Economics. Today it is home to over 5,000 students, 10% of whom are international students representing over 50 countries, and around 50 research fellows, many of whom hold PhD degrees from top universities around the world. HSE St Petersburg runs 11 research centers and laboratories, including 3 international flagship research centers led by world-renowned researchers, as well as 8 independent research groups where the faculty and students conduct research projects on a collaborative basis.

## PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS:

- ① Data Science for the Changing Society
- ② Inequality and Governance
- ③ Humanities in the Knowledge Economy

Diagram 1. Research Output 2018

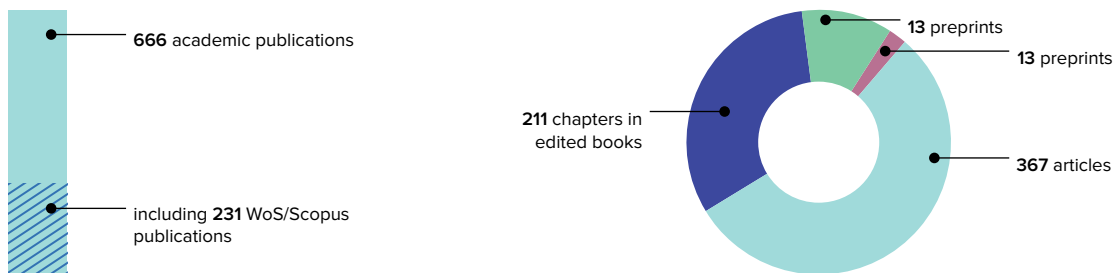
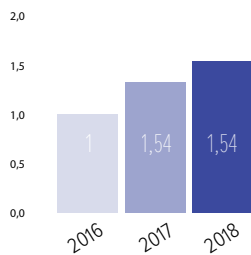


Diagram 2. Number of publication, indexed in Web of Science and Scopus per 1 faculty member



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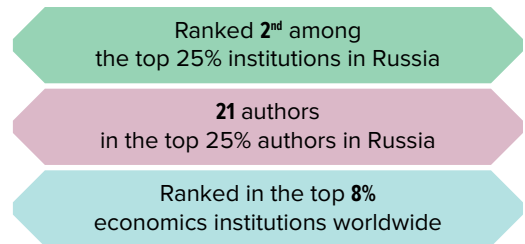
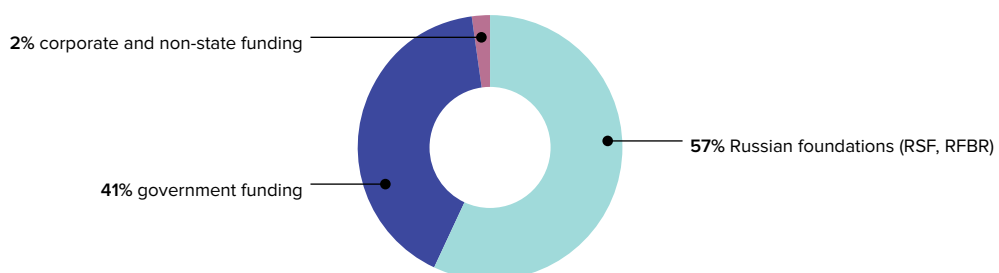


Diagram 3. External Basic Research Funding 2018





RANKING		WORLD	RUSSIA
<b>Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, 2018</b>	Sociology	51–75	1
	Political Sciences	151–200	1
	Mathematics	76–100	1
	Management	401–500	1–2
<b>QS – World University Rankings by subject, 2018</b>	Sociology	51–100	1
	Politics & International Studies	51–100	2
	Economics & Econometrics	101–150	1
	Mathematics	101–150	3
	Philosophy	101–150	2
	Accounting & Finance	151–200	1
	Business & Management Studies	151–200	1
	History	151–200	3
	Law	201–250	3
	Linguistics	151–200	4
	Modern Languages	201–250	6
	Computer Science & Information Systems	251–300	6
	Education	251–300	6
<b>QS – World University Rankings by faculty, 2018</b>	Social Sciences & Management	73	2
	Arts & Humanities	220	3
	Engineering & Technology	451–500	11
<b>QS – Top 50 Under 50, 2018</b>		38	1
<b>THE Young University Rankings, 2018</b>		84	1
<b>THE World University Rankings by subject, 2018/2019</b>	Business & Economics	101–125	1
	Social Sciences	126–150	1
	Arts & Humanities	201–250	3-5
	Psychology	151–175	2
	Computer Sciences	301–400	7
	Physical Sciences	401–500	11
	Engineering & Technology	601–800	14–19

HSE UNIVERSITY ST PETERSBURG:

# KEY EVENTS 2018

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference — Education and Global Cities: New Technologies for Development

May 17–18, 2018

The conference brought together experts in education and development, university leaders and heads of university networks and associations, as well as international education professionals interested in discussing the links between education, development and new technologies. As such, the conference was aimed at rethinking both the role of education and the fundamental concept of development.

Discussion was held over a number of panel sessions, with topics ranging from new (digital) educational technologies to the concept of development, from smart cities to international education and South-South collaboration. Among other important themes, the conference focused on the changing role of the university in the development of our increasingly interconnected, globalized and essentially digitalized world.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference — Industrial Organization and Spatial Economics

June 18–19, 2018

The 7th International Industrial Organization and Spatial Economics Conference took place at the Higher School of Economics on 18 and 19 June 2018. Scholars from all over the world came together to discuss the most pressing issues of industrial organization, spatial economics, imperfect competition, international trade, urban economics and new economic geography.

The event featured keynote talks from Lorenzo Caliendo (Yale University), Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics), Henry Overman (London School of Economics) and Andres Rodríguez-Clare (University of California, Berkeley).

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## International Conference — Algorithmic Aspects of Social Choice and Auction Design

August 9–10, 2018

In August 2018, the International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision Making organized the international Algorithmic Aspects of Social Choice and Auction Design conference. The meeting brought together scholars from the Computer Science and Microeconomics communities to share experience and discuss the latest research in these fields. The conference went on to feature a roundtable co-organized with Yandex Research dedicated to the Yandex.Toloka service and repeated posted-price auctions.

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## **International Conference – Analytics for Management and Economics**

September 19–22, 2018

The Analytics for Management and Economics Conference took place at the Higher School of Economics between 19 and 22 September 2018. Scholars from all over the world came together to discuss the most pressing issues of global business and innovation.

This academic conference was put together in response to the emerging and fast-growing trends in economics and business management which are skewed towards analytical approaches, data-driven decision making, digital transformation and disruptive innovations in IT.

The annual event featured keynote talks from Keun Lee (Seoul National University) and Daniele Archibugi (University of London, Italian National Research Council)

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## **10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo2018)**

September 25–28, 2018

In 2018 HSE University St. Petersburg served as a local organizer and host of the 10th International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo2018). The event is a platform for presenting projects to researchers from the fields of machine learning, mathematics, computer science and the social sciences.

The conference brought together participants from 20 countries across the globe. The thematic focus of the 2018 event was on using big data and machine learning as methods for studying social processes, as well as problems associated with these methods, for example difficulty in selecting and evaluating data and data privacy.

Keynote speakers included Ingmar Weber (Qatar Computing Research Institute), Jonathan J. H. Zhu (City university of Hong Kong), Harith Alani (Knowledge Media institute, The Open University), Bettina Berendt (KU Leuven), Alexander Boukhanovsky (ITMO University, St.Petersburg) and Olga Megorskaya (Yandex).

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## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference – The October Readings. Governance in the Global World: New Practices, Levels and Scales**

October 18–20, 2018

The HSE St Petersburg Department of Political Science, with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Russia, organized the 7th annual international October Readings conference — “Political Governance in a Global World: New Practices, Levels, and Scales”. The conference panel sections were devoted to both general governance issues (such as global governance, “soft power” in global politics), and more specific questions — building the image of Russia, political governance in the Russian regions, governance through symbols and networks, regional and city governance in Russia. The panel sessions and roundtables were attended by researchers from many regions of Russia, as well as colleagues from Germany, Hungary, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and Estonia.

Among the conference’s plenary speakers were Leonid Polishchuk (HSE University Moscow and Uppsala University, Sweden), Sabine Kropp (Free University of Berlin), Vladimir Gel’man (European University at St Petersburg and the University of Helsinki), Alexander Libman (Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich), Alexander Tevdoi-Bourmouli (MGIMO-University, Moscow) and Alena Ledeneva (University College London, United Kingdom).









HSE UNIVERSITY ST PETERSBURG:

# RESEARCH AREAS



## Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics

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**Director**

Sergey Kichko, Associate Professor

**Academic Advisor:**Kristian Behrens, Professor,  
Université du Québec à Montréal**Chief Research Fellow:**Jacques-François Thisse, Professor Emeritus,  
Université Catholique de Louvain**Leading Research Fellows:**Yasusada Murata, Professor  
Hans Koster, Professor  
Alexander Tarasov, Associate Professor  
Philip Ushchev, Associate Professor**Senior Research Fellow:**

Sergey Kichko, Associate Professor

**Research Fellows:**Vera Ivanova, Associate Professor  
Marina Sandomirskaya, Associate Professor  
David Gomstyan, Researcher  
Andrey Saltan, Associate Professor

The Center for Market Studies and Spatial Economics (MSSE) conducts research into two important and interrelated aspects of economic reality:

**1) Forms of market competition.** The economic game has different structures in different markets. Some markets will have only a few players (electricity or oil producers, for example), while others may involve many players (e.g. clothing or electronics), or even unrestricted entry with thousands of players: the market outcomes will not be the same. In the pursuit of social welfare, modern IO theory attempts to determine which markets need to be regulated in some way, and whether there are any externalities or public goods involved (externalities may include spatial frictions, agglomeration economies, non-market interactions, network effects, etc.). What are the effects of international trade, urbanization, market expansion and technological progress on market structures and market outcomes? Approaching the hard-core theory of markets, our center works with prominent international theorists to develop theory in some of the latest areas, including spatially distributed heterogeneous preferences, network effects, heterogeneous firms, stochastic markets, and monopolistic competition. In empirical research, we endeavor to apply these ideas to micro-level data, as opposed to aggregated data, as was popular during the 20<sup>th</sup> century).

