

The First History Student Conference of Higher School of Economics

**From Huge Comparisons to Thick Descriptions:  
Historical Research and Interpretation**

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History students from the Moscow, Perm and Saint Petersburg campuses of the National Research University Higher School of Economics are cordially invited to submit paper proposals for the **First History Student Conference of Higher School of Economics**. The conference aims at exploring the dynamic field of history featuring both the efforts of various disciplines in dealing with the past and interdisciplinary approaches within the academic discipline of history. This year's conference titled *From Huge Comparisons to Thick Descriptions: Historical Research and Interpretation* will take place in Saint Petersburg on **October 8–11, 2014**. Focusing on a broad variety of historical research questions, it will devote special attention to source work, including the work with lesser known and unconventional sources. The conference will bring together eighteen undergraduate and graduate students who will give 30-minute presentations of their research and participate in discussions.

The conference will also feature several workshops organized by the HSE faculty and devoted to publishing in academic journals, working with digital historical resources and shaping an academic career. History has become a highly internationalized field dealing with sources in numerous languages. At the same time proficiency in English is one of the key premises for global academic competitiveness. The participants of the conference will have a great opportunity to improve their English language skills.

All history students from the Moscow, Perm and Saint Petersburg campuses of the HSE are eligible for participation. Abstracts of no more than

450 words should be mailed to Ivan V. Sablin (isablin@hse.ru), Oleg S. Voskoboynikov (olegvosk@ya.ru) and Andrew A. Borisov (borisoffaa@mail.ru) before **July 1, 2014**. Final papers of no more than 5000 words are due on **September 1, 2014**.

The Faculty of History (Saint Petersburg), the Faculty of History (Moscow) and the Department of Humanities (Perm) are confident that this event uniting established scholars, graduate and undergraduate students will further contribute to the HSE's goal of combining research and education and becoming a globally recognized leader.

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