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As the role of integration associations increases, new cooperation formats arise globally. As an intercontinental network of the World Majority, the Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP) brings together EAEU, SCO, BRICS, ASEAN and countries from Africa, Middle East and Latin America to serve the development interests of all.

Harmonization and confluence of regional integration projects require a substantive dialogue on education and scientific issues - the driving force behind the economic growth of GEP participants. Despite enormous human capital potential and quality research facilities, comprehensive progress of these countries depends on overcoming common economic and digital challenges.

In this context, within the framework of the Russian EAEU Chairmanship in 2023, HSE University is holding the [Educational Forum of the Greater Eurasian Partnership](#) with the support of the [Eurasian Economic Commission](#). The Forum aims to link the strategies and initiatives of GEP participants in education, research and technology to form a unified space for socio-humanitarian cooperation in Greater Eurasia. It provides a platform to propose top-notch ideas and elaborate respective solutions to today's most pressing socio-humanitarian challenges globally.

PROGRAMME

12:00 – 13:00 Registration and welcome coffee

13:00 – 13:30 **Opening**

— Vadim Radaev, First Vice Rector, HSE University

— Alexei Overchuk, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation (welcome speech)

— Mikhail Myasnikov, Chairman of the Board, Eurasian Economic Commission (welcome speech)

— Stepan Kalmykov, Academician, Vice President, Russian Academy of Sciences

— Pavel Shevtsov, Deputy Head of Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo)

Moderator: Victoria Panova, Vice Rector, HSE University

13:30 – 15:00 **Plenary Session “Academic Bridges Across Civilizations: Towards a Greater Eurasia”**

The Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP) integrates some of the most populated countries in the world — members of EAEU, BRICS, SCO, ASEAN and countries in Africa, Middle East and Latin America. All together, these states represent the World Majority, accounting for more than 85% of the global population. The trend of a comprehensive integration of the World Majority has been intensifying, as proven by the recent geographic expansion of BRICS.

Since 2000, certain GEP participants have almost doubled their output of scientific publications, while BRICS overtook the EU and the US in total number of articles in Scopus-indexed journals. With science and education as drivers behind intensive economic growth, enhanced cooperation in these spheres may drastically improve the living standards within the GEP. At the same time, a substantial room exists for further improvement in the quality and scope of humanitarian cooperation within Greater Eurasia, including academic partnerships, multilateral mega-science and R&D projects.

How can humanitarian cooperation be intensified within GEP economies in order to build effective models that would both be beneficial for all and meet national interests? How can integration processes contribute to enhancing the human capital potential of GEP participants? How can the positive effects be maximized from cooperation efforts in education and science on the growth of GEP economies? How can academic cooperation contribute to building knowledge economies within Greater Eurasia? What can be done to enhance the self-sustainability of science

and education in Greater Eurasia?

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Speakers:

- Adjima Thiombiano, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation of Burkina Faso
- Issa H. Al Ansari, President, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (Saudi Arabia)
- Roberto Medronho, Rector, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- Denis Fomin-Nilov, Acting Rector, Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (Kyrgyzstan)
- Elmurod Hoshimov, Rector, Banking and Finance Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)

15:00 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 17:00 **Plenary Session “A Common Greater Eurasian Intellectual Space: Partnership in Education and Science”**

The idea of creating a common Greater Eurasian intellectual space appeared back in 1980s and took shape with the establishment of the Eurasian University Association in 1992. To date, the concept of Greater Eurasia has significantly evolved, encompassing all countries of the World Majority. Hence, the scope of a common intellectual space has scaled up to truly global levels, and so have resulting cooperation opportunities.

A common Greater Eurasian intellectual space would broaden the horizon to a major boost for each economy of the Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP). Free flow of students and academics, network universities and associations, joint research projects, educational and scientific platforms are only a part of the advantages to build a common space. Uniting educational and scientific potentials of GEP economies can create benefits that would go far beyond humanitarian aspects and significantly contribute to the development of national and global economies. Despite the wide resource base and intellectual potential of GEP economies, the level of cooperation remains limited and not yet inclusive for all countries of the World Majority.

What international institutions can be enhanced or created in Greater Eurasia to encourage the development of education, science and technology in the interest of the World Majority? How effective academic exchange programmes can be built among GEP states? How can cooperation of academic institutions be intensified within the GEP?

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Speakers:

- Marat Berdyev, Ambassador-at-large of the Russian Foreign Ministry, G20 Sous-Sherpa of Russia

- Guo Fengzhi, Secretary-General, Guangdong CIS Alliance for International Science and Technology Cooperation (China)
- Rajendra Singh Yadav, Major General (Retd), former Vice-Chancellor, Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institution of India (India)
- Yury Golubev, Rector, Brest State A.S. Pushkin University (Belarus)
- Daniil Bisslinger, Deputy Head of the Department for Multilateral International Cooperation of the Presidential Foreign Policy Directorate; Head of International Affairs, World Youth Festival

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – 19:00 **Plenary Session “A University’s Contribution to Digital Transformation: How to Keep Abreast of the Latest Trends?”**

The increasing relevance and popularity of IT knowledge and skills is no longer a novelty. Digital technologies are used throughout various disciplines, from engineering and medicine to business and finance. IT technologies have already revolutionized entire spheres: for example, machine learning is now an essential part of marketing. According to the consulting company UnivDatos, the global market of digital transformation is expected to grow at 16.1% annually and reach a volume of 3.7 trillion US dollars by 2026. As a consequence, IT knowledge and skills are in demand like they have never been before. The role of universities is crucial: they should serve both as effective training centres, providing future workforce with adequate IT training and idea hubs developing new digital solutions and technologies. Importantly, universities should keep up with the times, develop digital skills and adjust all of its academic programmes, IT and non-IT alike, to the needs of the digital future. This task can be quite difficult, as sometimes, there is no clear vision on how to integrate IT features into traditional programmes and what areas of IT knowledge can contribute to a particular discipline. Consequently, current markets of higher education can be partially inconsistent in regards to the demands of a modern economy.

How can traditional academic programmes be adapted to the needs of IT transformation? How can cooperation between universities and IT firms be enhanced? How can we identify IT knowledge needed in other academic disciplines? What traditional fields of study have the greatest demand for IT solutions and technologies? Are there any limits in embracing IT?

Moderator: Sergey Roshchin, Vice Rector, HSE University

Speakers:

- Askar Khikmetov, Chairman of the Board – Rector, International University of Information Technology (Kazakhstan)
- Iskander Bariev, First Vice-Rector - Deputy Director, Innopolis University

- Anastasia Kazantseva, Deputy Director, Department of Digital Competence Development and Education, Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation
- Evgeny Sokolov, Head, Big Data and Information Retrieval School, HSE University

19:00 – 21:00 Reception