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**“Who are the Students in Higher Education?
Changing Roles, Changing Systems, Changing Lives”**

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The International Summer School “Who are the Students in Higher Education? Changing Roles, Changing Systems, Changing Lives”

The Summer School on higher education research at the Institute of Education at National Research University – Higher School of Economics is the first Russian international summer school focused on the interdisciplinary studies of higher education. The first Summer School “Creating effective universities” took place in June 2013 in Pushkin, St.Petersburg.

The goal of the Summer School is to bring together early career and leading scholars from different countries so as to provide unique learning opportunities that will advance our understanding of development of higher education and societies.

The 2014 theme focuses on the changing roles of students in higher education – are they consumers, stakeholders, producers of knowledge or someone else? Which roles are students playing, and how varied and complex are those roles? These questions enable us to discuss a number of basic concepts in higher education research: higher education as a consumer good, as a public/private good, as a positional good, and the market model of higher education. This framework also provides a stimulating environment for different disciplinary approaches (sociology, economics, history, political science, pedagogics) to engage in analysis of higher education policy and current transformations in higher education worldwide.

Working language of the Summer school is English. The format of the Summer school includes: seminars followed by discussion on the key issues of higher education; presentations and discussion of individual research projects presented by the participants; master-classes on writing articles to academic journals and others.

The Summer School addresses the following questions:

classical concepts in education (human capital theory, public/private goods, Trow's massification and others) and their implications for educational policy;

opportunities and limitations of markets in higher education, theory and practice;

changing role of higher education in different national contexts;

transformation of students as a social group, social and academic differentiation of students, the role of higher education in personal development and life-course;

the idea of student empowerment and different means of achieving it (economic consumerism, collective political activism, voter democracy, cultural identity and expression, creativity).

Summer School organiser

The Institute of Education is one of the key faculties of the National Research University - Higher School of Economics.

The purpose of the Institute of Education is to strengthen the national leadership of the Higher School of Economics, in the provision of expertise, analysis and human resources in support of educational reform in Russia. The Institute of Education also aims to improve competitiveness of Higher School of Economics in the international area in the field of education.

The Institute of Education, in cooperation with other faculties of the Higher School of Economics and leading international universities, provides a number of Masters programs in education, including a program on "Higher Education Management", and undertakes doctoral level training.

Summer School faculty

The Summer School faculty includes distinguished international researchers and experts in higher education with various professional and disciplinary backgrounds:



Isak Froumin, Academic Supervisor, Institute of Education, Higher School of Economics



Manja Klemencic, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University



Simon Marginson, Professor of International Higher Education, Institute of Education, University of London



Rajani Naidoo, Professor of Higher Education Management, Director of the International Centre for Higher Education Management at the School of Management, University of Bath



Pedro Teixeira, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, and Director, Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies, University of Porto



Jussi Välimaa, Professor, Finnish Institute of Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä

Summer School venue

The Summer School “Creating effective universities” takes place in St. Petersburg, cultural capital of Russia, in a beautiful area of Tsarskoe Selo (town of Pushkin). The Congress-complex is located in a historical part of Pushkin on the territory of the former country residence of Russian imperial family and noble visitors.

Today the Congress-complex is administered by the St. Petersburg affiliation of the Higher School of Economics.

