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# Master's programmes

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# MASTER'S PROGRAMMS

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We encourage professional independence and develop both education and research. Synergy is one of our key objectives.

**Andrei Melville**

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## About the Faculty

The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the most multidisciplinary faculties at the HSE. Its founding has unified the faculties of sociology, applied political science, psychology and public administration, which are now schools, as well as several laboratories, research centres and institutes. This synergy of education and research in the sphere of social sciences is in line with international best practice for a modern research university.

We train researchers, analysts and practitioners in the areas of sociology, political science, psychology and management, as well as specialists in education, demographics, public policy and civil society. Our primary

goal in teaching bachelor's, master's and doctorate courses is to build students' knowledge and skills to meet international standards in the professional sphere.

The faculty's educational programmes combine theory and practice. Our international partners include the Paris Institute of Political Studies, the Toulouse Institute of Political Studies and the Paris West University Nanterre de la Défense (France), the University of Jena and the University of Cologne (Germany), the University of Helsinki (Finland), the University of Bologna and the University of Padua (Italy), George Mason University and New York State University (USA) and Fudan University (China).

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# Faculty of Social Sciences in the World Rankings



Since 2015, HSE has appeared in the **QS – World University Rankings by Subject for Sociology**, rising from the 151-200 group to **51-100** over the last four years. Our university is currently the leader in this ranking among Russian academic institutions.



Since 2017, HSE has been included in the **ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (ARWU)**, placing in the 51-75 group for Sociology and in **151-200** group for **Political Science**. HSE is currently the leader in this ranking among Russian universities.



Since 2016, HSE has been included in the **QS – World University Rankings by Subject** for Politics & International Studies, placing in the **51-100** group in 2018.



Since 2017, HSE has been included in the **THE World University Rankings by Subject**, placing in the **126-150** group for **Social Sciences**.



Master's Programme

## Applied Statistics with Network Analysis

**New programme. The first set in 2017.**

Fee-paying  
places

**25**

Fee-paying places  
for international students

**5**



Field of Study: 01.04.02 – Applied mathematics and informatics



Duration: 2 years



Mode of study: Full time education



Diploma: Master in Applied mathematics and informatics



Language: English



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## About the Programme

Master's program in Applied Statistics with Network Analysis, established by the International Laboratory for Applied Network Research, is designed for students who wish to enhance their statistical knowledge and credentials by obtaining a graduate degree in Applied Statistics, regardless of their primary field of study. Given the increased interest in networks in the past few years, this program aims to fill the increased demand for data analysts with network analysis capabilities.

Graduate education in statistics is usually limited to mathematical courses, and, as a result, is not immediately applicable to fields such as Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Public Policy and Public Administration, Education, Informatics, Biology, and many others. This program provides an integrated approach to data analysis with applied focus. It will help students with social sciences background to improve their quantitative skills and gain a deeper understanding of statistical processes. Those with strong mathe-

tical background will learn how to formulate research questions and solve applied problems by relying on existing social theories.

All students will have an opportunity to intern at the International Laboratory for Applied Network Research and at our foreign partners' organizations. The program is offered in English and targeted at both Russian and international students.

Faculty members are world-leading statisticians and experts in network analysis: Vladimír Batagelj, Anuška Ferligoj, Erik Štrumbelj and Janez Demšar from University of Ljubljana, Tamás Rudas from Loránd University, Herwig Friedl from Graz University of Technology. Programme Scientific Advisor: Stanley Wasserman (PhD in Statistics, Harvard) from Indiana University. Faculty members are world-leading statisticians and experts in network analysis: Vladimír Batagelj, Anuška Ferligoj, Erik Štrumbelj and Janez Demšar from University of Ljubljana, Tamás Rudas from Loránd University, Herwig Friedl from Graz University of Technology. Programme Scientific Advisor: Stanley Wasserman (PhD in Statistics, Harvard) from Indiana University.



There are three main reasons why I chose the programme. First, the Mathematical tradition that Russia maintains. Second, the programme offers courses in Network Analysis. Third, HSE is well positioned in several rankings and the fees are affordable.

