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## “Integration of migrants and refugees in the XXI century”

*Venue: On-line  
October 13-15, 2021*

### Key speakers

- **Alison Strang**, *Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK*. Crossing continents: Migrant integration in theory, policy and practice. **(ENG. Russian translation) 18.00. – 19.30, October 14, 2021**
- **Sergey Abashin**, *European University in St. Petersburg, National Research University Higher School of Economics* Russian Roulette for Migrants: The Production of Uncertainty and the Pragmatics of Fatalism. **(RUS) 13.30 – 15.00. October 15, 2021**

### October 13, 2021

**11.00. – 12.30.**

### **Integration of migrant workers (RUS)**

Convenor: **Ekaterina Demintseva**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Igor Shichkin**, *Plekhanov Russian University of Economics*,

Social protection of labor and forced migrants in Russia as a factor of integration into the host society

**Olga Brednikova**, *Center for Independent Social Research*

«Mobilis in mobile»: on the issue of integration of a mobile entity

**Vladimir Mukomel**, *Institute of Sociology of the Federal Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences*

The specifics of the integration of Central Asian labor migrants in Russia: everyday life, background, and prospects

**13.00 - 15.00.**

### **New diasporas (RUS)**

Convenor: **Dmitry Oparin**, *Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Pavel Inozemtsev**, *independent anthropologist*

Peculiarities of migration of Russian-speaking expats in South-East Asia

**Lidia Kurbanova**, *Chechen State University*

Integration of the second-generation Chechen diaspora in Europe (example of Belgium)

**Nadezhda Kudayarova**, *Institute of Latin America of the Russian Academy of Sciences*

The Venezuelan migration crisis: individual strategies and policies of neighboring states

**Kateryna Lobodenko**, *University Paris 3*

Russians in France: emigration of the 1920s-1930s through the eyes of cartoonists in exile

**15.30. – 17.00.**

### **Integration through the institutions (RUS)**

Convenor: **Daniel Kashnitsky**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Svetlana Ruseishvili**, *Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil*

University as a channel for refugees' integration in Brazil: the experience of Sergio Vieira de Mello's Department at the Federal University of São Carlos

**Elena Maslovskaya**, *Institute of Sociology of the Federal Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences*

Access of migrants to justice in Russia and Sweden: the role of court interpreters

**Irina Nam**, *Tomsk State University*

The role of NGOs in the adaptation/integration of labor migrants in Siberian cities (the example of Tomsk and Irkutsk)

**17.30-19.00**

**Integration within cultural and educational contexts (ENG)**

Convenor: **Dmitry Oparin**, *Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Petra Sidler**, *University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland & University of Neuchâtel*

**Wassilis Kassis**, *University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland,*

Finding new latent integration patterns in acculturation research

**Maria Rodina**, *National Research University Higher School of Economics*

«Arab in the new black»: migrants from the Middle East in the English-speaking stand-up

**Aude Merlin**, *Université libre de Bruxelles, CEVIPOL,*

**Anne le Huerou**, *Université Paris Nanterre, ISP*

Chechens refugees (and their children) in the EU: facing the challenges of integration and fear of stigmatization in the context of the new security agenda

**October 14, 2021**

**11.00. – 13.00.**

### **Integration of migrants in the city (RUS)**

Convenor: **Ekaterina Demintseva**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Emil Pain**, *National Research University Higher School of Economics*

The "third way" between assimilation and segregation. What prevents the formation of Russian interculturalism?

**Nona Shahnazarian**, *Institute of Archeology and Ethnography of the Armenian Academy of Sciences; Center for Independent Social Research, Saint Petersburg*

Diversity of migration policy in Russian cities: an Armenian case

**Vera Peshkova**, *Institute of Sociology FCTAS RAS*

Entrepreneurship and integration of international migrants in Russia

**Diana Bryazgina**, *Tomsk State University; Irkutsk State University*

«Ethnic» markets in a Siberian city: experience of migrants' exploration of the urban infrastructure

**13.30. – 15.00.**

### **Integration of migrants and refugees' children in the school environment (RUS. English translation)**

Convenor: **Ekaterina Demintseva**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Kalandarov Tohir**, *IEA RAS, Moscow*

Integration experience of Ismaili children in the Russian society (the example of the Regional Public Organization «Noor» in Moscow)

**Tenisheva K.A. and D.A. Alexandrov**, *HSE University Saint Petersburg*

Adaptation of migrants' children in Russian schools

**Savelieva S.S. and D.K.Khodorenko**, *HSE University Saint Petersburg*

The role of teachers in the adaptation of the children of migrants

**15.30 – 17.00**

### **Integration of children in educational institutions (ENG. Russian translation)**

Convenor: **Ekaterina Demintseva**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Claire Schiff**, *Centre Emile Durkheim (CNRS, UMR 5116), Collège Sciences de l'Homme*,  
Adjusting to new types of migrant pupils in France: the case of Bulgarian Roma and Syrian refugee children in urban versus rural contexts

**Federico Zemborian**, *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)*  
Strategies of migrant children to adapt to primary schools in Paris and Brussels

**Reza Habib**, *Higher School of Economics, Moscow*  
Mainstreaming Educational Integration for Rohingya Refugee Children in Bangladesh

