



International Master in  
**COMPARATIVE  
SOCIAL  
RESEARCH**

culture

social problems

qualitative  
analysis

societies

quantitative  
analysis

nations

social groups

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# SPEAKER

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- Assistant Professor at the Department of Demography
- 15 years in HSE



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# A TIP FOR YOU

In the Russian version of my page, go to the end of this page  
<https://www.hse.ru/staff/emitrofanova#teaching>

For the reference list

Data and articles for essay

To build a strategy in master's



## В помощь студентам

### Организация научного текста

Список литературы - [в один клик: PDF](#) [Инструкция по установке Zotero](#)

### Научная литература:

- [Академия Гугл](#)
- [Электронные ресурсы Вышки](#)
- [Научные журналы Вышки](#)
- [Демоскоп Weekly](#)
- [Демографическое обозрение](#)

### Научные данные:

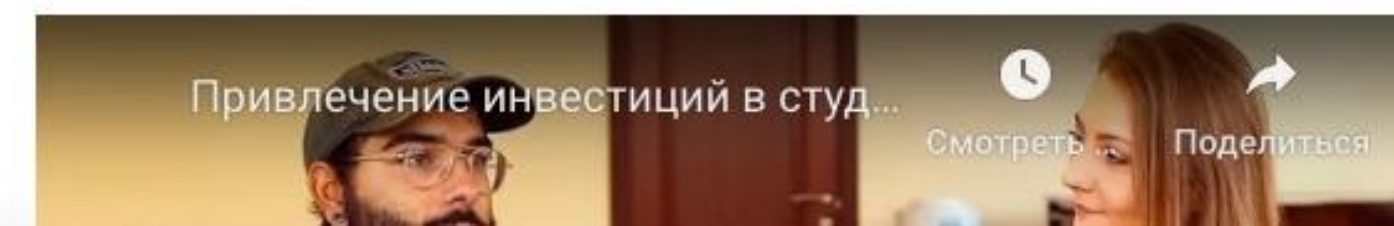
- [Приложения Демоскопа](#)
- [Единый архив экономических и социологических данных](#)
- [Ресурсы Всемирного банка, OECD, МВФ и т.д.](#)
- [Generations and Gender Programme](#)
- [European Social Survey](#)
- [World Value Survey](#)
- [Российский мониторинг экономического положения и здоровья населения](#)
- [Человек, семья, общество 2013 и 2017](#)

### Возможности во время учебы

- [Ежемесячная подборка конференций, школ, стипендий](#)
- [Всё о способах конвертации академических успехов в карьерные](#)

[PDF](#) [Возможности в Вышке 2022](#) (PDF, 1,55 Мб)

Пример такой конвертации:



# MASTER'S PROGRAMME COMPARATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH



- Since 2016
- Founded by Inglehart's Laboratory
- Studying process is fully in English
- Our alumni work in top companies in the field
- They successfully enter leading Russian and international PhD Programmes
- Intense social life