**Felipe Vaca Ramirez (Ecuador),**  
the program student

## What Will You Learn?

Students who graduate from the program will learn to:

- Apply state-of-the-art data-analytic methods to real-life applied problems of all difficulty levels in management, sociology, financial sector, IT, medicine and other fields
- Choose an appropriate analytic method for a stated research problem
- Select and apply newest tools from network analysis to everyday analytical problems
- Incorporate complex questions and data into models and provide an integrated, theory-driven, and analytically sound answers to research questions
- Write code in the most common languages and use the newest statistical software for data analysis – R, Python, SAS, Lisrel, Stata, UCINET, Pajek, Pnet, etc.

## Program benefits

This programme is unique because it is the first programme in Russia to offer a comprehensive approach to data analysis in different areas. As part of the programme, students from different disciplines can come together to solve practical analytical problems. Those mathematically inclined gain an understanding of sociology and the object of research, while those with a background in the humanities will be able to build their skillset and gain a deeper understanding of statistical processes making up the data analysis that we teach. In addition, a special focus of the programme will be the analysis of social networks, a direction of data science that is becoming increasingly popular in foreign and Russian research practice.

Another important characteristic of the programme is its applied nature – students do not learn from abstract theoretical constructs, but



I enjoyed all the courses related to network analysis because they considered totally new concepts and tools for discovering knowledge through data analysis. In that courses I found how several branches of mathematics work together for modeling the reality: combinatorics, graph theory, probability, algebra and statistics doing a massive work for trying to catch a little bit of the complex systems.

**Paco Arevalo Reyes (Ecuador),**  
the program student

rather from dealing with specific applied research questions. Students will be able to apply their knowledge by solving practical problems, working at the International Laboratory for Applied Network Analysis, Russian analytical centers and commercial companies.

## Carrier opportunities

Network analysts have recently become very demanded in different sectors of the labour market. The Master's Program in Applied Statistics with Network Analysis offers the toolset required from data analysts by banks, insurance companies, IT- and telecommunication companies and many other firms.

The students are free to choose one of two career tracks – business-oriented or academic, and can shape

their study according to their career interests. Both tracks will provide specific internship opportunities aimed at helping the graduates of the program to become more competitive in their field.

## Our Partners

- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Northwestern University (USA)

## How To Apply

Students are selected on the basis of their portfolio. Tuition discounts are available to best students.

### More information -

[www.hse.ru/ma/sna/requirements/](http://www.hse.ru/ma/sna/requirements/),  
**for international students -**  
[www.hse.ru/en/ma/sna/requirements](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/sna/requirements)



Master's Programme

# Cognitive Sciences and Technologies: From Neuron to Cognition

Fee-paying  
places

**10**

Fee-paying places  
for international students

**6**



Field of Study: 37.04.01 – Psychology



Duration: 2 years



Mode of study: Full time education



Diploma: Master in Social Sciences



Language: English



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Academic Supervisor

**Elena Chernysheva, PhD**

## About the Programme

Our program addresses cognitive psychology, cognitive neuroscience and computational modeling. Students attend lectures in English and practice in leading laboratories of Moscow and our international partners. Leading scientists supervise students' practical training and Master's thesis during second year.

### **Cognitive Psychology.**

Modern cognitive psychology is an experimental discipline that studies the origins and functioning of the brain, mind, and intelligence. Our Program is focused on mechanisms of perception, control

of attention and motor responses, formation of mental representations, dynamics of memory retrieval, learning, cognitive development and cognitive breakdown, mechanisms of reasoning, language, and problem solving.

### **Cognitive Neuroscience.**

Recent developments in brain imaging technology allow cognitive neuroscientists to observe a living human brain at work using state-of-the-art methods like functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), magneto- and electroencephalography (MEG, EEG), near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS), and other.



I chose HSE because of the broad international aspect and I chose the program Cognitive Sciences and Technologies: From Neuron to Cognition due to its teachings in multiple fields such as Maths, Programming and Neuroscience.

My interests are in Neuroscience and behavioral psychology. As for me life in Moscow is great, unique to most cities in the world but familiar at the same time

**Alexander Burnip (UK),**  
the program student

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## What Will You Learn?

The Master's program covers a wide range of cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience disciplines. Education starts with introductory courses of psychology, mathematics and neuroscience. Cognitive psychology track includes such disciplines as "Visual perception and attention", "Thinking and emotional modulation of cognition", and "Memory, learning and cognitive development". Students are also offered to study cognitive neuroscience disciplines such as "Neuroimaging techniques", "Behavioral genetics and neurogenetics", "Computational neuroscience", and "Neuroeconomics". In addition, many optional courses are available, for example, "Practical course on non-invasive brain stimulation techniques and electroencephalography" and "Computational modelling".