**2) Spatial distribution of economic activity.** More precisely, we ask why economic activity is distributed so unequally in geographical terms, and concentrated in very few places around the world. What are the driving forces behind the concentration of activity within large metropolitan areas, where land prices are very high, while the average land price is negligible outside major cities? For example, we have applied the methodology of cluster-detection to pinpoint centers of manufacturing in Russia, identifying approximately 2,000 agglomerations of manufacturing plants in many industries across the country, which have emerged thanks to the beneficial aspects of agglomeration economies. Addressing these questions helps us to better understand market mechanisms, and to develop and verify theory. In the long run, such research proposes ways for potential improvements in governmental trade, urban, and regional policy, which in turn may lead to advancements in social welfare.



**Main publications of 2018:**

- Behrens K., Barbero J., Zofio J. L. Industry location and wages: The role of market size and accessibility in trading networks // *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 2018. Vol. 71. P. 1-24.
- Behrens K., Pokrovsky D. A., Zhelobodko E. Market size, occupational self-selection, sorting, and income inequality // *Journal of Regional Science*. 2018. Vol. 58. No. 1. P. 38-62
- Behrens K., Bougna T., Brown M. The World is not yet Flat: Transport costs matter! // *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. 2018.
- Behrens K., Albouy D., Robert-Nicoud F., Seeger N. The optimal distribution of population across cities // *Journal of Urban Economics*. 2018.
- Tabuchi T., Thisse J-F., Zhu X. Does technological progress magnify regional disparities? *International Economic Review*. February, 2018.
- Malykhin N. I., Ushchev P. How market interactions shape the city structure // *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 2018. Vol. 71. P. 122-136.
- Ushchev P., Zenou Y. Price Competition in Product Variety Networks // *Games and Economic Behavior*. 2018. Vol. 110. P. 226-247.
- Ivanova V. I., Ushchev P. Product differentiation, competitive toughness, and intertemporal substitution // *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*. 2018. P. 1-30. (*in press*)
- Marin D., Schymik J., Tarasov A. Trade in tasks and the organization of firms // *European Economic Review*. 2018. Vol. 107. P. 99-132.

**Main past year publications:**

- Parenti M., Ushchev P., and Thisse J-F. Toward a theory of monopolistic competition. *Journal of Economic Theory*. 2017, 167(1), 86 -115.
- Behrens K., Mion G., Murata Y., and Südekum J. Spatial frictions. *Journal of Urban Economics*. 2017. Vol. 97, 40 – 70.
- Bykadorov I., Kokovin S. G. Can a larger market foster R&D under monopolistic competition with variable mark-ups? // *Research in Economics*. 2017. Vol. 71. No. 4. P. 663-674.
- Kokovin S. G., Nahata B. Method of Digraphs for Multi-dimensional Screening // *Annals of Operations Research*. 2017. Vol. 253. No. 1. P. 431-451.
- Ushchev P. Multi-product firms in monopolistic competition: the role of scale-scope spillovers // *Research in Economics*. 2017. Vol. 71. No. 4. P. 675-689.
- Parenti M., Ushchev P., Thisse J. Toward a theory of monopolistic competition // *Journal of Economic Theory*. 2017. Vol. 167. No. 1. P. 86-115.
- Gagné G., Riou S., Thisse J-F. How to make the metropolitan area work? Neither big government, nor laissez-faire. *Journal of Public Economics*. 2016. Vol.134, 100 – 113.
- Goryunov M., Kokovin Sergey. “Vanishing Cities:” Can Urban Costs Explain Deindustrialization? // *Papers in Regional Science*. 2016. Vol. 95. No. 3. P. 633-651.
- Krishna K., Tarasov A. Affirmative Action: One Size Does Not Fit All // *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*. 2016. Vol. 8. No. 2. P. 215-252.
- Hepenstrick C., Tarasov A. Per Capita Income and the Extensive Margin of Bilateral Trade // *Canadian Journal of Economics*. 2015. Vol. 48. No. 4. P. 1561-1599.
- Seitz M., Tarasov A., Zakharenko R. Trade Costs, Conflicts, and Defense Spending // *Journal of International Economics*. 2015. Vol. 95. No. 2. P. 305-318.
- Hepenstrick C., Tarasov A. Trade Openness and Cross-country Income Differences // *Review of International Economics*. 2015. Vol. 23. No. 2. P. 271-302.
- Zhelobodko E. V., Kokovin S. G., Parenti M., Thisse J. Monopolistic Competition: Beyond the Constant Elasticity of Substitution // *Econometrica*. 2012. Vol. 80. No. 6. P. 2765-2784.

**Major events organized by CMSSE – International conferences “Industrial Organization and Spatial Economics” (IOSE):**

- June, 2018: 7-th IOSE. *Keynotes*: Lorenzo Caliendo (Yale), Laurent Gobillon (PSE), Henry Overman (LSE), Andres Rodríguez-Clare (Berkeley).
- June, 2017: 6-th IOSE. *Keynotes*: Keith Head (University of British Columbia), Pierre-Philippe Combes (Lyon), Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (Princeton).
- June, 2016: 5-th IOSE. *Keynotes*: Jose Scheinkman (Columbia), Gabriel Felbermayr (LMU), Kiminori Matsuyama (Northwestern).
- June, 2015: 4-th IOSE. *Keynotes*: David Albouy (Illinois), Thomas Holmes (Minnesota), Kaz Miyagiwa (Florida).
- Also: Annual IOSE sections within HSE April Conference, Annual December IOSE Workshops.

**Key projects:**

- 2011 – 2015: “Spatial Economics, Regional Economics, Economics of Agglomeration, International Trade”
- 2016 – 2018: “Spatial and Regional Economics, Economics of Agglomeration, International Trade”
- 2019 – 2020: “Imperfect markets, Spatial economics and Industrial clusters”.



Game theory demonstrates how differences in preferences give rise to a variety of social and economic phenomena, and provides rigorous tools for predicting the outcomes of people's behavior. In particular, using the language of mathematics, game theory explains why some institutions work well while others do not. Mechanism design, in turn, shows how to make institutions function more efficiently, or how to design new institutions in a demonstrably optimal way.

The International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision-Making combines the efforts of specialists in mechanism design, cooperative and strategic games, mathematics, theoretical computer science, and behavioral economics. Our aim is to make St Petersburg one of the global centers for game theory and mechanism design.

## International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision-Making

[scem.spb.hse.ru/en/ilgt/](http://scem.spb.hse.ru/en/ilgt/)

Est. 2015

### Director

Alexander Nesterov, Associate Professor

### Leading researchers:

Hervé Moulin, Professor,  
University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Anna Bogomolnaia, Professor,  
University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

The research conducted by the Laboratory covers a broad range of theoretical and applied projects, including: efficient mechanisms for resource allocation at the micro-level of an organization (e.g. tasks, offices, promotions) or fair mechanisms for property dispute resolution; mechanisms relating to school selection and the labour market for recent graduates; multi-unit auctions and algorithms for collusion detection; fair mechanisms for splitting the rent between roommates. In fact, every interaction of a group of agents (individuals, firms, the state) can be examined and optimized from the point of view of mechanism design.

Weekly seminars, summer schools, public lectures, and conferences organized by the Laboratory promote high-quality theoretical research in economics, and offer HSE students a unique opportunity to begin their research career under the guidance of leading game theorists.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Kalinin N., Guzmán-Sáenz A., Prieto Y., Shkolnikov M., Kalinina V., Lupercio E. Self-organized criticality and pattern emergence through the lens of tropical geometry // *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. 2018. Vol. 115. No. 35. P. E8135-E8142. doi:10.1073/pnas.1805847115
- Bogomolnaia A., Moulin H., Sandomirskiy F., Yanovskaya E.B. Dividing bads under additive utilities // *Social Choice and Welfare*. 2018. P. 1-23. doi: 10.1007/s00355-018-1157-x

**Main past year publications:**

- Bogomolnaia A., Moulin H., Sandomirskiy F., Yanovskaya E. B. (2017). Competitive division of a mixed manna. *Econometrica*, 85 (6), 1847-1871.
- Nesterov A.S. (2017). Fairness and efficiency in strategy-proof object allocation mechanisms. *Journal of Economic Theory*, 170 (C), 145-168. <http://doi:10.1016/j.jet.2017.05.004>.
- Moulin H. (2017). One dimensional mechanism design. *Theoretical Economics*, 12(2), 587-619. <http://doi: 10.3982/TE2307>.

**Major events:**

- August 2018: International Conference “*Algorithmic Aspects of Social Choice and Auction Design*”
- August 2017: International Summer School “*Fair Division: Between Economics, Mathematics and Computer Science*”
- August 2017: International Conference “*Advances in Fair Division*”
- October 2016: International School “*Computational Social Choice and Fair Division*”
- May 2016: International Conference in Memory of Victor Domansky “*Game Theory and Mechanism Design*”

**Key projects:**

- 2019: “Mechanism Design: internet-markets”
- 2018: “Mechanism Design: modern approaches”
- 2017: “Axiomatic aspects of fair division”
- 2016: “Algorithmic aspects of fair division problems”



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## Health Economics, Management, and Policy

### International Center for Health Economics, Management, and Policy (CHEMP)

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Est. 2015

#### Director

Ekaterina Aleksandrova, Associate Professor

#### Leading researchers:

Christopher Gerry, Dean, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Peter Meylakhs, Senior Research Fellow

Anastasia Meylakhs, Junior Research Fellow

Nothing is more important than health, yet all of us, at some time, will not have as much health as we want. Health economics is the science which seeks to resolve this pervasive conflict between the unlimited demands that society has for health and healthcare, and the limited resources (money, people, materials, time) which we have at our disposal for meeting these demands.

Across the globe, life expectancy is increasing, healthcare technology is improving and the demands for better health and greater healthcare provision are growing. The healthcare industry has become one of the largest global industries. Decisions over how best to allocate the time of doctors and nurses, whether to build a new clinic, which medicines to provide to the population for free, how to set the prices of medicines, what kind of health insurance system to adopt or what kind of restrictions to place on the sale of alcohol, tobacco and fizzy drinks are fundamental to the wellbeing of all societies. By applying the principles of health economics, we seek to understand the costs and benefits of different healthcare policies, we analyse the effects that lifestyle choices have on health outcomes, we understand the impact that changes in healthcare financing have on different parts of the population and, as health economists, we are acutely aware of the balance to be struck between efficiency and fairness.

In Russia, the population is ageing, expensive health technologies are proliferating, new medications and treatment protocols are coming to market, public health campaigns have had mixed success, regional health inequalities are large, life expectancy remains too low, multimorbidities are becoming prevalent, there is a looming HIV epidemic, and the economy shows little sign of breaking free from the fiscal constraints which determine the resources available to confront these issues.

