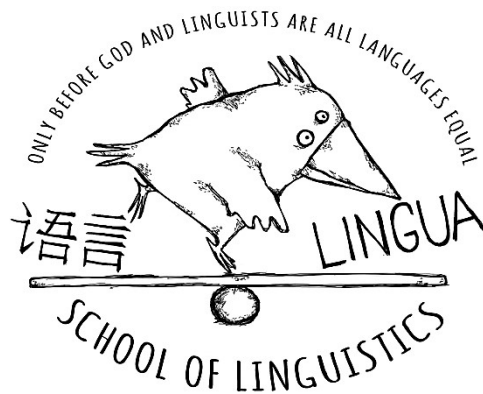




# MA programme in:

## *Linguistic Theory and Language Description*





# TOC:

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focus on...

linguistic theory rather than foreign language learning

- conventional language courses absent or supplementary to the main courses
- working on minority “useless” languages
- overview courses of e.g. Chamorro, Chechen, Chukchi, Choctaw or Chuvash



## focus on...

interaction between linguistic theory and methodology and empirical study of language, including:

- modern approaches to Russian grammar; history of Russian
- sociolinguistic research of Russian and across Russia
- typological research and field study of lesser studied languages
- linguistic anthropology, experimental linguistics and many other
- statistical models in analyzing linguistic data



# supplementary

additional courses and academic activities in connection with friendly departments at HSE:

- programming for linguistic purposes (python)
- studies in linguistic convergence
- eye-tracking research
- Russian studies at large



# for freshmen

- » Introductory overview courses of cognitive, functional and formal approaches to language
- » Crash course of python for linguistic purposes
- » Online introduction to linguistics courses (Coursera)
- » Recommended readings

# research highlights

- Russian National Corpus
  - [www.ruscorpora.ru](http://www.ruscorpora.ru)
- Ustja River Basin Corpus
  - [www.parasolcorpus.org/Pushkino/login.php](http://www.parasolcorpus.org/Pushkino/login.php)
- Corpora of middle-size languages
  - [www.web-corpora.net](http://www.web-corpora.net)
- Russian grammar online
  - [www.rusgram.ru](http://www.rusgram.ru)
- Atlas of Multilingualism in Daghestan
  - [ling.hse.ru/Projects/RussDial/DagAtlas](http://ling.hse.ru/Projects/RussDial/DagAtlas)
- ... other projects at Linguistic Convergence Lab
  - [ilcl.hse.ru/en/](http://ilcl.hse.ru/en/)

# School of Linguistics: Teaching staff

- Ekaterina Rakhilina – semantics, lexical typology
- Nina Dobrushina – typology of verbal categories; multilingualism; sociodialectology
- Natalia Slioussar – formal linguistics





# School of Linguistics: Teaching staff

- Ilya Schurov – statistics and its applications
- Aleksandr Letuchij – linguistic typology, grammar of modern Russian, West Caucasian languages
- Andrian Vlahov – sociolinguistics, social anthropology, Arctic studies
- Aleksandr Piperski – sociolinguistics, corpus linguistics



# Fieldwork

- Chukchi-Kamchatkan



- Uralic



- languages of the Caucasus



# Invited speakers: a retrospective

- Martin Haspelmath (typology)
- Greville Corbett (typology)
- Michael Dunn (quantitative linguistics)
- Hana Filip (formal semantics)
- Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm (typology)
- Ian Maddieson (phonetics)
- Asifa Majid (psycholinguistics)
- Johanna Nichols (typology)
- Eric Reuland (formal syntax)
- Guglielmo Cinque (formal syntax and semantics)
- Alan Cienki (sign language)
- Stefan Gries (statistical methods in linguistics)
- Matti Miestamo (typology of negation)
- Silvia Luraghi (typology and diachrony)
- Ljuba Veselinova (typology)



# foreign partners



- University of Tromsø



- University of Helsinki



- University of Stockholm



- INALCO (Paris)



# Admission

- English fluent enough for academic purposes
- A *certain* background in linguistics
  - there are also compensatory courses in formal and functional linguistics to make up for an absence of regular background
  - exceptionally, we consider applications from outstanding students with non-linguistic background
- Experience of any academic research and projects is very welcome but not required