- **Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)** uses electromagnetic induction to induce weak electric currents using rapidly changing magnetic field; this can modulate activity in particular parts of the brain with minimal discomfort, allowing inferences about brain's functioning and interconnections.
- **Eye-tracking** is the process of measuring either the point of gaze or the motion of an eye relative to the head. Eye-tracking has a multiuse potential in many research areas, e.g. visual perception, cognitive linguistics, product design and many more.
- **Multichannel electroencephalography (mEEG)** non-invasively measures electrical activity of the brain with an ultra-fine millisecond temporal

resolution using electrodes placed on the surface of the scalp. Combined with the brain-navigation, a 128-electrode array helps to improve EEG spatial resolution and SNR as compared with traditional 10-20 system.

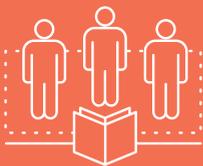
- **Magnetoencephalography (MEG)** is a super-conductivity based technique developed for functional human brain mapping. Having superior spatial resolution, as compared to EEG, MEG records magnetic fields produced by electrical currents in the brain using very sensitive magnetometers. We use Elekta Neuromag 306-channel system of MSUPE to localize sources of the brain activity induced and/or evoked in cognitive tasks.

## Our Partners

- Institute of Cognitive neuroscience, Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- MEG Center for Neurocognitive Research, Moscow Psychological and Pedagogical State University (MSUPE), Moscow
- Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives, École Normale Supérieure, Département d'Études, Paris France
- Center for Functionally Integrative Neuroscience, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark

## How To Apply

- There is the portfolio competition.
- Create a Profile on HSE's site.
- Fill out the form and upload portfolio documents:
  - Scan of the first page of your passport
  - Summary of your undergraduate thesis OR project proposal
  - Scan of your diplomas and academic transcripts (if you have not yet received your Bachelor's diploma, please include an official copy of your most recent academic transcript)
  - Letter of motivation
  - Resume/CV (including information about your education, professional, and research experience, as well as language proficiency and other skills)
  - Exam results confirming language proficiency
  - Two letters of recommendations.
- After your application has been submitted, you may be contacted by a programme professor about setting up an interview.
- Applicants must demonstrate English proficiency through standardized exams (TOEFL, IELTS, etc). Native English speakers are exempt.



Master's Programme

## Applied Social Psychology

Fee-paying  
places

**10**

Fee-paying places  
for international students

**6**



Field of Study: 37.04.01 – Psychology



Duration: 2 years



Mode of study: Full-time programme



Diploma: Master in Psychology



Language: English



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Academic Supervisor

**Alexander Tatarko**

## About the Programme

Taught jointly by HSE University and Tilburg University (the Netherlands), this English-taught double-degree programme explores different fields within social psychology, cross-cultural psychology, economic psychology, and work and organizational psychology. Applied social psychology trains students both in theoretical and applied social psychology, preparing them for careers in academia or in governmental and business sectors.

### **The programme has the following highlights:**

- Students are expected to independently select courses within 4 areas (social psychology, cross-cultural psychology, economic psychology, organizational psychology) that best align with their interests and career goals.
- Students can enroll in a double-degree track which will enable them to receive a degree from Tilburg University (the Netherlands) in addition to a degree from HSE University.

- Guest lecturers on the programme are leading social psychology scholars (Klaus Boehnke, J. Berry, S. Breugelmans, N. Lebedeva, F. van de Vijver, M. Zeelenberg, I. van Beest).
- All courses on the programme are in English.

## What Will You Learn?

Applied Social Psychology prepares students for future careers both in academia (PhD, research track, teaching) and business (HR, marketing studies, personnel consulting).

Research skills: students are going to develop research tools and to conduct research in the field of socio-psychological, cross-cultural, organizational, and economics psychology.

Practical skills: counseling and mediation in resolving intercultural conflicts, facilitating the cultural adaptation of immigrants and expats, working as an organizational psychologist and HR-consultant in international corporations, HR-consulting for businesses.

