



Comparative Politics of Eurasia

Talking across disciplines

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Political Science Core

- Comparative Politics
- Political Economy
- Policy Analysis
- Methodology and Methods
- Research Seminars
- Internships
- Fieldwork
- MA thesis

3 trajectories (variation + mentors)

1

Post-Soviet Area Studies (general)

2

International Politics of Eurasia (general)

3

Advanced Theory and Methods (research)



For whom?

Students interested in politics and policies in post-Soviet countries

Disciplines

- Russian Politics
- Politics and Society in Central Asia
- Politics and Society in the South Caucasus
- Politics and Society in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine
- Nations and Nationalism in USSR and post-Soviet Countries
- Internet in Noncompetitive Politics
- Social Policy in Post-Soviet Countries
(joint course with University of Helsinki)

Special offer

Internships and field trips in post-Soviet countries

Academic mentor:
Prof. Stanislav Shkel

Professor, Department of
Political Science and
International Relations

Relevant publications

- Shkel S. (2021) "Why Political Machines Fail: Evidence from Bashkortostan" // *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*. Vol. 29. No. 1. Pp. 31-62.
- Shkel, S. (2019) "Neo-patrimonial practices and sustainability of authoritarian regimes in Eurasia" // *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. Vol. 52. No. 2. Pp. 169-176.

Research interests

Political regimes; political machines; ethno-politics; neo-patrimonialism; elections; post-Soviet space

For whom?

Interested in
International Relations /
Global Governance as applied
to Eurasia

Disciplines

- Russia in World Politics
- EU-Russia Relations
- Russia in the Middle East
- Central Asian Countries in Regional and International Organizations
- International Development Initiatives in Eurasia
- Research seminar “International Studies: Logics of Inquiry”
- Area Studies Courses

Special offer

Double degree track / mobility
programme with a partner university

Academic mentor: Dr. Oleg Korneev

Associate Professor,
Department of Political
Science and International
Relations

Relevant publications

- Kluczewska K. and Korneev O. (2020) "Policy translation in global health governance: Localising harm reduction in Tajikistan" // *Global Social Policy*. Pp.1-21.
- Korneev, O. (2017) "International Organizations as Global Migration Governors: The World Bank in Central Asia" // *Global Governance*. Vol. 23. No. 3. Pp. 403-421.

Research interests

global migration governance; global health governance; international organizations; EU migration policy; migration governance in Eurasia; HIV/AIDS policy; Central Asia

For whom?

Students seeking career in the
academia

Disciplines

- Advanced Quantitative, Qualitative and Interpretive methods
- Courses from trajectories in Area Studies and International Politics

Special offer

- Internship at HSE research centers and at external research organizations
- Methodological and theoretical winter or summer schools at HSE and beyond

Academic mentor: Dr. Andrey Scherbak

Head, Department of
Political Science and
International Relations

Deputy Head, Ronald F.
Inglehart Laboratory for
Comparative Social
Research

Relevant publications

- Bessudnov A., Shcherbak A. (2020) "Ethnic Discrimination in Multi-ethnic Societies: Evidence from Russia" // European Sociological Review. Vol. 36. No. 1. Pp. 104-120.
- Van de Vliert E., Welzel C., Shcherbak A., Fischer R., Alexander A. C. (2018) "Got Milk? How Freedoms Evolved from Dairying Climates" // Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology. Vol. 49. No. 7. Pp. 1048-1065.

Research interests

Nationalism; ethnicity; elections and electoral Behavior; non social factors; theory of modernization

PARTNERS

1. University College London
2. King's College London
3. University of Trento
4. OSCE Academy in Bishkek
5. American University of Central Asia



Research centers and NGOs

DOUBLE DEGREE TRACK

University of Trento

Double degree track
“International and European
Studies”

(2nd year of the programme)

Unique opportunity to:

- develop a deeper and broader understanding of the transformations taking place in the European and international contexts;
- get experience of international communication and education in a new environment;
- become more competitive and successful on the global labor market;
- develop academic career and enter international PhD programme.

RESEARCH THEMES



Political Science, Public Policy and Area Studies

- Russian politics, subnational politics
- Economic development of the Baltics, Central and Eastern European Post-Socialist states
- Policy making in autocracies
- Language policies
- Migration policies

International Studies

- Perceptions of Russia in other countries
- Russian foreign policy
- EU-Russia relations
- Development programmes in the Baltic Sea Countries
- Global and regional migration governance
- Localization of health and gender governance in Central Asia

CAREER

In Eurasia and
beyond

Intergovernmental
organizations

government agencies

business companies

mass media

think tanks

PhD programmes

PROGRAMME GRADUATES

- PhD programme, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa/Florence, Italy)
- Internship, OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- Employment, European University in St Petersburg (Russia)
- Employment, European Partnership for Democracy (Brussels, Belgium)
- Employment, WEMOS (Health sector NGO, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)



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