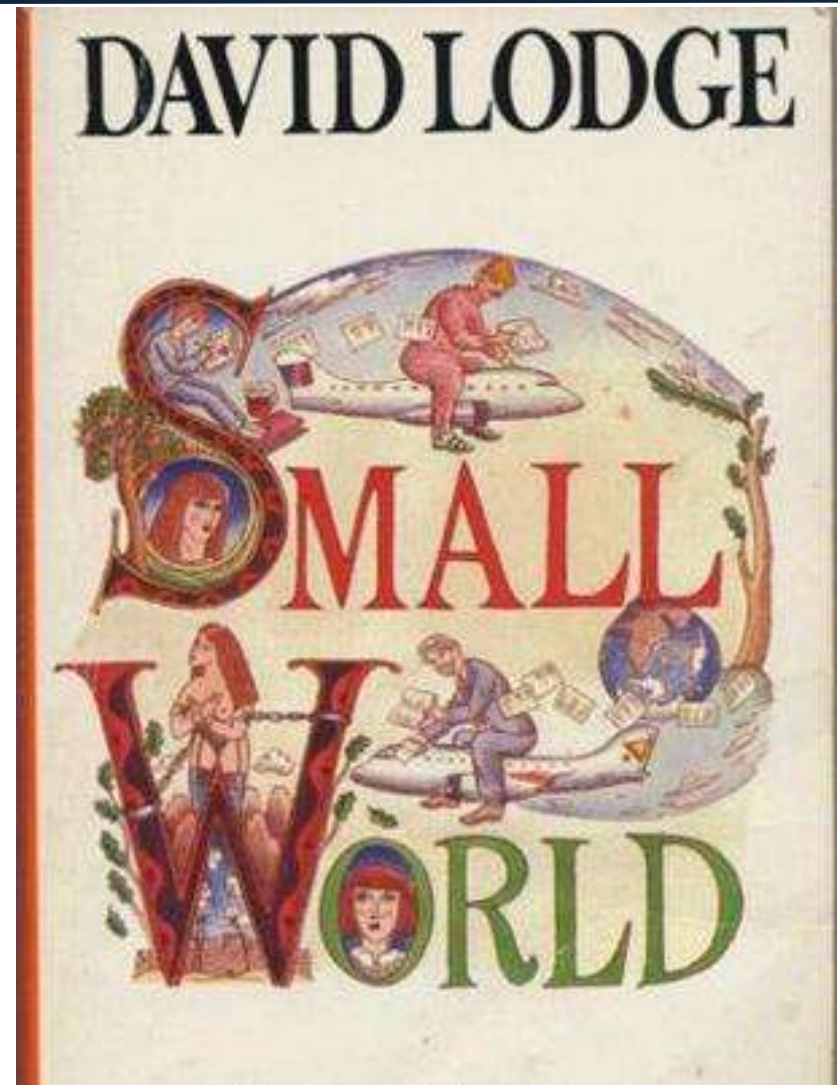
# Admission

- Primarily based on academic portfolio
- Also possible through Olympiad for Students  
– [olymp.hse.ru/ma/](http://olymp.hse.ru/ma/)
- But: vigorous admissions from people without research experience are considered

# Prospects

**Who** am I going to be?

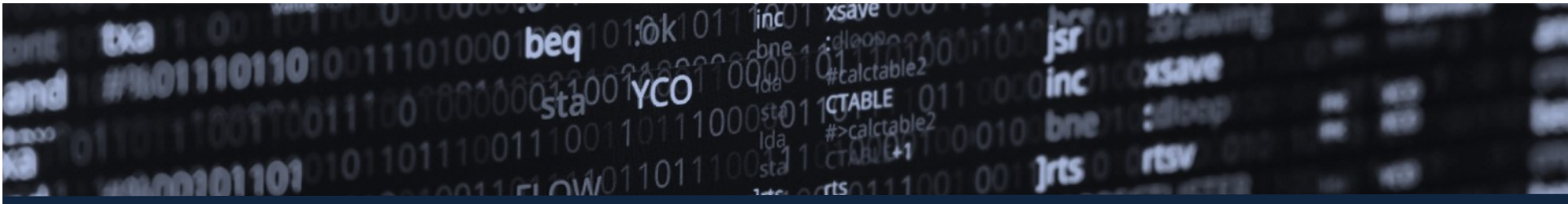
- expanding the boundaries of knowledge of the human kind
- on this path, you will be joining the “wonderful world of academia” – not more, and not less than that
- from a letter of an ex-student:  
все эти взрослые штуки вроде работы в офисе не стоят и дня экспедиции((