Against this background, CHEMP researchers are among the first in Russia to apply health economics to the crucial issues at the forefront of public health. We have already examined the causes and patterns of smoking; we have conducted interdisciplinary work addressing the HIV challenges that Russia faces; we have asked whether a voluntary drug insurance system in Russia will be successful; we have developed the first analysis seeking to understand how the Russian population values health; we have studied the evolving Russian health profile in the context of European and global norms, and we have asked whether the population's health is an obstacle to the proposals for changing the retirement age in Russia.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Gerry, C. J. The economic case for deinstitutionalisation in post-communist Europe. *The Lancet Psychiatry*, 2018
- Kaneva M., Gerry C.J., Baidin V. The effect of chronic conditions and multi-morbidity on self-assessed health in Russia. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*, 2018
- Gerry, C.J; Sheiman, I. Too many and too few: The paradoxical case of physicians in the Russian Federation. *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*, 2018
- Mateu-Gelabert, P; Guarino, H; Quinn, K; Meylakhs, P; Campos, S; Meylakhs, A; Berbesi, D; Toro-Tobn, D; Goodbody, E; Ompad, DC; Friedman, SR. Young Drug Users: a Vulnerable Population and an Underutilized Resource in HIV/HCV Prevention. *Current HIV/AIDS Reports*, 2018
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- Akifyeva R. N., Alieva A.V. The influence of student ethnicity on teacher expectations and teacher perceptions of student warmth and competence. *Psychology in Russia: State of the Art*, 2018. Vol. 11. No. 1.
- Aleksandrova E.A., Gerry J.C., Kind P., Khabibullina A.R. Health-related quality of life population indicators using EQ-5D questionnaire. *Zdravookhranenie Rossiiskoi Federatsii (Health Care of the Russian Federation, Russian journal)*, 2018; 62 (6).

**Main past year publications:**

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**Major events:**

- March 2016: International Research Seminar "*Health Economics in Russia: Past, Present and Future?*"
- July 2016: 1st International Summer School "*Health Technology Assessment*"
- May 2016: International Multidisciplinary Conference "*Health Behaviours: Tobacco, Drugs and Diet*"
- June 2017: 2nd International Summer School "*Health Outcomes Measurement: An Introduction from A-Z*"
- October 2017: International Workshop "*Quantitative and Qualitative Research in the Field of Health Economics*"

**Key projects:**

- 2015–2017: In collaboration with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Almazov Center of St. Petersburg "*Patients recovery patterns following a myocardial infarction*".
- 2016–2017: "*Measuring health in Russia*".
- 2017–2018: In collaboration with CQ University, Cairns, Australia "*The effectiveness of the anti-alcohol and tobacco campaigns in Russia*".
- 2017–2018: "*Moral hazard in the Russian market for private health insurance*".
- 2018–2019: "*Darknet*" with financial support of Russian Found of Fundamental Research
- 2018–2019: In collaboration with University of Oxford "*Economic Burden of Mental Health Disorders*".
- 2015–2019: In collaboration with EuroQOL group and University of Oxford "*EQ-5D in Russia: Development and Implementation*".



## Laboratory of Economics for Culture

Est. 2011

### Director

Valery Gordin, Distinguished Professor

### Leading researchers:

Alexey Gorgadze, Laboratory Assistant  
Yulia Shulyateva, Laboratory Assistant  
Ekaterina Shishova, Research Assistant

### 1. Post-event activity management by organizations in the event industry

This project covers research into post-event activity which creates additional effects following the main event. As part of this project, recommendations for networking activity, post-event activity formats and the creation of participant-loyalty towards the event organizer will be developed. For this purpose, an opinion poll of “Museum night” visitors will be conducted to provide more information about motivation and post-event activity formats.

Project curator: Alexey Gorgadze

### 2. Museum management and marketing

The project is based on cooperation with a range of leading museums, with research conducted into different formats of youth work (State Hermitage, State Russian Museum), excursion activity gamification (State Russian Museum) and regulation of excessive tourist numbers (State Hermitage, Peterhof). All the research conducted relates to the study of work practices in the largest museums in Russia and around the world.

Project curator: Valery Gordin, Honorary Professor

### 3. Business models for services in the sharing economy

In this project, students conduct benchmarking of different platforms which function according to the principles of the sharing economy, using their findings to develop their own platforms in the sphere of the creative industries and to build their own business models. As a result of the research undertaken, projects will be presented which can be used by venture companies as the basis for the creation of startups.

Project curator: Yulia Shulyateva

### 4. Organizational atmosphere in the creative industries

as an effective tool for event marketing

This project studies different ways to achieve a more effective environment in the provision of services within the creative industries, enabling the particular features of a variety of consumer segments to be taken into account, and a memorable experience from event participation to be created.

Project curator: Ekaterina Shishova

### 5. Digital footprints study in the sphere of culture and tourism

This project is devoted to the study of digital footprints left on the web pages of cultural and tourist sites. We analyze visitor reviews using the methods of TextMining, SNA and geo-mapping. This analysis enables us to understand and monitor key trends in the sphere of culture and tourism, and to understand its challenges and dynamics.

Project curator: Alexey Gorgadze

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Gordin V., Borovskaia I. (2017). Creativity-based volunteering at the Winter Olympics in Sochi: beyond sport and borders. In by A. M. Benson & N.Wise (Eds), *International sports volunteering. Routledge research in sport, culture and society* (pp. 39-59). London, UK: Routledge.
- Gordin V., Trabskaya J., Zelenskaya E. (2016). The role of hotel restaurants in gastronomic place branding. *International Journal of Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Research*, 10 (1), 81-90.
- Gordin V. E., Dedova M. (2015). Social entrepreneurship in the informal economy: A case study of re-enactment festivals. *Journal of Enterprising Communities*, 9 (1), 6-16.
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**Major events:**

- January, 2019: 26th annual ENTER2019 eTourism Conference ENTER2019 “*Semantic Analysis of the Imperial Topic: Case of St Petersburg*”
- February, 2017: International Conference “*Sustainable Tourism Development in the Changing World*”
- October, 2016: Workshop “*The Territory Management and the Improvement of the Viability of Cities*”

**Key projects:**

- 2015 – 2016: “*Culture for Health*” supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- 2015 – 2017: “*Rural practice in art-homestead “Kaikino – 10”*” supported by the Charitable Foundation of Elena and Gennady Timchenko.
- 2018: “*Cultural and event activity as development factor of revitalized territories*”, carried out as part of the Basic Research Programme at the National Research University Higher School of Economics





## Scientific Laboratory of Logistics Research

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Est. 2013

**Academic advisor**  
Valery Lukinskiy, Tenured Professor

Logistics is both a practical field and a science, and relates to activities including transportation, warehousing, cargo handling, inventory, and service level support. The aim of logistics is to ensure that the right consumer is in the right place at the right time with the right product of the right quality, quantity, and cost. According to a range of information sources, average logistics costs around the world total 10-14% of GDP (gross domestic product). If world GDP is estimated at US\$70 trillion, then annual logistics and supply chain management costs come to approximately US\$9 trillion.

From 2016 to 2018, the Scientific Laboratory of Logistics Research conducted scientific research for one of St Petersburg's largest companies, whose 2,000 buses, 10,000 employees, and 5 separate manufacturing divisions serve 300 million passengers per year. The Laboratory is developing an array of models for forecasting the demand for spare parts, considering the real conditions for running transportation assets.

In this way, we are interested in the issue of multi-product range supply (with thousands of products) in multi-level systems (manufacturer or supplier, central or regional warehouses, customers or consumers), taking into account financial, juridical, physical, personnel, and other limiting factors. Our research is conducted using applied mathematics, in particular operations research, which employs the information technologies used in big data processing.

The results of our transportation research will reduce inventory levels, prevent shortages of spare parts, and improve compliance with operational and road safety regulations. At the same time, it will minimize the negative impact of transportation on the urban environment (for example, by reducing the number traffic jams when buses break down) and ensure a guaranteed level of mobility for the urban population.

These results are applicable for countless other manufacturing and service companies interested in making appropriate, reasonable, and secure decisions in the digital age.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Lukinskiy V., Lukinskiy V., Merkur'yev Y. (2018) Modelling of transport operations in supply chains in obedience to “just-in-time” conception. *Transport*. 2018. Vol. 33. No. 5. p. 1162-1172.
- Lukinskiy V., Lukinskiy V. (2018) Designing the analytical base for optimal allocation of stocks in supply chains. *Transport and Telecommunication*. Vol. 19. No. 4. P. 346-355.

**Main past year publications:**

- Lukinskiy V., Lukinskiy V., Merkur'yev Y. (2017) Supply chains efficiency increasing based on the modelling of logistics operations. *International Journal of Simulation and Process Modelling*. Vol. 12. No. 3/4, P. 196-206
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- Lukinskiy V.S., Lukinskiy V.V. (2015). Analysis of the logistics intermediaries choice methods in the supply chains // *Transport and Telecommunication*, 16 (4), 288-295.

**Major events:**

- April 2018: The 17th International Academic and Research Conference “*Logistics: Current Development Trends*” in collaboration with the Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping
- April 2017: The 16th International Academic and Research Conference “*Logistics: Current Development Trends*” in collaboration with the Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping
- April 2016: The 15th International Academic and Research Conference “*Logistics: Current Development Trends*” in collaboration with the Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping

**Key projects:**

- 2018: “*Comprehensive analysis of the socio-economic development of the Arkhangelsk region.*” Section “Transport Infrastructure” (2018).
- 2017: “*Approbaton and implementation of a set of models for forecasting the spare parts for the rolling stock requirements in SPb SUE ‘Passazhiravtotrans’ on the basis of the analysis of operational reliability*” supported by the Government of St Petersburg.
- 2016: “*Development of a set of models for forecasting the need for spare parts for the rolling stock of SPb State Unitary Enterprise ‘Passazhiravtotrans’ on the basis of the analysis of operational reliability*” supported by the Government of St Petersburg.
- 2016: “*Ranking of freight forwarding and logistics companies in the North-West Federal region*”



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## Comparative Social Research

### Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR)

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Est. 2010

#### Director

Eduard Ponarin, Tenured Professor

#### Leading researchers:

Ronald F. Inglehart, Professor, University of Michigan;  
Founding President, World Values Survey Association

Christian Welzel, Professor, Leuphana Universität  
Lüneburg; Vice President, World Values Survey Association

The Laboratory for Comparative Social Research has updated and refined evolutionary modernization theory, demonstrating that existential security requires great changes in institutions and culture. Our research sheds light on the moral evolution of societies and institutional efficiency. Advanced methods of statistical data analysis, along with the longitudinal nature of our data, allows us to deduce causation and draw conclusions on the reasons for change in these two spheres.

