**Is being religious the same as being kind?**

**The link between religious orientations and economic decisions**

In the last three decades the number of people in Russia who identify themselves as religious has greatly increased. And while there is a general assumption that religious people should be more helpful and tolerant of others, in practice they often exhibit significant levels of egoistic behavior. In our project we research the link between religion and economic behavior.

We suppose that religious orientation affects certain perceptions of the world, good and evil, justice. In turn, these perceptions affect a person’s behavior in social dilemmas, where personal interests contradict society’s interests. In our research we aim to answer the following questions:

1. What is the link between religious orientation and a person’s economic behavior, namely readiness for cooperation, helping behavior and honesty?
2. How is that link moderated by values and social beliefs?