# Back to fieldwork

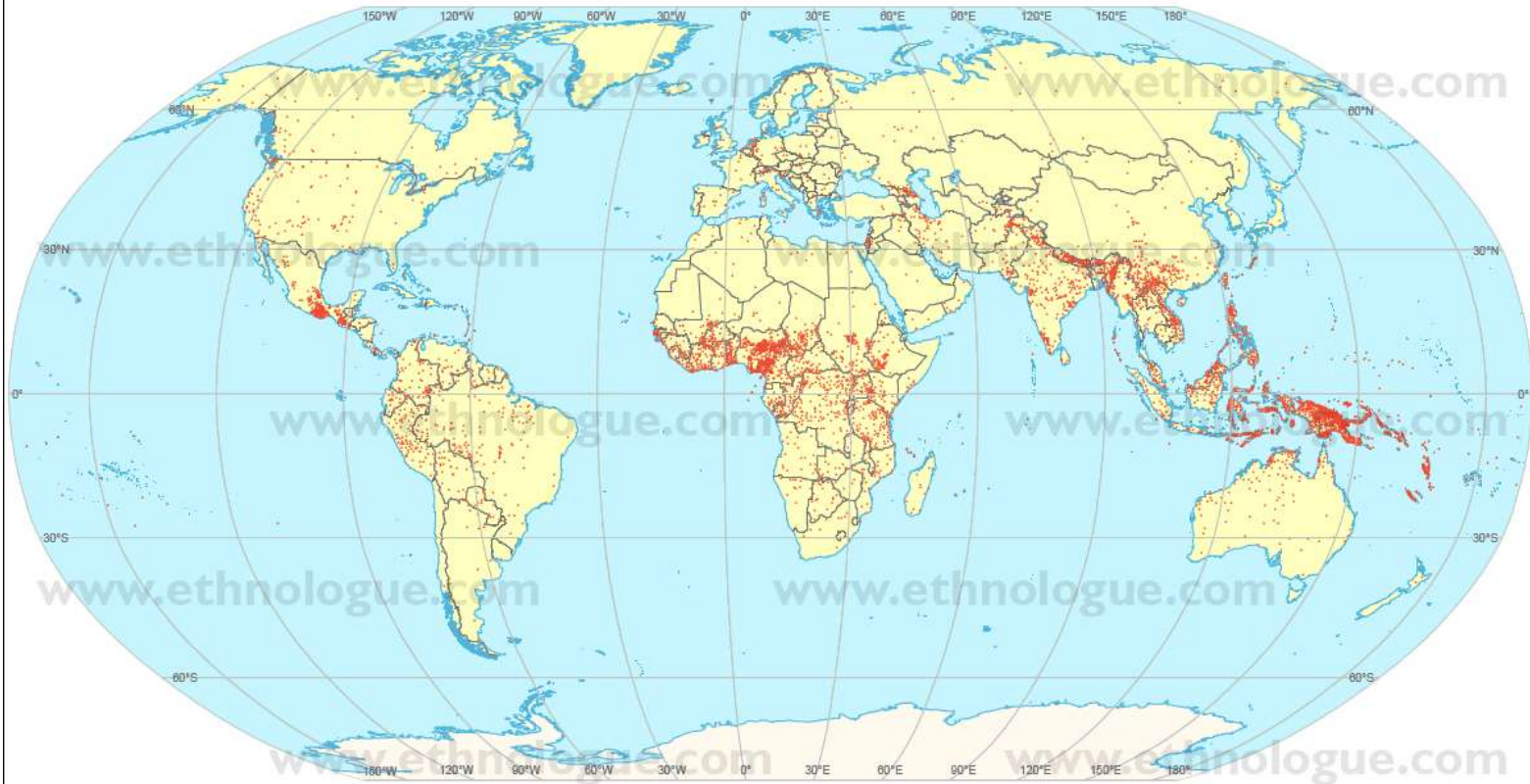






# LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

Each dot represents the geographic center of a language.



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## Support:

- fellowship opportunities for outstanding students
- QUOTA programme providing free tuition for students coming from abroad
  - CIS students: see [here](#)
  - non-CIS students: see [here](#)
  - generalities concerning international admissions: see [here](#)
- modern student guesthouses
  - [www.hse.ru/dormitory](http://www.hse.ru/dormitory)

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