

RUSSIAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW

Call for Papers

The Contemporary Relevance of a Classic: Max Weber in the 21st Century

The *Russian Sociological Review* invites scholars in the fields of theoretical sociology, social philosophy, intellectual history and the related disciplines in the social sciences and humanities to contribute to a special issue devoted to the intellectual heritage of Max Weber (1864–1920).

Max Weber is a highly relevant social theoretician for the 21st century as his concepts and metaphors are still appropriate in emerging contexts. As a classic he is important for sociological education; as a theoretician he still provides scholars with opportunities to reveal much about the current state of the art. Within this pragmatic exploitation, Weber is not an unquestionable figure in the sociological classical pantheon—his writings are subject to criticism and a problem-focused examination within the studies of the social realities of the 21st century.

In the Russian context there is one more crucial motive to focus on the Weber's legacy. It is widely known that Weber had many connections with Russia. With great interest he followed the events that took place at the beginning of the 20th century and he wrote several works about the Russian revolution which are, to a certain extent, still relevant in terms of his analysis and diagnosis. Due to this connection, the Russian sociological community has never overlooked Weber, and its preoccupation with his legacy is especially clear during such anniversaries as the centenary of the October Revolution, which was celebrated last year. There is a historical coincidence that on the same day we also celebrate the centenary of the famous Weber's lecture *Science as a Vocation*, which played a significant role in the intellectual life of Germany.

Shortly we will have one more reason to return to the classic: on January 28, 1919 Weber gave a lecture *Politics as a Vocation* to the members of Bavarian branch of the Free Students

Union. The lecture became one of the key writings for the understanding of politics in the modern era. These two lectures on vocation construct a framework for novel reflections on the relevance and efficiency of Weber's ideas. On the occasion of centenary of the second lecture the Centre for Fundamental Sociology will host an international conference with a provisional title *Weber and Contemporary Politics*. In anticipation of the event, we would like to announce a call for papers for a special issue of the *Russian Sociological Review*. We welcome papers on the following topics:

- the idea and problem of modernity;
- ethics and politics, ethics and science in the contemporary era;
- “heartless professionals”: universal trend and regional specificity;
- parliamentarism, plebiscitary democracy and presidential governance;
- genuine and alleged constitutionalism;
- sociology of journalism and ethical foundations of vocational labor.

The *Russian Sociological Review* joins the wide international discussion on the actuality of Weber's conceptual and methodological legacy. Our aim is to integrate the intellectual sources of both Russian and international scholars who today systematically apply a Weberian analysis to the study of society or use his notions and insights ad hoc. The editorial team hopes that the special issue will prompt fruitful conversation between a wide range of authors who actively engage in Weberian ideas.

Schedule

July 1, 2018 — 500 words abstracts deadline

July 15, 2018 — Invitation to submit full papers

September 15, 2018 — 6000 words full papers deadline

October 1, 2018 — Notification of acceptance

November 1, 2018 — Revised papers deadline

December, 2018 / March 2019 — Publication

Contributions should be sent via e-mail to the editor-in-chief Professor Alexander Filippov (afilippov@hse.ru) and Dr Nail Farkhatdinov (sociologica@hse.ru).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Dr Nail Farkhatdinov (nailfarkhatdinov@hse.ru).

Papers should be no more than **12,000** words and written in English. See website of the *Review* for the detailed guidelines for authors (sociologica.hse.ru/en/authors).

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in sociology, political theory and social philosophy. The journal focuses on the fundamental issues of social sciences from various conceptual and methodological perspectives. Understood broadly the fundamental issues include but are not limited to: social action and agency, social order, narrative, space and time, mobilities, power, etc. The journal is indexed by Scopus, Web of Science—Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI), Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), Ebsco, DOAJ, Ulrichsweb, IBZ (International Bibliography of Periodical Literature), IBR (International Bibliography of Book Reviews of Scholarly Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences), Citefactor and other databases.