

International Master in  
**COMPARATIVE  
SOCIAL  
RESEARCH**

qualitative  
analysis

culture

social problems

societies

quantitative  
analysis

nations

social groups

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# SPEAKER

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- PhD in Sociology
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# WHAT IS COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY?

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“The International Comparative Social Research program is designed to provide insight into how societies are evolving, and to what extent given social policies are successful”

Ronald Inglehart, University of Michigan



“Comparative sociology is not a particular branch of sociology; it is sociology itself, in so far as it ceases to be purely descriptive and aspires to account for facts”

Emile Durkheim, 1895: The Rules of Sociological Method



Investigating differences between nations, cultures and other social, political, religious and ethnical groups



# STUDENTS' TOPICS

TP: International comparison of gender differences on the labour market

MT: Carrier paths of woman in science: comparative analysis of Germany & Russia





# STUDENTS' TOPICS

TP: Attitudes towards research ethics among university students: interregional comparison

MT: Comparative analysis of ethical research behaviour among English & Russian students





# STUDENTS' TOPICS

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TP: Everyday typifications of ethnic groups: inter-ethnic comparison

MT: Development of religious identity among migrants in *Moscow* and *Saint Petersburg*





# PROGRAMME'S HIGHLIGHTS

2-year "Master in Sociology" program

17 state budget places for Russian students

5 fee-based places for Russian Students

10 scholarship places for foreign students

5 fee-based places for foreign students



International Accreditation

Research internship in Russia or abroad

Involvement into international research

Instruction fully in English

International teaching staff

Guest lectures and workshops





# PROGRAMME'S SUPERVISORS

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**Ekaterina Mitrofanova**

PhD in Sociology (HSE)  
Academic Supervisor

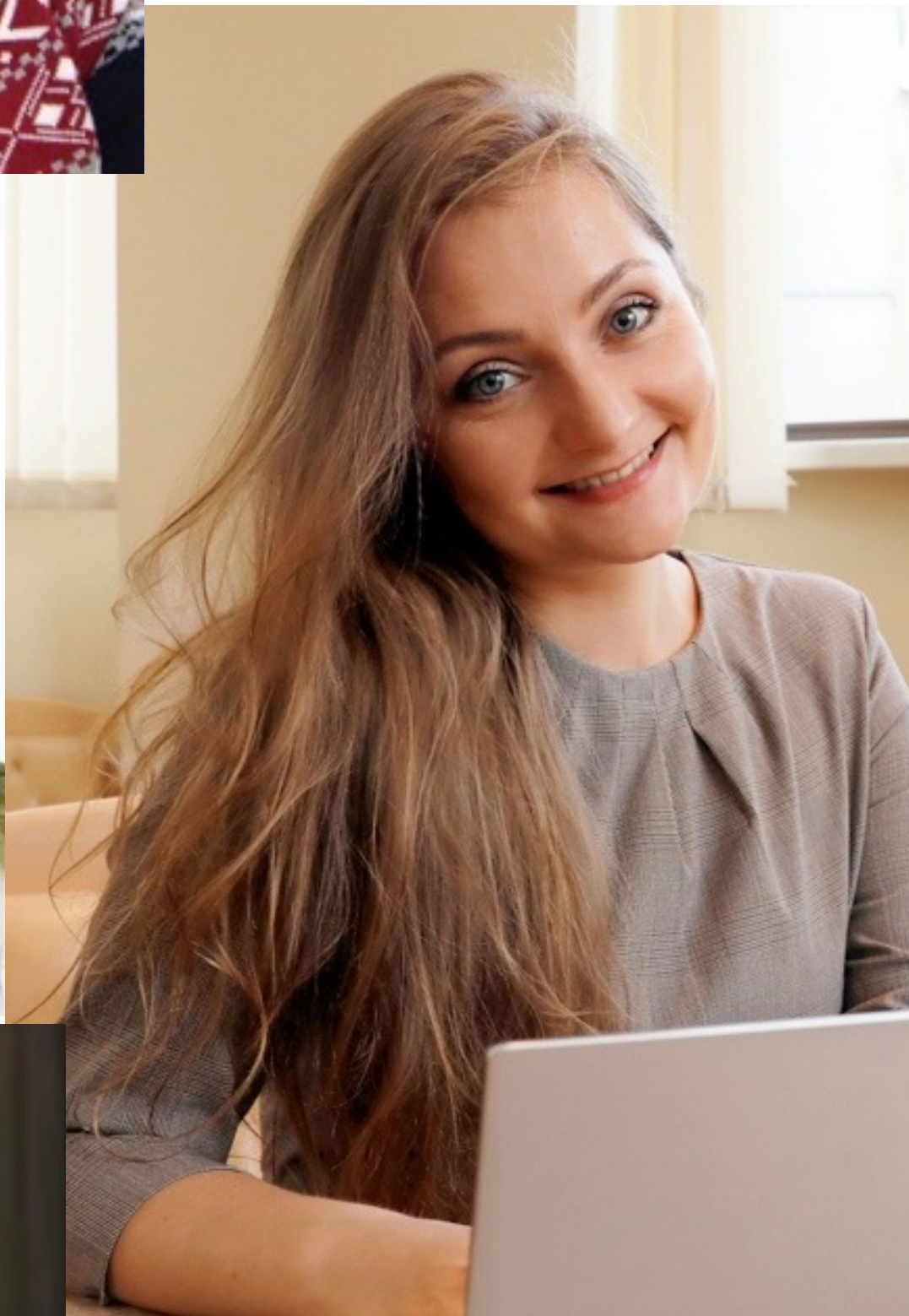
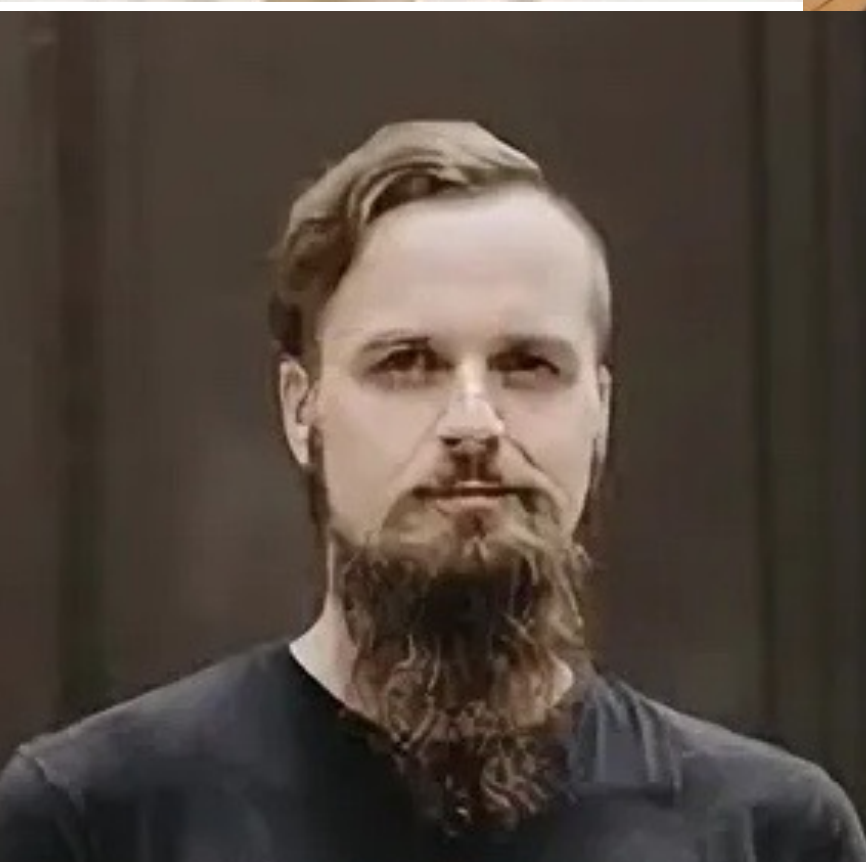