The LCSR participated in the 2016 wave of data collection on the Russian elite, tracing its attitudinal changes in comparison with the waves conducted in 1993–2012, as well as collecting data for the 7th wave of the World Values Survey and the 5th wave of the European Values Study in 2017. These data will provide a great opportunity to study trends among an array of social and political indicators, and to compare the Russian Federation with other countries in Europe and the world.

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- Brunkert L.J., Kruse S., Welzel C. (2018). A tale of culture-bound regime evolution: the centennial democratic trend and its recent reversal. *Democratization*, 1-22. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2018.1542430.
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- Dollbaum J.M., Semenov A., Sirotkina E. (2018). A Top-Down Movement with Grass-Roots Effects? Alexei Navalny's Electoral Campaign. *Social Movement Studies*, 1-8. DOI: 10.1080/14742837.2018.1483228.
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#### Major events:

- November 2018: International Workshop: “Values and Socio-Political Processes: A Quantitative Perspective”
- August 2018: International Summer School: “Bayesian Statistical Analyses for Social Scientists”
- April 2018: The 8th International Annual Research Conference: “Quantitative Research of Social Changes across the World”
- April 2017: The 7th International Annual Research Conference: “Subjective Well-Being and Growing Inequality across the Globe”
- September 2016: The 6th International Annual Research Conference: “*Survey Research and the Study of Social and Cultural Change*”
- August 2016: The 6th LCSR Summer School “*Latent Curve Models: A Structural Equation Perspective*”
- November 2015: The 5th International Annual Research Conference of LCSR “*Cultural and Economic Changes Under Cross-National Perspective*”

#### Key projects:

- 2018 – ongoing: “*Transformation of values and subjective quality of life: A regional perspective*” supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2017 – ongoing: “*The cool water effect: Why human civilization turned towards emancipation in cold-wet regions*” supported by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), the Reinhart Koselleck award.
- 2016 – 2018: “*Ethnic groups in the Russian labor market*” in collaboration with the British Academy and the University of Exeter.
- 2016 – 2017: “*Male and female success strategies in the context of modernization*” supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.
- 2016 – 2017: “*Formal, informal and familiaristic social capital: Cross-cultural analysis with hierarchical regression modeling*” supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.





## Sociology of Education and Science Laboratory

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Est. 2007

### Director

Daniel A. Alexandrov, Distinguished Professor

### Leading researchers:

Valeria A. Ivaniushina, Leading Research Fellow

Ksenia Tenisheva, Junior Research Fellow

Vera Titkova, Junior Research Fellow

The Laboratory of Sociology in Education and Science aims to develop cutting-edge research in the sociology of education, combining theoretical models with rigorous empirical data collection and modern analytical methods (social network analysis, advanced statistical modeling, agent-based modeling). The main areas of our research are school climate, adolescent health, school segregation, and the status of migrant children in Russian schools.

We have developed a unique research tool for measuring school climate, including bullying and cyberbullying. The Laboratory is currently evaluating the climate in schools in the Kaluga region. The project aims at improving school climate through regular surveys and feedback.

Health risks in the behavior of teenagers also fall within the scope of our research. We focus on such issues as the onset of alcohol consumption and the factors that promote such behavior. We have found that middle-school students who aspire to take different educational paths show diverse drinking patterns even before these paths are taken.

The Laboratory studies school differentiation and school choice, analyzing two perspectives: parents/children and school administration. We have identified four groups of signals that schools send to parents: expected cost, level of parental engagement, emphasis on academic or extracurricular aspects of school life, and barriers to admission. Parents choose a school from the existing options based on their perception of and reaction to these signals, which vary according to socio-economic status.

In our research on migrant school students, we have demonstrated that ethnic minority students have high levels of motivation, and their achievement and educational aspirations are similar to those of ethnic majority students. Xenophobic tendencies among the adult population, which are often reported in the Russian media, are not reflected in students' interethnic friendships. Schools provide a positive environment for integration.

These results can be used to offer social policy recommendations that will decrease inequality among schools and decrease the dropout rate, underachievement, adversity, and high-risk behavior.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Ivaniushina V., Alexandrov D. (2018). Anti-school attitudes, school culture and friendship networks. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 39, (5), 698-716.

**Main past year publications:**

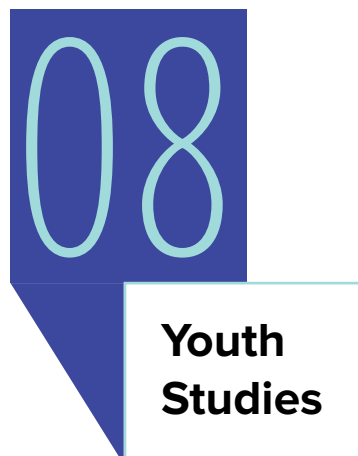
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- Ivaniushina V., Alexandrov D., Lushin V. (2016). Academic help seeking among Russian minority and non-minority adolescents: A social capital outlook. *Learning and Individual Differences*, 50, 283-290.
- Poder K., Lauri T., Ivaniushina V., Alexandrov D. (2016). Family background and school Choice in cities of Russia and Estonia: Selective agenda of the Soviet past and present. *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 8 (3), 5-28.

**Major events:**

- 2012 – 2014: The International Social Network Analysis Summer School
- 2006 – 2018: Summer fieldwork. One of the most interesting and important parts of the Laboratory's work, which combines research and educational activities, is summer fieldwork. Students from each year have carried out fieldwork in the Leningrad and Moscow regions, together with Laboratory researchers. The fieldwork has the simultaneous aims of research (collection of empirical material for the Laboratory's projects) and education (students have the opportunity to assess their abilities).

**Key projects:**

- 2016 – 2018: "School differentiation and its consequences: school and parents" supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.
- 2017 – 2019: "Social dynamics in learning: studying coevolution of group network structure and student motivation using learning analytics" supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.
- 2016 – 2020: "Measuring school climate in the Kaluga region" in cooperation with the "Teach for Russia" programme and the New Teacher Foundation.



## Center for Youth Studies

[sh.spb.hse.ru/en/youth/](http://sh.spb.hse.ru/en/youth/)

Est. 2009

### Director

Elena Omelchenko, Professor

### Leading researchers:

Yana Krupets, Deputy Director, Associate Professor

Nadezhda Nartova, Senior Research Fellow

Guzel Sabirova, Deputy Director, Associate Professor

In our studies of youth (sub)cultures, solidarities, and civil activism, we deconstruct the stereotype of Russian youth as apolitical and the idea that subcultures have disappeared. Teenagers and young people actively participate in discussions on important issues: nationalism vs. cosmopolitanism, patriarchy vs. gender equality, consumerism vs. anti-capitalism. A new mainstream “majority” has appeared among contemporary youth, as well as new marginal groups. Thus, the following questions form the focus of our studies: what drives young people to participate in protests, pursue volunteer opportunities, participate in extremist communities, commit acts of violence, or alter the urban landscape? In sum, why are subcultures so attractive for young people?

Adults often think of youth as lazy, spoiled, and utterly consumerist. The results of our research *on employment and the role of consumption in contemporary youth life* clearly demonstrate that such opinions are inaccurate. The young frequently and eagerly switch jobs, often giving priority to flexible work schedules. In other cases, prestige-based consumption patterns serve processes of self-identification and self-perception. The rejection of vertical career paths in favor of more horizontal forms, where it is important to find a vocation, diversity, pleasure, and time for non-work-related activities, is characteristic of the generation that has grown up with a “children-first ideology,” or else a response to low demand on the labor market.

Another important aspect of our work focuses *on migration and ethnic identity research*, conducted in two different spheres. First, we study how ethnicity (one’s own or somebody else’s) becomes salient in family relations and friendships, subcultural communities, political activity and civic activism, as well as in public spaces (streets, public transport, queues, etc.) Second, we study how the children of migrants adapt in Russian schools, and how they get involved in youth leisure activities in Russian urban spaces. The results of this research are being used by teachers, lecturers, and school administrations to improve their work.

*The sociology of the body* is a rapidly developing research area in western academia, and it is very new in Russia. Images of the “normal” or exemplary male or female body are actively being constructed in the media today and discussed in friendship networks. The reactions of youth to the image of a healthy, young, and beautiful body, normalized according to gender and sexuality, range from frantic obsession with achieving such an ideal to the absolute rejection of social norms. Regimes of nutrition and hygiene, the use of cosmetics, healthy lifestyle, physical training, plastic surgery, gender and sexual identity – these are the aspects of life that contemporary youth care about most and thus are the phenomena that most interest CYS researchers.

We are also involved in visual studies, and we produce sociological documentaries. We theorize and practice visual studies in our everyday work, looking for new explanations and ways to develop our methodology. We have produced twelve full-length movies, several short films, and numerous visual presentations and exhibitions.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Omelchenko E., Nartova N., Krupets Y. Escaping Youth: Construction of Age by Two Cohorts of Chronologically Young Russian Women. *Young*, 2018. Vol. 26. No. 1. P. 34-50.
- Omelchenko E., Poliakov S. Everyday Consumption of Russian Youth in Small Towns and Villages. *Sociologia Ruralis*. 2018. Vol. 58. No. 3. P. 644-664.
- Omelchenko E., Pilkington H., Perasović B. 'One Big Family': Emotion, Affect and Solidarity in Young People's Activism in Radical Right and Patriotic Movements, in: *Understanding Youth Participation Across Europe*. L.: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018. P. 123-152.

**Main past year publications:**

- Krupets Y., Morris J., Nartova N., Omelchenko E., Sabirova G. (2017). Imagining young adults' citizenship in Russia: from fatalism to affective ideas of belonging. *Journal of Youth Studies*, 20 (2), 252-267.
- Omelchenko E. L., Sabirova G. (2015) Youth cultures in contemporary Russia: memory, politics, solidarities. In M. Schwartz & H. Winkel (Eds.), *Eastern European Youth Cultures in a Global Context* (pp. 253-270). Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Omelchenko E. L., Pilkington H. (2013). Regrounding youth cultural theory (in post-socialist youth cultural practice). *Sociology Compass*, 7 (3), 208-224.
- Omelchenko E. (2012). Russian youth from the 1990s until 2010: Generational changes. In C. Henseler (Ed.) *Generation X goes global: mapping youth culture in motion* (pp. 248-268). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Pilkington H., Omel'chenko E. L., Garifzianova A. (2010). *Russia's skinheads: exploring and rethinking subcultural lives*. London, UK: Routledge.

