

The Annual International Student Research Forum “Think Big Week”

HSE University, St. Petersburg

January 31 – February 5, 2017

Call for Papers

Senior Bachelor and Master’s degree students in social and economic sciences, humanities, and applied mathematics are invited to take part in **“Think Big Week” – The Annual International Student Research Forum**, which will be held by the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE University) in St. Petersburg on January 31 – February 5, 2017.

Think Big Week at HSE St. Petersburg is a great opportunity for students from Russia and abroad to discuss results of their research with like-minded peers from across the globe and receive a feedback from leading international scholars. They can also combine this experience with participation in the Winter School aimed at presenting HSE St. Petersburg graduate programmes to prospective master’s students, as well as explore St. Petersburg, a stunning historical city and one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.

The Think Big Week Programme includes: the International Student Research Conference (February 2 – 3, 2017), Winter School (February 4 – 5, 2017), and extensive cultural and social activities (January 31 – February 1, 2017).

The International Student Research Conference (February 2 – 3, 2017)

The conference will consist of keynote lectures, group activities, theme-based Pecha Kucha-style sessions, and poster sessions. Among the keynote speakers are leading international academics and researchers from HSE St. Petersburg and beyond.

We invite submissions to the following sessions and symposia:

- Finance in a Changing World;
- The Economics and Sociology of International Health: Policy, Behaviors, and Outcomes;
- Economic Growth and Development;
- Logistics;
- Regional Planning and Development;
- Sustainable Tourism and Development
- Social informatics: Internet Research, Social Media, Computer Games etc.;
- The Young Scientist Symposium on Applied Data Analysis (PiterADA 2017);
- Youth Studies;
- Political Science;
- State, Society, and Economic Development in Modern Asia;
- Usable Pasts.

Sessions will be arranged, based on participants having a short (less than 5 minutes) presentation (e.g. Pecha Kucha, roundtable, group discussion, demonstration) showcasing their research and introducing their poster. Precise instructions will be sent following the selection process.

Submissions

Submissions should be abstracts summarizing the work to be presented (max. length of abstract: 700 words, excluding references) and should address the following:

- Research Question / Objective, Conceptual or Theoretical Framework (up to 200 words);
- Methodology / Research Instruments or Data Sources used (up to 300);
- Conclusions, Expected Outcomes or Findings (up to 200 words);
- References (12 – 15 references).

Selection process

Submissions will go through a review process. They will be evaluated based on the logic and coherence of the abstract, the relevance and the potential to stimulate interesting discussions.

Based on the submitted abstracts, submissions may be accepted as posters and/or short presentations. The standard format will be a poster presentation.

Participants' abstracts will be published in electronic form on the website of the conference prior to the start of the conference.

More information is available at: <https://spb.hse.ru/bigweek/studresearch/> .

Winter School (February 4 – 5, 2017)

The Winter School is an annual short-term free educational programme for Russian and international senior students and graduates. It is held to present HSE St. Petersburg graduate programmes to prospective master's students, introduce them to the university, its professors and fellow students, and help them feel like an HSE student.

The participants will spend two days with leading university scholars, attend lectures given by renowned experts, and learn about career prospects, admission rules and requirements to applications.

The program of the Winter School is available at: <https://spb.hse.ru/bigweek/winter2017/> .

Working languages are Russian and English.

Think Big Week Cultural and Social Events (January 31 – February 1, 2017)

Registered participants are welcome to sign up for cultural and social events.

This is a great opportunity to explore the city and learn more about one of the most beautiful cities the world. St. Petersburg has been ranked in Top 20 destinations by TripAdvisor, so it's a definitely not-to-miss opportunity!

All the tours are made by HSE St. Petersburg professors, so you may get information that is not included in regular touristic offerings!

Participation in the events is optional. The program of the events is available at <https://spb.hse.ru/bigweek/bigevent/>.

General Information

Registration

The registration form is available at the website of “Think Big Week” – The Annual International Student Research Forum: <https://spb.hse.ru/bigweek/>

Important dates

Russian and EU applicants (excluding UK)

Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2016;
Notification of acceptance (EU applicants (excluding UK)): December 19, 2016;
Notification of acceptance (Russian applicants): December 26, 2016.

UK and non-EU applicants

Deadline for submissions: December 1, 2016;
Notification of acceptance: December 5, 2016.

Fees and accommodation

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

Travel and accommodation costs are at the expense of the sending party. Registered presenting participants will be able to apply for free lodging at the University dormitory.

Conference Venue

HSE University St. Petersburg

Address:
3A Kantemirovskaya ulitsa
194100, St. Petersburg, Russia
<https://spb.hse.ru/en/>

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Should you have any questions, please contact the organizers via email:

- International Student Research Conference: nauka-spb@hse.ru
- Winter School (Ms. Anastasiia Nikonova): anikonova@hse.ru
- Cultural events (Ms. Daria Zima): dzima@hse.ru