**Christian Fröhlich**

PhD in Sociology (Leipzig University)  
Scientific Supervisor



# INTERNATIONAL POOL OF LECTURERS





# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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## 1<sup>st</sup> year

## 2<sup>nd</sup> year

### Modules I - II

Basic social theory and methods training

Research internship with partner institutions in Russia or abroad

### Modules III - IV

Advanced methods and thematic focus

Master thesis writing and defense

### Continuously

Guest lectures & workshops by invited international scholars



# PROGRAMME CURRICULUM 2022/23

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## METHODS

"R" & Statistics

Social Network Analysis

Big-Data

Methods in Comparative  
and Historical Sociology

Measurement Theory and  
Questionnaire Design



## THEORY

Comparative Sociology

Gender & Development

Comparative Analysis  
of Public Policy

Time in Social Sciences

National Identity and  
Belonging



## RESEARCH PREPARATION

Research Design

Academic Practice

Academic Presentation  
& Debate

Research Internship

Research Project  
Participation

Guest Lectures and  
Workshops



# INTERNSHIPS

- Research-related
- Minimum 10 weeks
- HSE / Moscow
- Anywhere in Russia
- Anywhere abroad
- Scientific Term Paper





**RONALD F. INGLEHART  
LABORATORY FOR  
COMPARATIVE  
SOCIAL RESEARCH**





# RONALD F. INGLEHART LABORATORY FOR COMPARATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH

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Laboratory was established in the National Research University Higher School of Economics, in 2010 when professors Ronald Inglehart and Eduard Ponarin were awarded a mega-grant



# RONALD F. INGLEHART LABORATORY FOR COMPARATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH

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- **Research:** comparative quantitative studies of social change with focus on norms & values (using WVS data in more than 50 projects)
- Annual conferences/international **workshops**
- International summer **schools**
- **International** research network (access to top experts, joint research)
- **Opportunities** for young researchers (PhD students' mobility)





# LCSR NETWORK GUEST LECTURERS



Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute, Florence), Alejandro Moreno (ITAM, Mexico),  
Francesco Saraccino (STATEC Luxemburg), Peter Schmidt (University of Giessen),  
Christian Welzel (Leuphana University Lueneburg)



# IMPRESSIONS OF OUR LECTURERS

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“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.”

(Christian Welzel, University of Lueneburg, Germany and HSE CSR LAB)



# IMPRESSIONS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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This programme has incorporated the best of both worlds. While intense theoretical discussion is popular in US sociology, Russian academia prides itself on research. At HSE, I have already written many theoretical papers, but also worked in the SPSS, Atlas.ti, and R software packages.

(Jacqueline Phillips, USA)



The Master's program at HSE in Comparative Social Research offered me a great opportunity to get out of my comfort zone and learn something novel. 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."

(Karim Khan, Pakistan)



# WHO ARE OUR GRADUATES?

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Kirills Makarovs  
Research internship  
at Tilburg University,  
PhD student  
at University of  
Essex, UK



Miguel Ángel Sevilla Mayol  
Economic Commission for  
Latin America and the  
Caribbean,  
The United Nations  
Organization



Saule Bekova  
Research Fellow at  
HSE Institute for  
Education



Evgenia Mitrokhina  
Research Assistant  
at Laboratory of  
Comparative Social  
Research





NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

# WHAT OUR GRADUATES DO?

## Academia in Russia

Laboratories  
Institutes  
Research Centers  
Graduate Schools

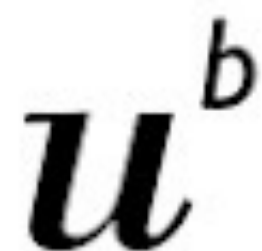
## Russian job market

Market Research  
Foundations  
Consulting  
Think Tanks

**KANTAR TNS**



McKinsey & Company



UNIVERSITÄT BERN



UPPSALA UNIVERSITET



## Academia abroad

Graduate Schools

## International job market

NonGov Organizations



University of Manitoba





# WHO SHOULD APPLY?

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**S**trong interest and educational background in social sciences or humanities (political science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, history)

**C**onsider to enroll into PhD program and to obtain academic career

**W**ish to work in the field of applied research analysis (in international organizations and companies, think tanks, research institutions)

**W**ish to study in an international environment (students from USA, Germany, Pakistan, Estonia, Chile, Ghana, Italy, China, Serbia, Turkey, Spain, Indonesia, Colombia, France etc.)





