The preliminary program

February 4 (Thursday)

10:45 – 12:15 Plenary Session

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 15:00 Students' presentations

15:00 – 16:30 Methodological training (Lecturer, Anna Dekaltchouk and Assistant professor Anna Tarasenko)

16:30 – 18:00 Students' presentations

February 5 (Friday)

10:00 – 12:30 Students' presentations

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:00 Professor Vladimir Gel'man "Political Foundations of Bad Governance: Lessons from Russia's Experience"

15:30 – 16:30 Final discussion and awarding

16:30 – 17:00 Closing ceremony

The mini-conference will be organized into several parallel **sections** with focus on specific topics within a broader theoretical and empirical framework (2-3 sections each day). Sections will be moderated by the stuff of the Political Science Department, HSE allowing academic feedback on presented papers.

Assuming that participants are motivated to prepare high-quality bachelor papers we plan to pay special attention to the discussion of the theoretical framework and methodological design of presented papers. To gain this goal the **methodological trainings** on how to conduct the empirical analysis and to prepare the academic paper will be arranged. Assistant Professor Anna Tarasenko and Lecturer Anna Dekaltchouk will run and moderate the methodological trainings.