**Major events:**

- November 2017: International conference "Urban Youth Cultures: Solidarities, Creativity, Activism"
- October 2015: Conference "Youth and Society: in the Search for New Solidarities"
- November 2013: Scientific exhibition "Youth, Education, Knowledge, City"

**Key projects:**

- 2016 – 2021: "Dialogue about Radicalization and Equality (DARE)" supported by Horizon 2020 Programme.
- 2018 – 2019: "Creative fields of interethnic interaction and youth cultural scenes of Russian cities" supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2018 - 2021: "In the Gulag's Shadow: Producing, Consuming and Perceiving Prisons in the Former Soviet Union" supported by Economic and Social Research Council (UK).
- 2016 – 2018: "Promoting youth involvement and social engagement: opportunities and challenges for the conflicted young people across Europe" implemented as part of the Horizon 2020 Programme.
- 2015 – 2017: "Creative fields of interethnic interaction and youth cultural scenes of Russian cities" supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2014: "Youth solidarities and generations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: the value of labor and consumption" implemented as part of the Basic Research Programme at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE).
- 2013 – 2014: "Extracurricular activity and integration of migrant children in St Petersburg" supported by the Russian Foundation for Humanities.





## Laboratory for Internet Studies

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Est. 2012

### Director

Olessia (Elena) Koltsova, Associate Professor

### Leading researchers:

Vera Ignatenko, Research Assistant

Sergey Koltsov, Deputy Director, Associate Professor

Alexander Porshnev, Senior Research Fellow

Yadviga Sinyavskaya, Junior Research Fellow

Integrating scholars from a variety of backgrounds, the Laboratory for Internet Studies conducts a range of interdisciplinary research into online human behavior, its network structure, and its textual representations. Advanced machine learning approaches, network analysis, and statistical methods are used extensively to reveal latent patterns in highly unstructured and noisy internet data. This has allowed the team to obtain significant results for such diverse issues as the influence of online communities on offline political participation, the motivation for involvement in communities that promote destructive health practices, the relation of social networking activities to entrepreneurial success, and how the level of privacy in online behavior depends on personality features and individual online goals.

For instance, the objective of one of our research projects, Networks as a Space for Social Capital Formation, is to study the influence of user behavior, their privacy concerns and their propensity for making connections on their perceived social capital. We found no supporting evidence for the idea that privacy concerns influence social capital; they only influence the informational dimension of privacy (who can see their profiles and messages). Another finding is that younger people, along with people with higher self-esteem, tend to see their bridging social capital as higher.

The primary project of the Laboratory at the present time is the development of a system for semi-automatic monitoring of inter-ethnic tensions in user text data taken from social networking sites. The system identifies user messages containing the names of ethnic groups, automatically detects their sentiment features, and maps the frequency of negative messages in time and space. The prototype of this system, along with the Laboratory's other major software products, is available online.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Couldry N., Rodriguez C., Bolin G., Cohen J., Volkmer I., Goggin G., Kraidy M., Iwabuchi K., Qui, J.L., Wasserman H., Zhao Y., Rincon O., Magallanes-Blanco C., Thomas P., Koltsova O., Rakhmani I., Lee K.-S. (2018) Media, communication and the struggle for social progress. *Global Media and Communication*, 14(2), 173–191
- Koltsov S. (2018) Application of Rényi and Tsallis entropies to topic modeling optimization. *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*, 512, 1192-1204.
- Koltsov S., Pashakhin S., Dokuka S. (2018) A Full-Cycle Methodology for News Topic Modeling and User Feedback Research, in: Lecture Notes in Computer Science (including subseries Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence and Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics). *10th International Conference on Social Informatics, SocInfo 2018; St.Petersburg. Cham: Springer*, 308-321.

**Main past year publications:**

- Bodrunova S, Koltsova O., Koltcov S., Nikolenko S. (2017) Who's Bad? Attitudes Toward Resettlers From the Post-Soviet South Versus Other Nations in the Russian Blogosphere. *International Journal of Communication*, 11, 3242-3264.
- Nikolenko S., Koltcov S., Koltsova O. (2017) Topic modelling for qualitative studies/ *Journal of Information Science*, 43(1), 88-102
- Rykov Y. G., Meylakhs P. A., Sinyavskaya Y. E. (2017). Network structure of an AIDS-denialist online community: Identifying core members and the risk group. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 61(7), 688-706.
- Koltsova O., Koltsov S., Nikolenko S. (2016) Communities of co-commenting in the Russian LiveJournal and their topical coherence. *Internet Research*, 26(3), 710-732
- Koltsova O., Scherbak A. (2015) 'LiveJournal Libral!': The political blogosphere and voting preferences in Russia in 2011–2012. *New Media and Society*, 17(10), 1715-1732.
- Meylakhs P., Rykov Y., Koltsova O., Koltsov S. (2014) An AIDS-denialist Online Community in a Russian Social Networking Service: Patterns of Interactions with the Newcomers and Rhetorical Strategies of Persuasion. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 16(11), e261

**Major events:**

- September 2018: 10th International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo 2018)
- July 2017: WSTNet Web Science Summer School 2017
- August 2015: The 9th Russian Summer School on Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2015)

**Key projects:**

- 2018: "Social and textual measurement of social network user profiles" supported by the Center for Fundamental Research
- 2017: "Internet as sociotechnical phenomenon" supported by the Center for Fundamental Research
- 2015 – 2017: "Development of concept and methodology for multi-level monitoring of the state of interethnic relations with the data from social media" supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2014 – 2015: "Open database and a crowdsourcing website for development of sentiment analysis instruments" supported by the Russian Foundation for Humanities.



**Sociology of Education and Science Laboratory,  
Department of Informatics**

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**Director**

Daniel Alexandrov, Distinguished Professor

**Leading researchers:**

Kirill Maslinsky, Research Fellow

Ilya Musabirov, Junior Research Fellow

Alena Suvorova, Associate Professor

The ubiquitous proliferation of new digital technologies in all areas of life has made it possible to study society on a new scale.

What are the topical issues for people of different regions and cities? How are work and educational migration flows organized? How do students choose a university, and what do school students learn from online games? To answer such questions, modern social science analyzes digital data, for example activity on social networking sites, search queries, and mobile data.

The research programme of Social Informatics and Digital Social Research is threefold:

1. Digital Footprints and Social Processes. Using social media data and surveys, we study opinion dynamics on both global and local topics, migration (including educational), and ethnic communities.

2. New Educational Technologies. We study all stages of life-long learning, using learning analytics and educational data mining, exploring new forms of communication emerging in educational services from the standpoints of social science and human-computer interaction.

3. Online Games and eSports. Online games have recently become a leading sector in the digital entertainment industry, and the time spent by children on gaming sometimes exceeds time spent in school. It is safe to say that games influence the formation of children's communication, negotiation, and other skills. We study students' socialization, team and skill formation via online games, along with other important topics, such as cyberbullying and toxic behavior, virtual consumption and communication.

At the methodological level, we are involved in improving machine learning methods for digital footprint data, and study social algorithms and ranking systems.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Alexandrov, Daniel, Viktor Karepin, Ilya Musabirov, and Daria Chuprina. 2018. 'Educational Migration from Russia to the Nordic Countries, China and the Middle East. Social Media Data'. In *Companion Proceedings of the The Web Conference 2018*, 49–50. WWW '18. Republic and Canton of Geneva, Switzerland: International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee.
- Musabirov, Ilya, and Alina Bakhitova. 2018. 'Code-Sharing Networks of Non-STEM Students: The Case of Data Science Minor'. In *Proceedings of the 23rd Annual ACM Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education*, 389–389. ACM.
- Musabirov, Ilya, Denis Bulygin, Paul Okopny, and Ksenia Konstantinova. 2018. 'Event-Driven Spectators' Communication in Massive ESports Online Chats'. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, LBW564:1–LBW564:6. CHI EA '18. New York, NY, USA: ACM.

**Main past year publications:**

- Musabirov I., Bulygin D., Okopny P., Sirotkin A. (2017). Deconstructing cosmetic virtual goods experiences in Dota 2. In *Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. CHI'17* (pp. 2054-2058). New York, NY: ACM.
- Alexandrov D., Gorgadze A., Musabirov I. (2016). Virtual Caucasus on VK social networking site. In *Proceedings of the 8th ACM Conference on Web Science. WebSci '16* (pp. 215-217). New York, NY: ACM.
- Alexandrov D., Karepin V., Musabirov I. (2016). Educational migration from Russia to China: Social network data. In *Proceedings of the 8th ACM Conference on Web Science. WebSci '16* (pp. 309 - 311). New York, NY, USA: ACM.
- Voskresenskiy V., Musabirov I., Alexandrov D. (2016). Private and public online groups in apartment buildings of St. Petersburg. In *Proceedings of the 8th ACM Conference on Web Science. WebSci '16* (pp. 301 - 306). New York, NY, USA: ACM.

**Major events:**

- June 2018: International Conference "Digital Transformation & Global Society" (DTGS'18)



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## Comparative Historical Research on Empires and Nationalism

### Center for Historical Research

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Est. 2012

#### Director

Alexander Semyonov, Professor, Editor,  
Ab Imperio Journal

#### Leading researchers:

Vladimir Bobrovnikov, Professor  
Tatiana Borisova, Senior Research Fellow  
Anton Kotenko, Senior Research Fellow

The question of diversity has recently moved to the forefront of the political and cultural agenda in contemporary states and societies, confronting seemingly well-established nation states and their citizens with the challenges of immigration and a shifting relationship between citizenship, the state, immigrants, minorities, and majorities. And while politicians consider possible responses and courses of action, historians approach the issue from an altogether different angle. The rule that cultural and political boundaries ought to coincide did not apply for much of human history. The most ubiquitous form of political organization up until the modern history was empire. There were colonial and continental empires, state-bureaucratic and nomadic empires, traditional dynastic empires and new imperialisms, but what they all had in common was the construction and governance of diverse populations and territories, including the institutionalization of difference based on religion, ethnicity, social status, race, and culture.

The work of historians at the Center for Historical Research in St Petersburg takes place within the context of rethinking the impact of empires on the modern world, focusing on the transformations of empires in Eurasia under the effects of nationalism, war, and revolutions. Often treated as archaic imperial dinosaurs, the Ottoman, Habsburg, and Russian empires at the *fin de siècle* were modernizing structures that sought to reform the old imperial mechanisms of governance. The St Petersburg team provides explanations for the divergent outcomes of these empires' collapse in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and explores the rise of alternative notions of autonomism, federalism, regionalism, and internationalism as a response to the crisis of cosmopolitan empires.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Borisova T. Y., Burbank J. (2018) Russia's Legal Trajectories // *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*. Vol. 19. No. 3. P. 469-508.