## Courses:

- Cross-cultural Psychology
- Theory and Methodology of Modern Psychology
- Work and Organizational Psychology
- Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Psychology
- Methodology of Cross-Cultural Research
- Cross-cultural Psychology of Organizational Behavior
- Abnormal and Clinical Psychology: Social and Cultural Context
- Social Influence
- Interpersonal Behavior
- Leadership and organization
- Behavioral Economics
- Controversies in Psychology
- Social Psychology of Prejudice
- Academic Writing

## Our Partners

- University of Tilburg (the Netherlands) - our students, who are admitted to the double degree track, will spend the second year of studies at TiU. Moreover, double degree students have the opportunity to get internships at research laboratories of other European universities or at international companies.
- International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychologists

(IACCP) - most of the programme lecturers and instructors are members of the Association. Every two years they present their studies at the International Congress of the Association. Recently our students also got an opportunity to participate in events organized by the Association.

- The International School of Social Sciences of Bremen (BIGSSS) is a full-time international PhD programme co-funded by the European Union. It provides close supervision of the dissertation work in a demand-tailored education and research environment at the University of Bremen and Bremen's Jacobs University.

## How To Apply

Portfolio competition, online submission:

- Bachelor / specialist degree (any area)
- Summary (in English) of your undergraduate thesis
- Abstract of the thesis or a new research project (in English)
- Motivation letter (in English)
- Resume/CV
- Exam results confirming language proficiency
- Optional: publications, recommendations, certificates



As I love to have multicultural experiences, studying abroad was one of my biggest dreams. I chose a Master's programme at HSE, as it is among the top universities in various global rankings. I have always wanted to study Applied Social Psychology and Moscow is a perfect city for that - a city of controversies in regards to different issues and due to its history. I feel like I learned how the world works, how people used to think and behave and so many things that I have seen around the world make more sense to me now.

**Claudia Santoliva (Colombia)**



Master's Programme

# Population and Development

Fee-paying  
places

**5**

Fee-paying places  
for international students

**10**



Field of Study: 38.04.04 – Public Administration



Duration: 2 years



Mode of study: Full-time programme



Diploma: Master in



Language: English



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Academic Supervisor

**Vladimir Kozlov**

## About the Programme

The main aim of the “Population and Development” programme is to train the specialists who will be ready for practical development problems solution.

The primary goal of this programme is to develop students’ skills in applying multi-disciplinary analytic approaches to population development and resource allocation issues, essential for public administration in numerous sectors.

The programme is for individuals with different backgrounds who want to understand the ways in which changes in development and population influence each other.

A strong theoretical background and the history of population development issues are provided together with up-to-date approaches to analyzing and projecting population structure and needs for resources.

## Program benefits

The main aim of the «Population and Development» programme is to train the specialists who will be ready for practical development problems solution. These challenges could be results of rapid changes in social and economic sphere or on the other hand be set by the public administration on different levels to prevent the negative consequences of population changes or to utilize the positive demographic impact.

The specialists graduated from our programme will have skills and knowledge in principals of population changes and social economic development. They will be able to use modern methods of data analysis and interpretation of the results. They will understand the capacities and limitations of the basic instruments of development and their practical usage.

## International Academic Mobility

The program offers its best students an opportunity to participate in academic mobility programs (academic exchange and internships) with the partner universities.

For the examples please see section

### Partners

## Selected program courses

### Bridging Courses:

Introduction to Statistics,  
Introduction to R

### Core courses:

Theory and Practice of Public Administration, Public Economics, Statistical analysis and statistical packages, Demography, Population change and economic development

### Elective courses:

Gender and Development, Migration and Development, Social policy: foundations and implementation, Culture, Social Capital and Development Through History , Social Network Analysis, Global Political Economy, Foundations of Social Research: Qualitative and Mixed Methods, Health systems and health policy: comparative analysis, Measurements of Poverty and Inequality, Ageing society and development, Education and Development, Humanitarian Actions, Anti-Corruption Policy and Reforms

### Course descriptions:

[www.hse.ru/en/ma/pd/courses](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/pd/courses)

## Admission requirements

Portfolio: the applicants need to submit the documents specified by the Admissions Rules (**[hse.ru/en/ma/pd/howtoapply](http://hse.ru/en/ma/pd/howtoapply)**): a motivation letter and CV, an academic diploma or transcript, a reference letter, a writing sample (preferably thesis or their final work for previous degree), publications and other relevant diplomas and certificates.