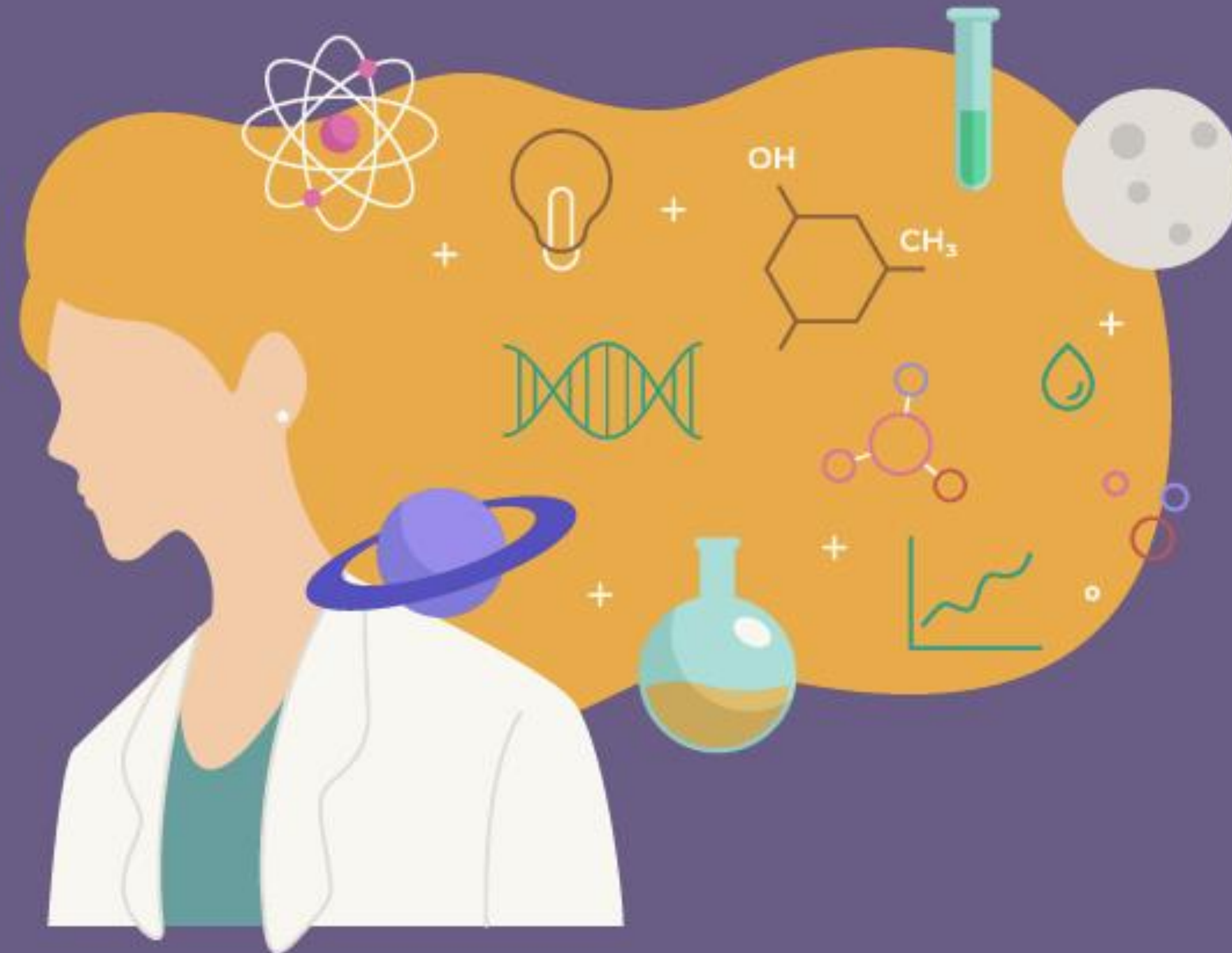


Investigating differences between nations, cultures and other social, political, religious and ethnical groups