**Main past year publications:**

- Semyonov, A. (2017). Global history is more than the history of globalization: Interview with Sebastian Conrad. *Ab Imperio*, 1, 23-44.
- Semyonov A., Smith J. (2017) Nationalism and Empire before and after 1917, in: *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Vol. 17. No. 3. P. 369-380.
- Sablin, I. (2016) *Governing post-imperial Siberia and Mongolia, 1911–1924: Buddhism, socialism, and nationalism in state and autonomy building*. London: Routledge.
- Suny, R. (2015). *They can live in the desert, but nowhere else: a history of the Armenian genocide*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
  - *Winner of the 2016 Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies*
  - *A Financial Times Summer Books 2015 selection*
- One of Financial Times (FT.com) Best Books in History 2015, chosen Tony Barber
- Lohr E., Tolz V., Semyonov A., von Hagen M. (Eds.). (2014). *The empire and nationalism at war*. Bloomington: Slavica Publishers.

**Major events:**

- 2018 to date: Ab Imperio Award Public Lectures at the Higher School of Economics in St Petersburg.
- October 2018: International workshop of the EuParl.Net members "Parliamentarianism and Representative Democracy in Crises of War, Revolution, and Collapse of Empires".
- April 2018: International conference "Nationalism, Empire, and State", in cooperation with Andrew Gagarin Center for Study of Civil Society and Human Rights and with support from Kudrin Foundation for Support of Civil Initiatives.
- June 2017: International conference in partnership with Ab Imperio Journal "Imperial Revolution of 1917: Post-Imperial Imaginaries and Revolutionary Politics in the Context of Diversity".
- May 2013: International conference in partnership with Ab Imperio Journal "When Postcolonial Meets Postimperial: Sovereignty, Politics of Difference, and Composite Society in Comparative Perspectives".
- 2012 to date: Regular research seminar "Boundaries of History" chaired by Alexander Semyonov.

**Key projects:**

- 2018 – 2020: Post-imperial diversity: Majority-minority relations in the transition from empires to nation-states. The ERA. Net RUS Plus project brings together researchers from the University of Eastern Finland, The Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg, Russia, and the University of Göttingen, Germany, in an attempt to examine in a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective the governance of ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity at times of transition from Imperial to nation-state political formations in Eurasia.
- 2018 – 2022: Paulsen Fellowships. The programme of the Frederick Paulsen Foundation to support young Russian historians with a budget of €1 million is being implemented together with the London School of Economics.
- 2016 to date: "Empires in global history" in collaboration with Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn and University of Turin.
- 2016 – 2018: "The historical legacy of federalism, regionalism, autonomism and the minority "nationalism" supported by the Foundation for Support of Liberal Arts.
- 2014 – 2016: International Research Project "Comparative historical studies of empire and nationalism" co-directed by Ronald Suny, William H. Sewell Jr Distinguished University Professor of History, University of Michigan.



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## Early Modern History of the Baltic Space

### Center for Historical Research

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Est. 2012

#### Director

Alexander Semyonov, Professor, Editor,  
Ab Imperio Journal

#### Leading researchers:

Evgeniy Anisimov, Tenured Professor  
Adrian Selin, Professor, Chief Research Fellow

Our research focus includes the history of St Petersburg as the imperial capital, the history of Peter the Great, the history of borders in the Baltic space, and the social history of Early Modern Muscovy, Scandinavia and the Baltic countries. In our study of Petrine St Petersburg, we are particularly interested in the appearance and functioning of imperial capitals and global cities in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The methodology of global history, institutional and comparative approaches, and the prosopographical method are the priorities of our research programme. We study the history of borders and borderlands in the Baltic region, the history of Early Modern communication, and the history of political transformations in the region. Of central importance is the study of Muscovite (and subsequently Russian imperial) political culture's development and expansion throughout the Baltic region. We also study the history of representation in Russian art and culture from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Russian-Swedish, Russian-Danish, and Russian-Finnish coexistence, cultural influences, and exchanges are also very important among our developing research priorities. Our main fields of study include Peter the Great as the builder of St Petersburg and the Russian Empire, the expansion of the Muscovite bureaucratic system to Novgorod and Baltic space in the 15-16<sup>th</sup> centuries, and the history of Muscovy during the crises of the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The concepts of the border and the borderland are central to the history of St Petersburg from medieval times until the Russian Revolution 1917. These concepts must be studied in a long-term perspective, examining the social, cultural, and political history of Baltic space in the broader context of Scandinavian and Baltic history.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Selin A. A. (2018) Communications in the Novgorod Region during the Crisis Period of the Time of Trouble // *Vestnik Sankt-Peterburgskogo Universiteta, Istorija*. Vol. 63. No. 3. P. 748-762.

**Main past year publications:**

- Anisimov E. V., Bekasova A. V., Kalemeneva E. A. (2016) Books That Link Worlds: Travel Guides, the Development of Transportation Infrastructure, and the Emergence of the Tourism Industry in Imperial Russia, Nineteenth–Early Twentieth Centuries // *The Journal of Tourism History*. 2016. Vol. 8. No. 2. P. 184-204.
- Anisimov E. V. (2016) *Russkoe iskusstvo glazami istorika, ili kuda vedet Susanin* [Russian art from historian's view: Where Susanin leads]. St Petersburg: Arca.
- Anisimov E. V. (2015) The question of women in power in the eighteenth century. In M. di Salvo, D. H. Kaiser & V. A. Kivelson (Eds.), *Word and Image in Russian History: Essays in Honor of Gary Marker* (pp. 191-205). Boston: Academic Studies Press.
- Selin A. A. (2015) Appearing of the Borderland Delimitation in Ingermanland in 1617-1618. *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, 49 (2-3), 282-293.
- Selin A. A. (2014) "Invitation of the Varangians" and "Invitation of the Swedes" in Russian history: Ideas of early historiography in late Russian medieval society.

**Key projects:**

- 2015 – 2017: "Russian-Swedish Border in Ingria: GIS" supported by the Russian Foundation for Humanities.
- 2014 – 2017: "Digital katalog över Smolenskarkivet i Stockholm" in collaboration with Stockholm University.

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## Environmental and Technological History

### Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History

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Est. 2016

#### Head

Julia Lajus, Associate Professor

#### International Advisors:

Sverker Sorlin, Professor,  
Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden  
Catherine Evtuhov, Professor, Columbia University, USA

#### Leading researchers:

Alexandra Bekasova, Senior Research Fellow  
Margarita Dadykina, Senior Research Fellow  
Elena Kochetkova, Research Fellow  
Alexei Kraikovski, Senior Research Fellow

In recent times, environmental degradation, the overexploitation of natural resources, and rapid climate change have become global issues that demand transnational and transdisciplinary attention. Environmental history studies the interactions between humans and nature from an historical perspective. The human use and transformation of nature are only possible through technology, which we comprehend through the prism of socio-technological systems and infrastructure development (the enviro-technological approach). A crucial third pillar in research of this type is the history of expertise, both scientific and technological. Experts are central in the social 'construction' of natural resources and in providing knowledge transfer. We frame our historical research as part of the social sciences, on the one hand, focusing on materialism, the circulation of knowledge and goods, and the analysis of patterns of resource use in collaboration with human geographers and ecologists. At the same time, environmental history is rapidly developing as a viable field within the environmental humanities, with its focus on narratives that may help to overcome the interdisciplinary gap when addressing environmental issues. Researchers at the Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History study institutional developments in the exploration and use of natural resources; analyze the role of experts, especially in our understanding of the marine and polar environment and climate; describe patterns of infrastructure and technology transfer including those across the Cold War divide; reveal the role of waterscapes in the economy, culture, and urban development; and problematize interrelations between cultural and natural heritage and their perception and preservation

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Dadykina M.M., Kraikovski A.V., Lajus J.A. *Pomorskie promysly na Shpitsbergene v XVIII – nachale XIX v. Issledovaniia. Dokumenty*. Moscow - St Petersburg: Alians-Arkheo, 2017 (in Russian).
- Kalemeneva, Ekaterina. Arctic Modernism: New Urbanisation Models for the Soviet Far North in the 1960s. In *Competing Arctic Futures: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, Nina Wormbs (ed.). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, pp. 213-241.
- Kochetkova, Elena. Industry and Forests: alternative raw materials in the Soviet forestry industry from the mid-1950s to the 1960s. *Environment and History*. 2018. Vol. 24. No. 3. P. 323-347.
- Lajus, Julia. Russian Environmental History: A Historiographical Review. In *The Great Convergence: Environmental Histories of BRICS*, S. Ravi Rajan and Lise Sedrez (eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 245 – 273.
- Lajus, Julia. Experts on Unknown Waters: Environmental Risk, Fisheries Science and Local Knowledge in the Russian North. In *Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Imperial Russian and Soviet History*, Nicholas Breyfogle (ed.). Columbus: Ohio University Press, 2018, pp. 205 - 220.

**Main past year publications:**

- Dadykina M.M., Kraikovski A.V., Lajus J.A. *Pomorskie promysly na Shpitsbergene v XVIII – nachale XIX v. Issledovaniia. Dokumenty*. Moscow - St Petersburg: Alians-Arkheo, 2017 (in Russian).
- Kalemeneva, Ekaterina. Arctic Modernism: New Urbanisation Models for the Soviet Far North in the 1960s. In *Competing Arctic Futures: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, Nina Wormbs (ed.). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, pp. 213-241.
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- Lajus, Julia. Russian Environmental History: A Historiographical Review. In *The Great Convergence: Environmental Histories of BRICS*, S. Ravi Rajan and Lise Sedrez (eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 245 – 273.
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**Major events:**

- May 2018: seminar organized by international project “Atomic Atomic Heritage goes Critical: Waste, Community and Nuclear Imaginaries”
- December 2017: International Workshop “Science, Technology, Engineering, Environment and Medicine in Russia’s Great War and Revolution, 1914 –1922”
- December 2017: International Workshop “Science, Technology, Engineering, Environment and Medicine in Russia’s Great War and Revolution, 1914 –1922”
- October 2016: International Conference “Technology, Natural Resources and Crises in the Past and Present of Europe and Beyond” in cooperation with the Research Network on History, Technology and Europe “Tensions of Europe” and University of Aarhus, Denmark

**Key projects:**

- 2016 – 2018: “Natural resources in history of Russia: Economic institutes, communities of experts and infrastructures” supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2018: “Perception, representation, preservation and use of cultural and natural heritage in historical perspective: transformation from the late-Soviet to the post-Soviet and contemporary period” implemented as part of the Basic Research Programme at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE).
- 2014 – 2018: “New governance for sustainable development of the European Arctic” in partnership with KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.