## Partners

- Università di Bologna, Italy
- The International University of Rabat, Morocco
- Institut national d'études démographiques, France
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research ,Germany
- Université catholique de Louvain: UCL, Belgium
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II , Italy

## Career opportunities

- Private companies (consulting, recruiting, marketing, insurance, pharmaceutical, and healthcare).
- Public administration work in government agencies and services at different levels.
- International funds and non-governmental organizations (UN, WHO, the World Bank etc.).
- Academic work at research centers and universities (starting with a PhD in a leading research centre).



I love my programme. In the Master of Population and Development, I feel like I learned how the world works, and so many things that I have seen around the world make more sense to me now. I also love our professors. They are passionate in what they do and they seem very hands-on and approachable making it easy to make connections with them.

**Patrick Whelan (Canada),**  
the program graduate



Master's Programme

## Comparative Social Research

Fee-paying places

5

Fee-paying places for international students

5



Field of Study: 39.04.01 – Sociology



Duration: 2 years



Mode of study: Full-time programme



Diploma: Master in Social Sciences



Language: English



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Academic Supervisor

**Christian Fröhlich**

## About the Programme

This programme provides students with an background in social science with the theoretical and methodological skills they need to investigate and analyze the similarities and differences among nations, cultures, and other social groups in order to understand how contemporary societies, social issues, and conflicts around the globe evolve. Our program provides in-depth insights into how society is built and maintained, using either quantitative methodology for investigating norms and values, or qualitative methodology for accessing the individuals interpretations of their life-world.

## Program benefits

Students get to engage into a sociological environment currently ranked in the Top-100 in the world (QS), with lecturers

and fellow students from all over the world. Our international faculty as well as Ronald Inglehart and the International Laboratory for Comparative Social Research at HSE offers our students the research environment for engaging into cross-cultural projects.

Beyond the classroom, our students conduct individually tailored research internships in either Russia or at one of our partner institutions aboard, e.g. at the University of Tilburg or the Centre for East-European and International Studies in Berlin. Moreover, we offer the opportunity to obtain a second MA degree in Germany or France through one of our **double degree tracks**.

## International Academic Mobility

The program offers its best students an opportunity to participate in academic mobility with the



The Master's program offered me a great opportunity to get out of my comfort zone and learn something novel. The program offered me a great chance to learn more about social research. The program gave me the freedom to pursue research in my area of interest, which could help me to a great deal for my further studies. After one year in the program, I am greatly impressed by the passion and zeal of the team to uplift the learning environment and to publicize its excellence.

**Karim Khan,**  
Pakistan

- Tilburg University (Germany),
- King's College, Russia Institute (UK),
- University of Tuebingen (Germany),
- University of Helsinki (Helsinki),
- New University of Lisbon (Lisbon, Portugal)
- and others.

## Selected program courses

### Core courses:

Contemporary Sociological Theory, Methodology and Research methods

in Sociology: Quantitative Research methods and Qualitative Research methods, Multi-level regression analysis, Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling, Comparative Migration Policy, Basic Statistics and Introduction into „R“

### Elective courses

Comparative Public Policy Analysis, Gender and Development, Bayesian Statistics, Social Network Analysis, Time in Social Sciences: Approaches and Measures, Introduction into Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Issues of Contemporary Russian Politics, Introduction in Big Data analysis, Comparative Study of Religion

### Course

### descriptions:

[www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/)



HSE has established a world-class MA program in Comparative Social Research. Its major strength is how it synergizes dedication, skill and diversity among both its student body and faculty. This program has created a real spirit.

**Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel,**

University of Lüneburg, Germany and Research Director of the HSE International Laboratory of Comparative Social Research

## Admission requirements

### Portfolio:

the applicants need to submit the documents specified by the Admissions Rules

([www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/app/](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/app/))

**portfolio):** application, including CV, motivation letter, statement of research interests, two reference letters and evidence of English language skills.

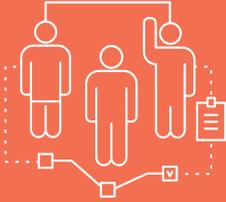
## Partners

- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Double Degree track
- School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, EHESS (France), Double Degree track
- University of Tilburg (Netherlands)

- International Scientific-Educational Laboratory for Socio-Cultural Research HSE
- Laboratory for Comparative Social Research HSE

## Career opportunities

Many of our graduates enter PhD-programmes at HSE, in Europe or the US. Our students become general experts in the field of applied empirical research, which equips them excellently to work in the spheres of consulting and marketing, but also for international organizations and companies, or in think tanks and other institutions providing research results for policy development. Potentially WorldBank, International Labor Organization, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), UNESCO, UNICEF, etc



Master's programme

## Political Analysis and Public Policy



Field of study: 41.04.04 – Political Science



Duration of programme: 2 years

Mode of study: Full time programme



The classes are scheduled mostly from 6 PM  
(3 PM for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of studies) till 9 PM



Diploma: Master in Political Science



Language of Instruction: English



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Program Director

**Belyaeva Nina Y.**

## About the Program

Contemporary Public Policy is the ongoing search for the answers to the most burning challenges of the society and collective decision-making for the purposes of public development.