# PORTFOLIO APPLICATION

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Criteria	Maximum points
Official transcript of previous studies (BA or equivalent)	15
Curriculum vitae	10
Statement of research interests and methods knowledge	40
Letter of motivation	10
Two letters of recommendation	10
Publications, certificates, participation in conferences, olympiads, etc.	5
Certificates/other certificates confirming knowledge of a foreign language	10
Total	100



# PORTFOLIO APPLICATION

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<https://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/tracks>





# HOW TO APPLY



<https://admissions.hse.ru/en/graduate-apply/>



# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENROLLMENT

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- Open doors days <https://social.hse.ru/polls/557748927.html>
- Зимние школы [https://www.hse.ru/winter/2023\\_soc/](https://www.hse.ru/winter/2023_soc/)
- Ранние приглашения <https://ma.hse.ru/earlyinvitation>
- Олимпиада «Высшая лига» <https://olymp.hse.ru/ma/>
- Олимпиада «Я профессионал» <https://yandex.ru/profi/index>
- Конкурс «Твой проект» <https://www.hse.ru/tvouproekt/>
- Студенческое общество «Демограф» (выступление и сертификат усилят портфолио) [https://www.hse.ru/demo/sdp/stud\\_demograf/](https://www.hse.ru/demo/sdp/stud_demograf/)



# OUR CONTACTS

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**BONUS TRACK**



# ПОДГОТОВКА ПОРТФОЛИО: 5 СОВЕТОВ



## 5 СОВЕТОВ ПРИ ПОДГОТОВКЕ ПОРТФОЛИО



**ЕКАТЕРИНА  
МИТРОФАНОВА**

*Академический руководитель  
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«Сравнительные социальные  
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# ПОДГОТОВКА ПОРТФОЛИО: 5 СОВЕТОВ

## РЕЗЮМЕ

### сфокусированная самопрезентация

Разбивайте резюме на блоки, будьте краткими, структурными, грамотными. Лаконичное и структурированное резюме позволяет за минуту увидеть вашу карьерную траекторию – лучший способ рассказать о себе через достижения и опыт работы

## МОТИВАЦИОННОЕ ПИСЬМО

### зарождение интереса

Больше времени уделите подготовке мотивационного письма. Оно должно быть структурировано и не превышать рекомендуемый объем. Помимо стандартных пунктов важно обозначить, почему выбранная магистерская программа – лучшая точка старта или продолжения карьерного и личного развития



# ПОДГОТОВКА ПОРТФОЛИО: 5 СОВЕТОВ

## РЕКОМЕНДАТЕЛЬНЫЕ ПИСЬМА

взгляд



со стороны



Рекомендации – слово, которое звучит солидно и пугает значимостью. На самом деле это максимально просто и логично: рекомендации от людей, с которыми вы взаимодействовали ранее, помогают сделать образ живым и объемным

Хорошая рекомендация включает справку о том, кому она дается, какие остались впечатления о совместной работе и как вы сможете реализоваться на выбранной программе с точки зрения рекомендателя

## СОБЕСЕДОВАНИЕ

сила



личного знакомства



При личной встрече используйте мотивационное письмо как опору, добавив фактурных деталей (хобби, поездки, увлечения). Вам будут задавать вопросы относительно предполагаемой темы исследования, поэтому важно подготовить одну или несколько тем, ознакомиться с литературой. Воспринимайте собеседование как карьерную консультацию, где лучшие профессора помогают выбрать образовательный трек