# 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

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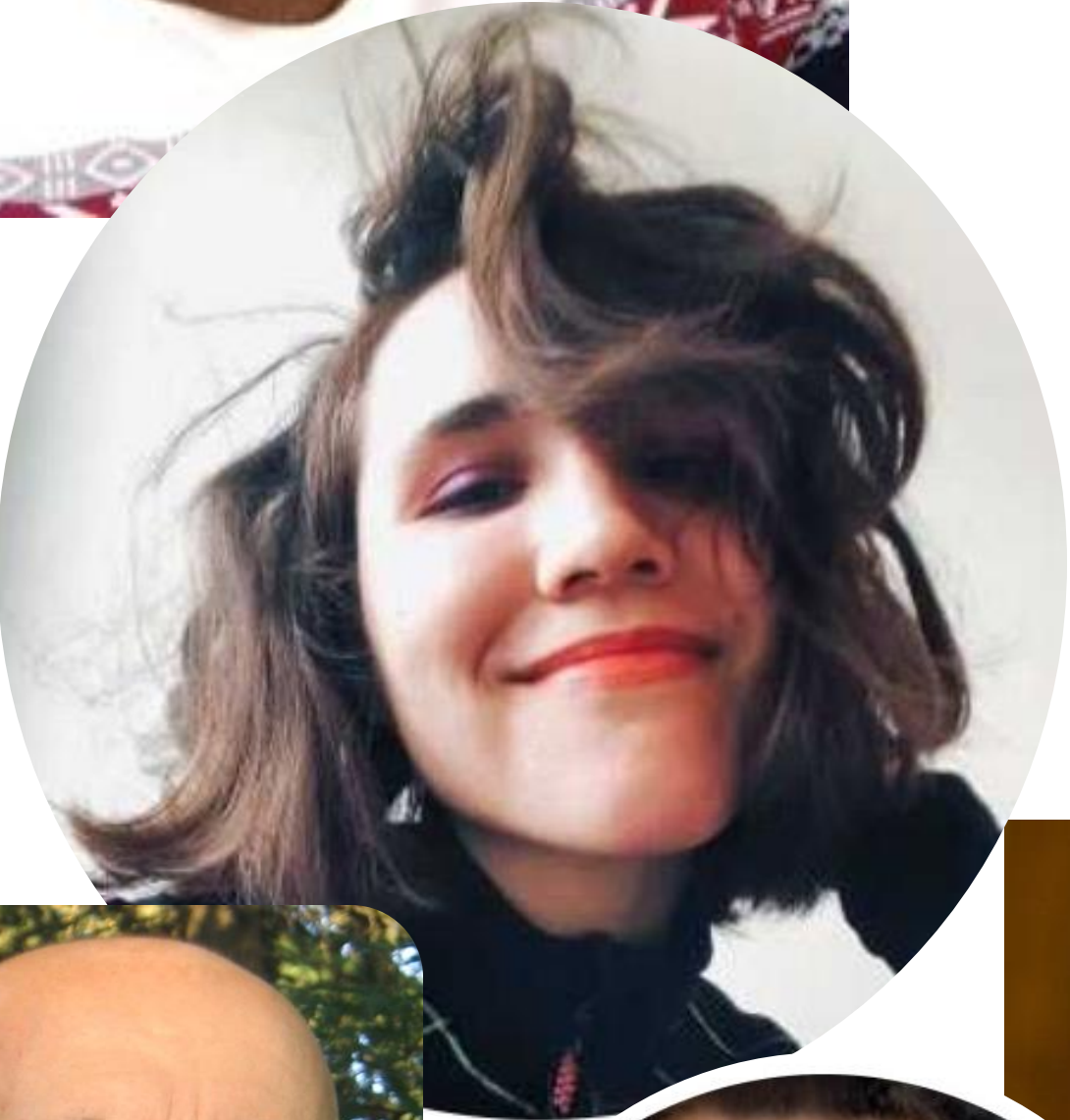
- 2-year “Master in Sociology” programme
- For Russian students: 15 state budget places and 5 fee-based places
- For foreign students: 10 scholarship places and 5 fee-based places
- Russian and international Accreditation
- Research internship in Russia or abroad
- Involvement into international research
- International teaching staff
- Guest lectures and workshops



## HSE:

- №1 among best universities in Russia (Forbes 2020–2022)
- №1 among best universities in Russia (HeadHunter 2023)