The Master's Program in Political Analysis and Public Policy targets the development of complex competencies related to:

- Conflict analysis and conflict resolution,
- Public policy agenda-setting, stakeholder analysis, and actor-centered approach to policy-making and implementation,
- Social research, data collection and analysis on public policy issues,
- Group work and leadership in dynamic environments.

Been taught in English program unites students from all over the world. The professors also have very diverse professional experience representing the renowned

Russian and foreign universities like University of Bern (Switzerland), University of Cambridge, UK, Latrobe University, Australia, University of Toronto, Canada.

## Program benefits

- the programme combines the conceptual and evidence – based learning traditions of the American and European approaches to Public Policy, the teaching staff represents both Russian and foreign academic schools.
- we have has two equally important concentrations:
  - Public Policy Analysis, focusing on development of analytical competencies in various policy fields, and
  - Human Rights and Democratic Governance, providing opportunities for professional growth in the fields of development policies and human rights protection.



Public policy is designed and implemented by both governments and non-state actors, it serves public interests when becomes a matter not only of the state, but of the self-organized public. We look for MA students, who care about national and global social problems and have a passion to work on their solutions.

**Belyaeva Nina Y.,**  
Program Director

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## **International Academic Mobility**

The program offers its best students an opportunity to participate in academic mobility programs with the University of Bologna (Italy), Science Po Lyon (France) and other partner universities.

## **Selected program courses**

### **Core courses:**

Foundations of Public Policy, Conflict Management, Modern Political Science, Methodology and Research Methods of Political Science, Quantitative methods in social research, Foundations of Social Research: Qualitative and Mixed Methods, Human Rights in Globalizing World, Global Actors in Public Policy

### **Elective courses of Public Policy Analysis track:**

Global Political Economy, Comparative Public Policy Analysis, Social policy: foundations and implementation, Regulation and Reform: Analysis and Policy, Think Tanks as Policy Actors, Anti-Corruption Policy and Reforms, Education and Development, etc.

### **Elective courses of Human Rights and Democratic Governance track:**

Human Rights in Non-Western Societies, Minority Rights: comparative practices, Migration and Development, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Assembly: Comparative Practices, Religion, Governance and Policy-Making, International Mechanisms of Human Rights Protection, Humanitarian Actions, etc.

### **Course descriptions:**

[hse.ru/en/ma/politanaliz/curriculum](https://hse.ru/en/ma/politanaliz/curriculum)



The Department of Public Policy from the start helps students to work out what they are going to research. The first word that comes to mind is 'possibility'.

There are really many possibilities here for Russians and for foreign students. The main thing is to want to make use of them.

**Indra Prasetya Adi Nugroho,**

Indonesian Ministry  
of Social Affairs

## Admission requirements

### Portfolio:

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## Partners

- University of Bologna, Italy
- International University College of Turin, Italy
- University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- University of Lugano, Switzerland
- University of Turin, Italy
- Sciences Po Lyon, France

The Department and its professors are members of several international professional organizations:

- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- International Comparative Policy Analysis Forum (ICPA-Forum)
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA)

## Career opportunities

It is a practice-oriented program developing the skills required to articulate issues of public concern, analyze alternative policies, facilitate the adoption and implementation of specific public choices, and evaluate their effects. The goal is to educate professional analysts capable to deal with complex public policy issues of the modern world. Our graduates build analytical and managerial careers in:

- **National, regional and global think tanks:**  
Carnegie Centre (Moscow), Centre for Political Technologies, Institute of World Politics and International Relations (IMEMO), PIR Centre.
- **International Human Rights and Humanitarian organizations:**  
HR Watch, Doctors Without Borders, International Red Cross, Amnesty International .
- **Business Associations and large corporations:**  
Moscow Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Business Russia, ROSATOM, Yandex, LUKOIL
- **National and international governmental agencies:**  
British Council, UNESCO, UN, ILO, Ministry of Economic Development of RF, Ministry of Education of RF, Government of Moscow.