**18.00. – 19.30**

**Key speaker. Alison Strang**, *Senior Research Fellow, the Institute for Global Health and Development, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, UK*  
Crossing continents: Migrant integration in theory, policy and practice (**ENG. Russian translation**)

**October 15, 2021**

**11.00. – 13.00.**

**Refugees in Russia (RUS)**

Convenor: **Tatiana Intigrinova**, Oxfam in Russia

**Svetlana Zaremba-Pike**, *National Research University Higher School of Economics*  
Mental health of Afghan refugees in Russia: the role of discrimination, religiosity and the level of education

**Alfya Lyapina**, *National Research University Higher School of Economic*,  
Social solidarity among Circassians: Circassian refugees from Syria in Russia

**Natalia Khodyreva**, *Saint Petersburg University*,  
Socio-economic and psychological problems of integration of Ukrainian female refugees in Russia

**Zarui Yeremyan**, *National Research University Higher School of Economics*

Questions of successful adaptation of forced migrants

**13.30 – 15.00**

**Key speaker. Sergey Abashin**, *European University in St. Petersburg, National Research University Higher School of Economics* Russian Roulette for Migrants: The Production of Uncertainty and the Pragmatics of Fatalism (RUS)

**15.30 – 17.30**

**Migration and health panel (Russian/English translation)**

Convenor: **Daniel Kashnitsky**, *Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Anna Bredström**, *Division of Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO), Linköping University, Sweden*

Language, culture, and maternity care: troubling interpretation in an institutional context

**Olga Belousova**, *JM Social worker, Shagi Foundation, Witte University, Moscow, Russia*

Legal uncertainty of stateless HIV-infected people

**Liudmila Vins**, *Project Coordinator, Luna, Yekaterinburg, Russia*

Labor migrants and the trap at deportation centers

**18.00. – 20.00**

**Integration of migrants and refugees (ENG)**

Convenor: **Dmitry Oparin**, *Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Institute of Social Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

**Caress Schenk**, *Nazarbayev University, Astana,*

You must be counted to count (i.e. to matter)

**Vitalie Stirba**, *National Institute for Economic Research, Chisinau,*

Moldovan rural households in the context of out-migration: a socio-economic approach

**Isaac Oni**, *Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

Integration of African Migrants in The Social and Economic Spaces in Moscow

**Ekaterina Kiseleva**, *Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN)*

Integration of migrants and refugees from the international law viewpoint

**Alison B Strang**, *Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh UK*. Crossing continents: Migrant integration in theory, policy and practice **(ENG. Russian translation) 18.00. – 19.30, October 14, 2021**

**Abstract:** In an increasingly mobile world, migration policy, practice and scholarship becomes ever more central to the well-being of local, regional, national and international communities. This presentation will outline the origins and rationale underlying the ‘Indicators of Integration’ framework (Ager & Strang, 2008; Strang & Ager 2010), a holistic and evidence-based approach to addressing refugee integration. The framework, described as a ‘mid-level theory’, has underpinned much policy, practice and research globally in the past decade. The presentation will consider key evidence and insights emerging from recent research. In addition, using the UK and Scotland in particular as a case study, the presentation will examine examples of collaborative refugee integration policy and practice. This will focus on the [UK Government integration toolkit](#), the [New Scots integration strategy](#) and examples of practical interventions that exemplify a holistic approach to community integration.

**Biography:** Alison’s research concerns the mental health and wellbeing of those affected by conflict and disaster. She developed the ‘Indicators of Integration’ framework (Ager & Strang, 2008) and co-authored the UK Home Office updated version in 2019. Her research, in both humanitarian and resettlement contexts, seeks out grassroots perspectives and experiences to support communities, practitioners and policy makers. Recent research has addressed refugee mental health and social isolation, including in the context of COVID pandemic restrictions; social capital and the mapping of social connections; and new refugees’ integration pathways. Alison led the development and roll out of the Scottish Government, local government and Scottish Refugee Council led national strategy: ‘New Scots: Integrating Refugees in Scotland’s Communities’, until 2018. She is the co-founder of the ‘Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Network’ a global platform to improve mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in emergencies and situations of adversity by improving access to people, resources and knowledge ([www.mhpss.net](http://www.mhpss.net)).

**Sergey Abashin**, *European University in St. Petersburg, National Research University Higher School of Economics* Russian Roulette for Migrants: The Production of Uncertainty and the Pragmatics of Fatalism. **(RUS) 13.30 – 15.00. October 15, 2021**

**Abstract:** The Russian migration regime, on the one hand, allows foreigners from a number of post-Soviet countries to freely move across the borders, but on the other hand, it creates complex and expensive ways of regulating the status of these people. As a result, the overwhelming number of foreign labor migrants have problems with documents, and the very status of correct documents is in the indefinite gray zone of constantly ongoing negotiations between migrants, entrepreneurs, police and human rights defenders. In my report, considering the 90/90 rule as one of the instruments for the production of the illegality of foreign migrants in Russia, I will show how an indefinite, simultaneously “legal” and “illegal” status of migrants is created. I will also consider which migrants choose strategies of behavior in this uncertain situation, what social and emotional resources they use for this.

**Biography:** Sergey N. Abashin, Professor of the European University at St. Petersburg, author of the books "Nationalisms in Central Asia" (2007) and "Soviet Kishlak" (2015), co-editor (with O. Brednikova) of the collection «"Live in two worlds ": rethinking transnationalism and translocality"» (2021)