**War as way of conflict resolution. The link between psychological characteristics and attitudes towards war**

For centuries war has been a major part of Russian history – it is often depicted in history books, literature and film. Combat victories are often considered an object of national pride and an effective way of settling international conflicts. At the same time, war is understood to be a source of grievous harm and mass casualties. Attitudes towards war are largely determined by one’s evaluation of the relative importance of victories and defeats and their costs. In our project we research how these attitudes correlate with a person’s psychological characteristics. We aim to answer three questions:

* How are attitudes towards war affected by our perceptions of the world (f. e. values and social beliefs)?
* How are attitudes affected by psychological resources used to overcome problems (f. e. optimism and toughness)?
* How much is prejudice affected by evaluation of perceived control and certainty of social processes?