

Dear colleagues,

We are excited to present our first HSE University Newsletter, which we have created to share science and education news with our partners and inform them about cultural and academic events. Any feedback from you will be highly appreciated, including the topics that you would find most interesting for future HSE Newsletters. We strongly believe that each of our partnerships gives us valuable opportunities and enriches our knowledge. We hope to continue cooperating with you on global issues.

Ivan Prostakov, HSE Vice Rector

HSE University Becomes More Comprehensive

Consistently ranked as one of Russia's top universities, the [Higher School of Economics](#) (HSE University) is a leader in Russian education and one of the preeminent economics and social sciences universities in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. As a comparatively young university, we have made considerable achievements while continuing to develop and grow. We are working to extend fields of study and our programmes. As a university that was focused on social and economic sciences in the beginning, we now offer our students a wide range of subjects, such as physics, electronics and mathematics, computer science, urban planning, law, media and design.

Broadening Our Horizons

In 2018, new agreements on academic cooperation and student exchange were signed, including seven university-wide agreements and 16 faculty-level ones, offering new destinations for student mobility with 61 new exchange places per academic year. The full list of HSE international partners, including the new ones, is available on [Our Partners](#) webpage.

New English-Taught Degree Programmes in 2018

We are excited to introduce our new English-taught degree programmes:

Undergraduate Programmes:

- [Management and Digital Innovation](#) (Parallel degree with London School of Economics and Political Science)
- [Data Science and Business Analytics](#) (Double degree with London School of Economics and Political Science)
- [Economics and Politics in Asia](#) (Double degree with Kuyng Hee University)

Graduate Programmes:

- [Business and Politics in Modern Asia](#) (St. Petersburg) (in partnership with Beijing Normal University, Fudan University, University of Vienna)
- [Management and Analytics for Business](#) (St. Petersburg) (in partnership with Ghent University, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Pompeu Fabra, LMU, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)
- [Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation](#) (Seoul National University)

You can learn more about all of our English-taught programmes on our [admissions website](#).

We are happy to announce that cooperation between HSE and the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) has been extended to include double degree agreement, including the HSE Master's programme on Comparative Social Research and the Master's programme in East European Studies at the FUB. Starting in autumn 2018, selected students from both programmes (a minimum of five from each partner) will have the opportunity to earn a second degree from the partner university - <https://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/>.

Double Degree Programmes at HSE University

'I really like studying at HSE where I can meet many leading Russian scholars. All of the professors and lecturers are very kind and always willing to help any student who needs to do research. Moreover, my Russian friends are very polite and patient. I can say that receiving an education in Russia is one of the best choices I have made in my life.'

Giang Dinh,
MA Programme student

HSE University Strengthens its Position in World University Rankings

This year, HSE has once again topped the list of universities in the Russian Academic Excellence Project 5-100, having been ranked in 13 subjects and 3 subject areas in the [QS World University Rankings](#). The university has entered the top 100 in 'Sociology' and 'Political and International Studies'

categories, as well as the top 100 in 'Social Sciences and Management'.



HSE University has also been [ranked](#) 162nd in a new top 200 ranking of the world most international universities compiled by Times Higher Education.



New Dissertation Councils Introduced at HSE University

Starting on February 1, 2018, new rules apply to dissertation defence for Candidate of Sciences (PhD) and Doctor of Sciences (DS) degrees. While we used to have several dissertation councils belonging to one area, we now have [16 councils](#), one for each area of studies (mathematics, economics, public administration, etc.). Since HSE academic degrees remain a part of the state attestation system, a PhD from HSE will be recognized anywhere. In addition, the defence procedure now allows two equal working languages: Russian and English. Applicants will be able to choose one of these languages both for the paper and the viva voce process.

HSE Students Win Vis Moot

The annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is one of the world's largest international moot court competitions in the field of International Commercial Law and International Arbitration. Each year, students from approximately 300 law schools come to Vienna, Austria to compete in presenting their arguments in oral rounds.

The team from HSE has been participating in this prestigious student competition since 2009. This year, on March 29, an [HSE Faculty of Law team](#) was the first Russian team to win the the Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot). HSE beat the University of Cambridge in the finals, and was the best among 362 university teams from around the globe.

Results of the XIX April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development

On April 10-13, the HSE Moscow campus, with the support of the World Bank, conducted the 19th [April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development](#). The Conference's Programme Committee was chaired by Professor Evgeny Yasin, HSE Academic Supervisor. The agenda for the conference centered primarily on social and economic development in the Russian Federation. Fifty-six professors, researchers and doctoral students from our international partner universities worldwide took part in the conference.