# 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

Research projects  
and advanced methods

**Modules III - IV**

Advanced methods  
and thematic focus  
Term paper

Master's thesis

**Continuously**

Guest lectures & workshops by invited international scholars

# INDIVIDUAL TRACKS FOR STUDENTS

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**MORE ACADEMIC**

**MORE PRACTICAL**

**OFFLINE / ONLINE**

**DISSERTATION / PAPER**

**MASTER'S-PHD TRACK**

**INTERNSHIP AT ANOTHER  
UNIVERSITY**

**STIPENDS,  
ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

**INTERNSHIP AT WORK**

**GRANTS,  
PRACTICAL PROJECTS**

# STIPENDS

State Academic  
Scholarship

**1 894 rub/month  
automatic**

Increased State  
Academic Scholarship

**5 000-20 000 rub/month  
application in LMS**

Partner and Fund  
Scholarships

Scholarship of the Lukoil Fund  
Vladimir Potanin Fund  
Scholarship Programme

**2 500 - 50 000 rub/month  
application at website**

Financial aid

**Russians:  
1 200 - 10 000 rub/month  
application at office**

**Foreign students**

Scholarships for  
Outstanding Academic  
Achievements

Scholarships named after  
famous and outstanding  
scholars  
Silver Nestling

**10 000 - 20 000 rub/month  
Faculty applies documents**

Endowment Fund  
Scholarship

**50 000 rub/month  
application at website**

# MASTER'S-PHD TRACK

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- Special HSE's support programme for students aimed to build an academic track
- **Deadline:** in the **middle of September**
- **Stipend:**
  - 50 000 rub/month in Master's
  - 70 000 rub/month in PhD
- **Returning of stipend:** only in PhD programme if you did not defend your thesis by the end of the third (the final) year
- **Obligation:** to publish one or two papers in peer-reviewed journals
- **More info** in Russian:  
<https://aspirantura.hse.ru/mastersphd2023>

# PROGRAMME CURRICULUM 2024/25

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## METHODS

“R” & Statistics

Qualitative Data Collection

Big-Data

Multi-level Regressions

Methods in Comparative  
and Historical Sociology

Measurement Theory and  
Questionnaire Design

Time in Social Sciences



## THEORY

Approaches to Comparative  
Social Research

National Identity and Belonging



## RESEARCH PREPARATION

Research Projects

Research Seminars:

- Craft of Comparisons
- Skills and Principles of Academic and Research Profession
- Academic Style in Science and Research

# RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Length is 3 months
- Real research
- One or several different projects
- In HSE or outside
- Anywhere in Russia
- Anywhere abroad







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**



UNIVERSITÄT BERN



UPPSALA UNIVERSITET



**Academia abroad**

Graduate Schools

**International job market**

NonGov Organizations



University of Manitoba



**THE WORLD BANK**



# STUDENT'S ACADEMIC LIFE



**ТИМУР  
СЛАВГОРОДСКИЙ-КАЗАНЕЦ**

Исследования видеоигр:  
как сюжет воздействует на  
политические взгляды человека  
в виртуальном мире?

**15 НОЯБРЯ  
19:00**



# ACADEMIC MOBILITY



## London became my friend - about mobility program at King's College London (KCL)

Alina Golubeva, 2nd year student of the Bachelor's program "Marketing and Market Analytics" - about her participation in the mobility program at King's College London (KCL)

Education ideas & experience students  
Reporting an event international cooperation  
bachelor's programmes King's College London (KCL)

September 01



## My Spring Semester in Sorbonne

Alice Fanyan, a third year student of the World Economy program at the Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, shared her experience of studying at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and living in the French capital.

ideas & experience students Reporting an event  
international cooperation bachelor's programmes  
University Paris 1, Pantheon-Sorbonne

August 30

## Exchange semester at the University of Bologna

Anna Rusinova, a 2nd-year student of the Master program "Cognitive Sciences and Technologies: From Neuron to Cognition" and a participant of the exchange program with the support of the Endowment Fund scholarship, spoke about her experience of studying and living at the University of Bologna.

ideas & experience students Reporting an event  
international cooperation master's programmes  
University of Bologna

August 28



## Emotions received during my exchange semester at the University of Oslo will never be forgotten

Elina Sigdel, a 2nd-year student of the master program "Computer Linguistics" and a participant of the exchange program with the support of the Endowment Fund scholarship, spoke about her experience of studying at the University of Oslo and living in Norway.