Master's Programme

# Politics. Economics. Philosophy

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Field of study: 41.04.04 – Political Science



Duration of programme: 2 year full-time curriculum



Mode of study: Full time education



Diploma: Master of Political Science Degree



Language of Instruction: English



International accreditation ZEvA  
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## About the Programme

The Master's program is led by the unified Troika of disciplines: political science, economics and philosophy. It is no coincidence. Along with the trend towards deeper specialization and pragmatism strongly represented in current systems of higher education, the opposite countervailing trend towards integration of knowledge is no less evident and tends to strengthen through time. It is fueled by the understanding that important breakthroughs in the social sciences and humanities are often achieved at the interdisciplinary crossings, and that divided disciplinary knowledge is unfit to face most of the challenges of contemporary world.

The demand for specialists capable of strategic thinking, prepared to cope with complex problems, trained to work within interdisciplinary and/or international teams is becoming more and more imperative.

A widening network of the programs developing the pattern and purpose of Oxford PPEs "Philosophy, Politics and Economics", or alternatively "Politics, Economics and Philosophy" is an educational response to such social demand.

This very approach is at the basis of the new innovative interdisciplinary Master's program "Politics, Economics, Philosophy" (PEP) launched at the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" in Moscow:

## Entry opportunities:

- through the HSE Olympiad for students and graduates (for the winners)
- through entry procedures including:
  - a pass/fail exam in English (or language proficiency certificate)
  - portfolio-based admission

# Skills And Competencies/ What Will You Learn?

## Courses

### Adaptation courses:

- Basics of Political Science
- Basics of Economics
- Mathematics

### Core courses:

- Contemporary Political Science
- Theory & Methodology in Political Science and Economics
- Intellectual History
- Data Analysis in the Social Sciences

### Special courses:

#### Economics:

- Comparative Economic Systems
- State and Economy
- Corruption and Organized Crime as Economic Institutions
- Strategies of Economic Development

#### Politics:

- Social Change
- Global governance
- Institutions and Practices in Russian Politics: Comparative Analysis
- Regional Studies in Comparative Perspective: Russia & the World

#### Philosophy:

- Contemporary Analytical Philosophy

- Political Ethics and Social Justice
- Philosophy of New Social Movements

### Research tools:

- Political Forecasting and Risk Analysis

## Our Partners

- PPE Programme at Witten/Herdecke University, Germany
- Philosophy & Economics Programme at Bayreuth University, Germany

## What jobs for graduates?

The most immediate field to apply graduates' skills is that of political expertise and organization: analytical support of decision-making in governmental bodies, political parties, NGO and business structures. Another option: think tanks and other research centers, especially focused on interdisciplinary problems of institutional reforms and social policy. Double and triple training of the graduates allows them to prepare and initiate strategic decisions and take leading function in their implementation, thus claiming for key positions where joint competences from politics, economics and philosophy are most relevant.



Each science helps us to understand the world around, or rather one of its facets. Such focusing is a precondition of progress of science, as well as of society. However, it is not enough.

The world we live in is unified. To grasp it as a whole is a special task. Our interdisciplinary PEP program is intended to help getting closer to such grasp.

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**Boris Makarenko**

## Programme Overview

Russian Studies is a new Master's programme offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences that aspires to train students to work in Russia and with Russia by providing them with multifaceted theoretical and applied knowledge about today's Russia. We train you to unwrap the mysteries of Russia and resolve its riddles.

The programme is intended both for international students who wish to pursue a career requiring knowledge of Russia, and Russians who desire to understand the world of Russia and the country's role globally.

The Russian Studies programme includes basic courses in political science alongside a wide range of specialized courses on Russian politics, society, economics and business, as well as communication with Russia and Russians.

Studying Russia in the very heart of Russia at one of the country's best universities: can you imagine a better career start?

## What Will I Study?

### Required Courses in Political Science:

- Modern Political Science;
- Methodology and Methods of Political Research.

### Required Basic Courses in Russian Studies:

- Explaining Contemporary Russian Politics: Institutions and Beyond;
- Regions of Russia and the World in Comparative Perspective;
- Russia in the Global World: International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia;
- Business and State in Russia.