Upcoming Events

HSE St. Petersburg 20th Anniversary International Partners Week

2018 is an important year for HSE's St. Petersburg campus, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. To share the anniversary festivities with our valuable partners and friends, the anniversary [International Partners Week](#) (IPW) will be arranged in St. Petersburg on May 14-16, 2018. The IPW is themed 'Universities: How to Be a Step Ahead' in order to highlight the importance of international academic collaboration and share best practices in addressing the challenges of the ongoing 'academic revolution': massification, commercialization, digitalization and globalization of higher education. The main idea behind IPW is to provide an overview of the recent achievements and development strategy of HSE, as well as general information on higher education in Russia. More than 60 representatives from our partner universities and organizations have already been registered. We are looking forward to meeting our guests in the marvellous city of St. Petersburg.

III International Conference on Digital Transformation & Global Society

On May 30, HSE St. Petersburg will be holding the 3rd [Digital Transformation & Global Society Conference](#), which is an emerging international academic forum for the interdisciplinary field of Internet Studies. The mission of the conference is to provide a collaborative platform for researchers and experts to discuss the transformative impact of digital technologies on the way we communicate, work and live.

Analytics for Management and Economics Conference

On September 19-22 HSE St. Petersburg invites you to contribute to its international event [Analytics for Management and Economics Conference](#). The academic conference is initiated as a response to the emerging and fast-growing trends in Economics and Business Management, with a particular focus on

analytical approaches, data-driven decision making and IT innovation. We seek to build a knowledge-led ecosystem around quantitative techniques and invite you to become a valuable part of the developing international academic network.

HSE University offers international students a wide range of short-term and long-term programmes in English. There are also scholarship opportunities for international students.

Semester at HSE University

HSE University is open to international students who are interested in spending one or two semesters as exchange students from one of our [partner universities](#). Opening all of HSE's English-taught programmes to visiting undergraduate and graduate students, Semester at HSE offers a wide array of courses in the social sciences, humanities, IT, mathematics, and more.

Russian language training is available at all levels, and students can also enrol in HSE's Russian-taught courses if their command of the language is strong enough.

[Semester in Moscow](#)

[Semester in St. Petersburg](#)

[Semester in Nizhny Novgorod](#)



Summer University

HSE is offering a new approach to summer vacation for students, Ph.D. candidates, post-docs and professionals from around the world with unique opportunities to enhance their knowledge in area studies and beyond. Offering a broad interdisciplinary selection of courses, the [Summer University](#) is open to all students and will be of particular interest to those who study International Relations, History, Political Science and other social sciences and humanities. Many of the courses, taught in English, focus on the politics, history, economics, and culture of Russia and Eurasia. The unique format of Summer University offers students the ability to study on different campuses and to learn more about Russia during their summer vacation. For most students, the Summer University is a good opportunity to earn ECTS.



Summer Schools

HSE summer schools are open to students and alumni of foreign universities and invited foreign experts. The training offered at these schools not only provides an educational programme but also involves participation in design and research work. Summer school students learn modern methods of applied research, take part in practical exercises, and develop and discuss research projects.

Many HSE summer schools work with students and alumni annually over a span of five years.

[Summer Schools in Moscow](#)

HSE St. Petersburg Summer School offers a vast selection of up-to-date courses in a wide range of fields of education in economics, management, social sciences and humanities taught by experts from Russia and abroad. To become fully immersed in Russian culture, Summer School participants can join the Russian studies module that combines language classes and lectures on Russian history and civilization. Students might build their own track collecting courses from different fields, which is a great opportunity to gain interdisciplinary skills.

We are happy to offer discounts for groups of five or more students.

[Summer School in Saint Petersburg](#)

Nizhny Novgorod campus conducts summer language schools for foreigners who want to study the Russian language. Usually the summer schools are conducted for students who are studying at foreign institutions of higher education that have partnered with HSE. Summer school participants live with Russian

host families, an experience that greatly facilitates their mastery of Russian and ensures continuous language practice for the duration of their studies. In the future, dormitory accommodations may be available.

[Summer School in Nizhny Novgorod](#)

The Perm HSE campus is preparing to welcome participants of the Russian Language, History & Culture International Summer School. The School is a 14-day residential programme for international students. The Perm HSE Summer School is a project-based exploration of Russian language, mentality, history and landscape. Instead of traditional language classes we offer students the Russian Language Speaking Club. An interactive approach, modelling real life situations and role games, will boost their level of Russian, assist in overcoming language barriers and in perfecting communicative strategies.

[Summer School in Perm](#)