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## Anthropology

**Department of Sociology**  
**Center for Historical Research**  
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Anthropology explores social and cultural diversity in the contemporary world, drawing on the distinct research method of ethnography – the in-depth, participatory observation of human communities and institutions. Our research focuses on two key areas, building on the interests of colleagues at HSE St Petersburg: the anthropology of the state and the anthropology of religion. These topics address questions that are of vital importance for understanding the human situation today, such as the phenomenon of the state at beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the “end” of the secular age. What are the new forms of sovereignty that are increasingly visible in contemporary geopolitics? How are these forms simultaneously linked with new forms of patriotism (including slogans like “make America great again”) and ideologies of the “cheap” state that outsource social responsibility and violence, including military action, to private institutions? What new forms of religious practice can be identified, and why do their adherents seemingly reject secular rationality, becoming explicitly anti-modern and conservative, yet drawing on modern technologies? Research in these fields constitutes the center of a vibrant and growing network of post-docs, graduate and undergraduate students, and colleagues across departments with research interests that also cover such areas as the anthropology of ethics and art, as well as linguistic, economic, and medical anthropology.

Ethnography provides not only a unique vantage point from which to address these issues; it also endows students with a valuable, transferrable skill and a multipurpose competency, enabling them to negotiate contemporary cultural complexities. In a variety of courses, which are taught in the Department of History, as well as in the newly established anthropology minor, students acquire skills in communication across cultural and social barriers, engaging with people from different class, educational, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

**Main publications:**

- Martin, D. A. (2017). Loyal to God: Old Believers, oaths and orders. *History and Anthropology*, 28(4), 477-96.
- Martin, D. (2017). The last men before the last: a Russian messianic revival in the twilight of history. In G. Kirn & M. Burchardt (Eds.), *Beyond Neoliberalism: Social Analysis after 1989* (pp. 155-179). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- Ssorin-Chaikov, N. (2017). *Two Lenins: A brief anthropology of time*. Chicago: Chicago University Press/ HAU Malinowski Monographs.
- Ssorin-Chaikov, N. (2016). Soviet debris: failure and the poetics of unfinished construction in northern Siberia. *Social Research: An International Quarterly*, 83(3), 689-721.

**Major events:**

- November 2017: Panel at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. “*Legacies of the Russian Revolution across Contemporary Political Systems*”.
- November 2017: International Workshop “*Victims and Martyrs: Memory of Soviet repressions in Contemporary Russia and Beyond*”.
- June 2016: International Conference “*Bordering Religions in (Post-)Cold War Worlds*” supported by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- Kormina, J. (2013). Canonizing Soviet pasts in contemporary Russia: the Case of Saint Matrona of Moscow. In J. Boddy & M. Lambeck (Eds.), *A Companion to Anthropology of Religion* (pp. 409-424). London: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Key projects:**

- 2014 – 2017: “*Cartography of exchange among indigenous peoples of the North*” supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.
- 2014 – 2017: “*Anthropology of the market and social transformations among indigenous peoples of the North*” supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.

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## Comparative Governance Studies

Taking the concept of governance as the main object of analysis, we are developing a research agenda to address the basic questions of how power is distributed and how decision-making processes are carried out in modern states and supranational entities. This allows us not only to study governance at different levels, from local to global, but also to explain the strategic links between these levels (multi-level governance). Addressing these questions helps us to understand the practice of political governance in multi-level systems (in particular, in the Russian Federation, the European Union, and the Eurasian Economic Union) in order to identify the existing constraints of mechanisms for coordinating the interests of participants in the political process. We study the practices of governance coordination, subordination, and control in the development of multi-level political systems, and we aim to provide systematic explanations for their successes and failures as well as for the sources of their stability. Our research contributes to developing recommendations for improving the quality of governance, as well as choosing strategies for governance reform policies and predicting their outcomes.

### Department of Political Sciences

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Andrey Starodubtsev, Associate Professor

Anna Tarasenko, Associate Professor

Ivan Grigoriev, Senior Lecturer

Yuri Kabanov, Senior Lecturer

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Busygina I. (2018). To decentralize or to continue on centralization track: comparative analysis of Russia and Kazakhstan, *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, N1.
- Starodubtsev A. (2018). *Federalism and Regional Policy in Contemporary Russia*. Abingdon: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- Dekalchuk A. A. From Hidden Othering to Open Rivalry: Negotiating the EU-Russia Role Structure through the Visa Dialogue, in: *EU-Russia Relations in Crisis: Understanding Diverging Perceptions*. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2018. Ch. 6
- Grigoriev, Ivan S. 2018. "Law Clerks as an Instrument of Court–government Accommodation under Autocracy: The Case of the Russian Constitutional Court." *Post-Soviet Affairs* 34 (1): 17–34.
- Tarasenko A. (2018). Russian Non-Profit Organizations in Service Delivery: Neoliberal and Statist Social Policy Principles Intertwined. *Europe - Asia Studies*. Vol. 70, No. 4, 14-530.

**Main past year publications:**

- Busygina, I. (2017). *Russia-EU relations and the common neighborhood: Coercion versus authority*. London, UK: Routledge.
- Starodubtsev, A. (2017). How does the government implement unpopular reforms? Evidence from education policy in Russia. In V. Gel'man (Ed.), *Authoritarian Modernization in Russia: Ideas, Institutions, and Policies* (pp. 148-165). London, UK: Routledge.
- Dekalchuk, A. (2017). Choosing between bureaucracy and the reformers: The Russian pension reform of 2001 as a compromise squared. In V. Gel'man (Ed.), *Authoritarian Modernization in Russia: Ideas, Institutions, and Policies* (pp. 167-182). London, UK: Routledge.
- Grigoriev, Ivan S., and Anna A. Dekalchuk. 2017. "Collective Learning and Regime Dynamics under Uncertainty: Labour Reform and the Way to Autocracy in Russia." *Democratization* 24 (3): 481–97.
- Busygina, I., Filippov, M. (2016). Functionality of the EU multi-level arrangements: Evidence from the 'Russian Case". *The Uppsala Yearbook of Eurasian Studies*, 1, 123-142.

**Major events:**

- October 2018: 7th International Annual Conference "October Readings" - *"Political Governance in the Global World: New Practices, Levels, Scales"*
- April 2017: International Seminar *"Distributing power and money: Federalism and decentralization in Germany and Russia"* supported by the Consulate General of Germany in St Petersburg and the Forum of Federations, Canada.
- April 2016: International Seminar *"Federalism and Regionalism in Russia and Germany"* in cooperation Department of History, supported by the Consulate General of Germany in St Petersburg and the Forum of Federations, Canada.



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## Literature and Languages

### Department of Comparative Literature and Linguistics

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#### Department Head

Boris Gasparov, Bakhmeteff Professor Emeritus of Russian and East European Studies, Columbia University

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Dmitry Kalugin, Associate Professor

Evgeny Kazartsev, Professor

Boris Maslov, Professor

Tatiana Sherstinova, Associate Professor

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Philology deals with challenging texts that communicate complex and enduring images and ideas. Such texts tend to arise in specific cultural and historical circumstances, often at the crossroads of different languages and traditions. Of central interest are periods of active interaction among cultures, as well as moments of historical rupture that decisively impact the history of a nation. The research team based in our Department investigates the most significant works created under such conditions. At the heart of our research is the elaboration of methods of interpreting literary texts, as well as research into the processes of their production, perception, and reception.

Our goal is not only to devise new approaches to reading works of literature but also to gain insight into how they come into being. Based on analysis of the structure of texts, we strive to enter the laboratory in which poets and writers create their works, and in this way to understand intellectual activity in its highest manifestations. In a sense, we engage in an experiment, whose participants include literary geniuses of different epochs – Homer, Shakespeare, Lomonosov, Goethe, Pushkin, Tolstoy, and so on.

Particular attention is paid to the cognitive aspects of literary creativity, treating texts as the result of interactions between thought and language within the semiotic field of culture. We are developing the techniques of cognitive poetics and semiotic models designed for the comparative study of works written in different languages. In particular, we are working on a special body of prose and verse, which contains works in English, Dutch, German, Swedish, Russian, Belorussian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, and Ancient Greek. Students in the BA Programme in Philology are involved in contributing to this collection.

For the study of texts contained in the corpus, new computational methods of typological analysis have been devised. In particular, we have developed a new kind of software, which enables comparative research in different languages. This programme represents an important part of the scholarly apparatus, the goal of which is to reconstruct processes and principles in the formation of poetic systems in different epochs and among different nations. The software enables us to conduct computational analysis of the texts' structure and to model this structure according to probabilities, and represents an original analytic system that has no analogues. The department is also developing new methods in Digital Humanities and will create a specialization for students in this field and the DH center.

**Main publications of 2018:**

- Kazartsev E. (2018). The Sumarokov Vector of Russian Iambic Poetry // *Russian Literature*. 2018. No. 99. P. 71-89.
- Kalugin D. (2018). From Genius-Creator To National Genius: Representations Of Greatness in the Biographies of M.V. Lomonosov // *Russian Literature*. 2018. N° 99. P. 39-70.
- Tokarev D. (2018). In 'the Paradise of Friends': Boris Poplavskii's Novel, Homeward from Heaven, in the Light of Alexandre Kojève's Seminar on Hegel // *Slavonic and East European Review*. 2018. Vol. 96. No. 2. P. 181-207

**Main past year publications:**

- Gasparov B. (2017). Theoretical linguistics as a worldview. *Voprosy jazykoznanija*, 3, 7-23.
- Kazartsev E. (2017). A Comparative Study of Verse Meter and Rhythm. St.Petersburg: Alex. Herzen Univ. Press, 2017.
- Maslov B. (2015). *Pindar and the Emergence of Literature*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Major events:**

- June 2018: Conference "Life of wonderful people" — to the anniversary of Dmitry Kalugin
- June 2017: International Conference "Personality and Emotions in the History of Russian Silver Age" in memoriam of Sarah Minz.
- March 2017: International Conference "Non-Wax Person" on the occasion of the 50 anniversary of Arkady Blumbaum.
- September 2016: The First International Polish-Russian Conference "Methods of the Textual Criticism and the Poetics Models" in cooperation with the Polish Academy of Science.
- May 2016: International Conference "The Material and the Ideal in the History of Russian Thought in the 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Centuries" to mark Boris Egorov's 90th birthday.

