



# Comparative Politics of Eurasia

Talking across disciplines

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE



## Political Science Core

- Contemporary Political Science
- Methodology and Research Design
- Political Economy of Post-Communist Transformation
- Policy Analysis
- Research Seminars on Methods
- MA thesis

## 3 trajectories (variation + mentors)

1

Eurasian (Post-Soviet) Area Studies  
(general)

2

International Politics of Eurasia (general)

3

Advanced Theory and Methods (research)

## MODULES

### How to pick the right thing?

Help from Programme  
Academic Supervisor,  
Programme Deputy Academic  
Supervisor and Mentors

### Modules

- **Core seminars**
- **Major**
- **MAGOLEGO**
- **Practical training**

### Advantages

Increased freedom of choice around core  
elements of a trajectory

## For whom?

Students interested in politics and policies in post-Soviet countries

## Disciplines

- **Core seminar “Key Issues and Methods in Post-Soviet Area Studies”**
- Russian Politics
- Politics and Society in Central Asia
- Politics and Society in the South Caucasus
- Politics and Society in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine
- Nations and Nationalism in USSR and post-Soviet Countries
- Internet in Noncompetitive Politics
- Social Policy in Post-Soviet Countries  
*(joint course with University of Helsinki)*

## 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**

- **Core seminar “Logic of Inquiry and Key Issues in International Studies”**
- Russia in World Politics
- EU-Russia Relations
- Russia in the Middle East
- Central Asian Countries in Regional and International Organizations
- International Development Initiatives in Eurasia
- 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. (2021) "Policy translation in global health governance: Localising harm reduction in Tajikistan" // *Global Social Policy*. Vol. 21. No. 1. Pp. 75-95.
- 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**

- **Core seminar: one from the two general trajectories**
- Major: choice from the full list of courses
- Additional seminars: Department Seminar (Political Science and IR) or Lab Seminar (Ronald F. Inglehart Laboratory for Comparative Social Research)
- MAGOLEGO: Advanced Quantitative, Qualitative and Interpretive methods

## **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”**

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- Socio-Economic development of Eastern European and Central Asian countries
- Policy making in post-Soviet Eurasia
- Social policies
- Health policies
- Language policies
- Migration policies

### International Studies

- Perceptions of Russia in other countries
- Russian foreign policy
- EU-Russia relations
- Russia in the Middle East and in East Asia
- Development actors and programmes in Eurasia
- Global, regional, transnational governance
- Policy transfer and policy translation in Central Asia
- Policy contestation, resistance and localization

# CAREER

In Eurasia and  
beyond

Intergovernmental  
organizations

government  
agencies

business companies

mass media

think tanks

PhD programmes

## PROGRAMME GRADUATES

- PhD programme in social sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa/Florence, Italy)
- PhD programme in history, Stanford University (USA)
- Internship, OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities (The Hague, The Netherlands)
- Employment, research centres, HSE (SPb and Moscow)
- Employment, European University in St Petersburg
- Employment, European Partnership for Democracy (Brussels, Belgium)
- Employment, French Embassy (Moscow, Russia)
- Employment, WEMOS (Health sector NGO, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)



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