Education ideas & experience students  
Reporting an event international cooperation  
master's programmes University of Oslo

August 29

## Application Call for Study Abroad Programmes Is Open

From August 22 to September 21 you can apply for exchange programmes in Spring Semester 2023 under university-wide agreements

August 22



## "When the dream about Venice came true" - about exchange studies in Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**HSE's**  
**partners**

- Student Exchange Opportunities
- Summer & winter schools
- Travel Grants of our Faculty

Armenia

Brazil

China

Croatia

Germany

Hungary

Indonesia

Israel

Italy

Japan

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan

Mexico

Morocco

South Korea

Thailand

Vietnam

# CSR SOCIAL LIFE



# STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES



[Students' handbook](#)  
[For First-Year Students](#)  
[Support of international students](#)

[Students' expeditions](#) [Opening Russia](#)  
[Student Initiative Support Centre](#)  
[Студсовет](#)

# 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

# PORTFOLIO APPLICATION

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



# PORTFOLIO APPLICATION

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Criteria	Maximum points
Diploma of BA or equivalent/ official transcript	10
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.	10
Certificates/other certificates confirming knowledge of a foreign language	10
Total	100



# ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

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- Applicants who gained 30 points inclusive or more for the above portfolio elements will be invited to an online interview.
- The interview will not be evaluated, but it serves as a way of confirming the interests, skills, achievements and the level of proficiency in English.

Check your English: if you understand more than 70% of material, your listening skills are enough for studying in English

<https://youtu.be/F8pHclxqmxU>



# STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTERESTS AND METHODS

## KNOWLEDGE (ENG)

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**Essay – comparative angle!** (600-1000 words):

- **Introduction:** research statement, research questions/hypotheses, relevance and novelty of the study
- **Theoretical part:** overview of theoretical approaches, explanation of terms, conceptualization of concepts
- **Empirical/creative part:** rationale for choosing an approach; methodological innovations; description of study stages; discussion of results
- **Conclusion:** summary of the study
- **References (APA)**

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENROLLMENT (RUSSIAN STUDENTS)

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- Дни открытых дверей <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/>
- 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/)

# FAST TRACKS/ ADDITIONAL POINTS

## Olympiad "Higher League"

- Winners with diplomas of all levels and medals in sociological directions, as well as in the field of "Mathematical methods in Sociology" – 100 points for portfolio
- Read more: <https://ma.hse.ru/profes>
- Participation in the "Higher League" in any sociological direction and in the direction of "Mathematical methods in Sociology" without victory – 10 points

## Olympiad "I am a professional"

- Winners in sociological directions – 100 points for portfolio
- Winners in sociological directions without victory – 10 points

## Competition "Your Project"

- Winners in CSR direction (1st-3rd place) – 100 points for portfolio
- Winners without a place in CSR and other sociological directions – 15 points
- CSR and other sociological directions without victory – 10 points

## NIRS competition

- Winners in sociological directions (1st-3rd place) – 100 points for portfolio
- Winners in other directions (1st-3rd place) – increasing coefficient x2 for essay, motivational letter and CV
- Laureates in any direction – 15 points
- Participation without victory – 10 points

## Early Invitation Competition

- Invitation from CSR – 100 points
- Participation without invitation from CSR – 10 points

## Winter School of the Faculty of Social Sciences

- Victory in competitions in CSR direction – 15 points
- Participation in the school – 10 points

## Open Doors Days

- Participation in one Open Doors Day of CSR - 5 points

# OUR CONTACTS

Program website:

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



Telegram:

[t.me/csr2025](https://t.me/csr2025)



VK:

[vk.com/csrhse](https://vk.com/csrhse)



**BONUS TRACK**

# ПОДГОТОВКА ПОРТФОЛИО: 5 СОВЕТОВ



## 5 СОВЕТОВ ПРИ ПОДГОТОВКЕ ПОРТФОЛИО



**ЕКАТЕРИНА  
МИТРОФАНОВА**

*Академический руководитель  
магистерской программы  
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исследования»*

# 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