**Key projects:**

- 2016 – 2019: "Contemporary models of poetics: a reconstructive approach" supported by the Russian Science Foundation.
- 2015-2017: "Genesis and evolution of syllabotonic versification in European poetry of the 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> centuries" supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.
- 2017: "West European influences into the Russian literature in the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century" implemented as part of the Basic Research Programme at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE).
- 2016: "Russian verse reform of the 18<sup>th</sup> century: genesis and evolution of forms" implemented as part of the Basic Research Programme at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE).

HSE UNIVERSITY ST PETERSBURG:

# FEATURED SCHOLARS



Alexander  
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International  
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Game Theory  
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Making

## WHO WILL GET WHAT?

The principal focus of research for the International Laboratory of Game Theory and Decision Making is the study of different economic mechanisms, i.e. the rules which form the basis for the interaction of participants. Among such rules we can name allocation mechanisms (e.g., auctions, tenders), social choice mechanisms (e.g., voting), and market mechanisms. The majority of our studies are theoretical and fundamental, but we do also conduct some practical tasks.

One of the most interesting practical tasks we have today is the distribution of goods and services without the use of money. The majority of such tasks arise in the sphere of education: student admission to elementary schools, and student admission to colleges. Other examples include distribution of social housing and organ donation. For ethical and other reasons, the regular pricing mechanism of market regulation is not available in these instances, and so researchers have to design allocation mechanisms from scratch, leading to solutions which may appear highly creative and unintuitive.

There has recently been a breakthrough in the study of centralized allocation mechanisms (aka matching) in education and organ distribution, the results of which were awarded the Nobel Prize

in Economics in 2012. New mechanisms have been developed which allow the public to avoid queues, enrolment delays, poor matching, and possible manipulations by the participants. Many countries, including the USA, China, Brazil and the UK have already introduced these optimal mechanisms with a variety of modifications, and their education systems are already benefiting from the resultant improvements. Unfortunately, Russia is lagging behind in this area. The practical goal of our laboratory is to study the mechanisms existing in Russia, and to propose possible improvements which have the potential to improve social welfare and to hopefully help talented students find better places for their development.

The laboratory's other recent line of practical research is into distribution mechanisms that do use money: auctions. Our first project is aimed at the solution of one important practical task: to attempt to assess the effectiveness and vulnerability to manipulation of auctions and other tender procedures, using the system of state procurement in the Russian Federation as an example.

Public procurement plays a key role in the Russian economy. In 2017, the total value of state procurement in Russia exceeded 36.5 trillion rubles, which amounts

to about one third of the country’s GDP. The majority of orders are distributed in accordance with the results of sealed-bid auctions, also termed requests for quotations. Theoretically, these auctions are an effective and transparent method for identifying the winner, but in practice they are often subject to collusion and corruption. It can be said that this problem is relevant for many countries, including Russia.

The public procurement system in Russia is a perfect case to research, as it provides detailed and open data for analysis, including a number of parameters which may at first glance seem irrelevant, such as the time at which a bid is placed. It would seem to make no difference whether a participant placed a bid at the beginning of the auction, or closer to its end. However, preliminary results indicate that this is a very important characteristic, which can help to identify suspicious auctions.

It turns out that the parameters which, in a fair world, should not help to predict the winner are able to do so in reality. In addition to the time of placing a bid, we have also discovered other features that help predict foul play, including the order of the bid (whether it is the last incoming bid or not), the difference between the winning bid and its runner-up, and past interaction between the participant and the auctioneer.

Our algorithm is unique in that with the help of machine learning it analyzes all auctions automatically and cumulatively, without engaging specialists for “manual” studying of separate suspicious auctions. Theoretically, this algorithm can already be introduced into the system of controlling and regulating the market of state procurement. In the future we plan to study other tender procedures in Russia (electronic auctions, for instance) and to extrapolate the results to new tasks, such as identifying winners in sporting competitions and elections.



**Elena Omelchenko**

**Director**

**Center for Youth Studies**

## **YOUTH CONFLICT: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONS**

*Youth conflict: prospects and challenges in the context of intergenerational relations*

This year we are completing one of our major international projects, supported by the European Commission as part of the research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 – Promoting Youth Involvement and Social Engagement (PROMISE).

In collaboration with colleagues from ten European countries, for the past three years we have conducted studies on youth that finds itself in conflict with society, and,

consequently, in conflict with social norms. We addressed the notion of “conflict” in a broad context, not limited necessarily to protest or politically active groups. We studied young people who are beyond the regulations of the stated moral order and outside the interests of the state, who are ranged against “normal society”. The aim of the project is to study how youth communities overcome social tensions and achieve dialogue with the state and society.



For each country we have selected cases which reveal the most illustrative tensions. The Center for Youth Studies presented four cases from St Petersburg: the feminist platform, the LGBT platform, HIV/AIDS activists, and advocates of ethical order. By the term “platform” we mean a youth community which shares the same ideas, values and subcultural capital, and is located specifically within the city. Thus, the platform is at once the location, the people involved, and a particular type of practice.

The first to be studied was the feminist platform. We are witnessing today a real gender revolution, because gender roles and attitudes towards equality become crucial in self-identification among young people. Although from the point of view of the political discourse and social opinion feminism is a conflict identity, among the youth it is now treated with tolerance and sympathy.

The situation with LGBT community is also rather strained: on the one hand, at the level of discourse and rhetoric it is widely held that there is no discrimination against the LGBT community in Russia, while in reality the situation is completely different.

HIV activists are a movement of NGOs and volunteers working to support HIV positive people and to educate the wider population. As a platform, they face severe antagonism from society: there are strongly held prejudices regarding the contagiousness of HIV, and people often

associate the disease to homosexuality and prostitution. It is a huge battleground, while at the same time we are aware that the epidemiological situation in Russia is highly challenging, and that if we do not start to work openly and professionally in this area, the consequences may be horrific.

Advocates of ethical order are communities of young people, who see themselves as some kind of force and fight against the violation of ethical norms, for example smoking in the street, drinking alcohol and advertising prostitution or sexual services. It might seem that this platform is the least problematic compared to the others, but they also have conflicts, in the first instance, with other people who do not appreciate their efforts to judge them in public and regulate their behaviour.

There are similar pressing problems in other countries, such as LGBT activism in Croatia, single mothers in Finland, and the Muslim community in Germany. Despite the fact that all studies are of a qualitative nature and are related to language, we translate key data into English, which allows us to carry out meta-ethnographic studies, revealing both differences and similarities.

We hope that the results of our project will be relevant for the European Union and for our country, and will be taken into account in the development of new youth policy, which will, as a result, lead to the full-scale engagement of conflict youth in the life of society.



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Historical  
Research

## POST-IMPERIAL DIVERSITY: PAST EXPERIENCE AND A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

The Center for Historical Research has been functioning for seven years, and from the very beginning we have paid particular attention to its research profile, which on the one hand corresponds to the latest historiographical trends and the team's traditional areas of scholarly research, and on the other, responds to the current political and intellectual challenges and demands of our time.

A core topic for us is the issue of diversity in historical societies, in other words, how representatives of different groups, whether ethnic, religious, or linguistic, coexist within the same political boundaries.

Almost all of the center's research projects have been devoted to this particular issue and to a range of other related topics: the project of the Russian Foundation for Humanities on the Russian-Swedish borderland and its inhabitants in the early modern age; the project 'Can We Live Together?', a study of the relationship between nationalism and the state in Russia; the project 'Comparative Historical Studies of Empires and Nationalism', an international project which provided the background for a new book series published by Routledge; and the long-term ongoing project 'Transformation of Regimes of Governing Diversity', which scrutinizes the models of administrative order of the patchwork space of the Russian Empire in a broad historical perspective.

The key initiative for us today is the joint German-Russian-Finnish project 'Post-Imperial Diversities: Majority-Minority Relations in the Transition from Empires to Nation-States', which was supported as part of the ERA.Net RUS Plus competition.

The current processes of globalization and migration have once again confronted politicians and scholars of various disciplines – political science, social science, and law – with the question of the legal and political regulation of the status of minorities and their rights.

The identifying of optimal models of coexistence for different groups in societies with prominent diversity makes it increasingly necessary to refer to the experience of the past in order to understand what solutions were the most effective and adequate in different conditions.

The experience of the historical empires of Eurasia (first of all, the Russian Empire, and also the USSR), which encountered and embodied unique models for the management of demographic diversity, kindles a special interest. At the same time, it is important not to forget that the very concept of the 'nation' in the modern sense is not a self-evident given, but has become the result of specific historical processes that took place in different countries and regions.

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a glimpse into the future

The approach used to solve the set tasks is unique. On the one hand, it is a quantitative sociological analysis of written constitutional texts, which reflects and consolidates the accepted norms of relations between the majority and minorities. Our German colleagues have been working on this issue for many years, and the result of their work was a unique method of coding and statistical analysis of constitutions for the purpose of defining the status and guarantees of minority rights.

On the other hand, the Russian and the Finnish teams have been focusing on less formalized data, including not only the texts of the constitutions, but also materials from discussions, minutes of meetings of constitutional commissions, and projects that were never implemented. Therefore, rigorous statistical calculations will be provided along with a specific historical statement explaining the political, linguistic and cultural context, as well as identifying those patterns, connections and subtleties that could have slipped away in conventional statistical analysis.

The next step of our research is to determine the place of the identified phenomena and processes that are specific to Eastern Europe in the global historical context. In order to do this, we plan to involve specialists in the history of the British, Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and other historical empires.

Despite the mainly fundamental nature of the center's research projects, we expect that the results will be noteworthy not only to academic community, but also to specialists in the field of constitutional and national policy, as well as to the general public. Furthermore, the nation-state, which has been absolutised for several generations, will appear only as one possible historical alternative to the imperial order.

# KEY EVENTS 2019

MARCH 9

**International conference  
'Women in Data Science St Petersburg'**

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MARCH 14–15

**PONARS Eurasia Academic Workshop  
on Modernization**

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MAY 22–24

**6th Annual International Conference 'Education  
and Global Cities: New Horizons in University  
Reputation'**

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MAY 31 – JUNE 2

**12th Annual INAS Conference 2019**

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SEPTEMBER 27–28

**Analytics for Management and Economics  
Conference 2019 (AMEC 2019)**

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OCTOBER 17–19

**8th Annual International conference  
'The October Readings'**

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OCTOBER 18–19

**Anniversary International Conference of the Centre  
for Youth Studies 'Multiple Youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'**



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