### Elective Courses:

- Russian Population Structures;
- Political Economy of Public Goods in Russia;
- Culture of Modern Russian Society: Sociological Analysis;
- Russian Media System;
- China and Russia: Great Powers in an Era of Global Disorder;
- Informal Economy and Entrepreneurship in Contemporary Russia;
- Modern Russian City and Life in a Megapolis;
- Demographic Development and Migration in the Post-Soviet Space;
- Russian Criminal Justice System;
- Russia and the Muslim World;
- Gender Politics in Russia;

- Parties and Elections in Russian Regions.

### And also:

- Intensive courses in Russian as a foreign language;
- Research internships at leading Russian institutions and companies.

## Career Opportunities

The programme in «Russian Studies» will provide you with highly professional expertise on Russia coupled with a strong background in political science and other related scientific knowledge.

An expert like that will be in high demand by all the employers dealing with Russia, in all areas, from civil service to businesses, from academia to social and cultural contacts.

### Your future job can be linked to any of the following:

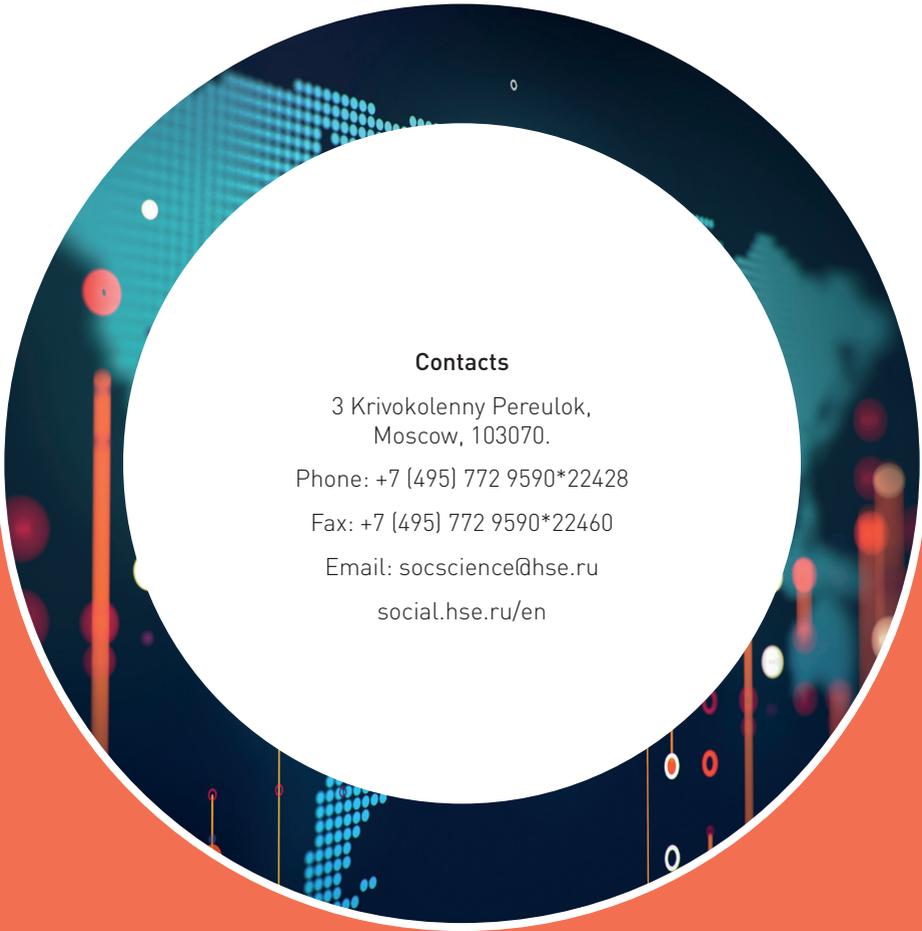
- Diplomatic or other government service;
- International businesses active in Russia;
- Consulting and audit companies;
- International organizations of the UN family;
- NGO's, non-profits;
- Travel agencies, interpretation and translation services;
- Mass media and communication companies;
- Academia, research agencies, universities, teaching and scholastic careers



Our programme aspires to help students coming from diverse backgrounds — Western and Asian, and certainly Russians as well — to learn to understand and analyze how Russia lives and works. We believe we have a yardstick to measure it. And together we can surely try to unwrap at least some of this country's mysteries.

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