



Department of Comparative Political Studies
North-West Institute of Management RANEPA

First Annual International Conference on Public Policy Public Policy in the Post-Soviet Context: Institutions, Ideas and Societies



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30-31 March 2018





The conference *Public Policy in the Post-Soviet Context: Institutions, Ideas, Societies* explores the social, institutional and ideological factors of public policy-making in the post-Soviet states. Public policies in the post-Soviet context often have unintended and undesirable consequences. This is due to the weakness of democratic institutions, ineffective bureaucracies and the influence of powerful rent-seeking actors. At the same time, these structural limitations are manifested to a different extent in different post-Soviet states. Furthermore, some policies ultimately prove to be successful. Such examples deserve particular attention as they can lead to productive academic and expert discussions. The conference will provide an international and an interdisciplinary space for such discussions.



Conference program

30 March 2018

Working languages:
English and Russian

9:30 – 10:15 Registration / welcome coffee

10:15 – 10:45 Opening of the conference

Vladimir Shamakhov (Director of the North-West Institute of Management RANEPa)

Maria Nozhenko (Senior research fellow at the Department of Comparative Political Studies NWIM RANEPa)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Round table

Public Policy as an Educational Program and Mode of Governance

Participants: Leonid Smorgunov (St Petersburg State University), Grigory Tulchinsky (Higher School of Economics), Robin Lewis (RANEPa) and Dmitry Yalov (Vice-governor of the Leningrad region)

Moderator: Evgeny Roshchin (RANEPa)

The roundtable will aim to discuss the understanding and implementation of public policy in Russia. We invited the representatives of three leading schools in St Petersburg to present and discuss their vision of public policy as a subject of study and research. The round table will seek to identify the areas of agreement and disagreement in the understanding of public policy among academics and practitioners. Furthermore, it will touch upon the difference between a traditional concept of public administration and public policy to emphasize the increasing significance of the latter in modern government. The vice-governor Dmitry Yalov will offer his comments on the idea of public policy and the vision of how it could be utilized in policy-making.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



14:00 – 15:30 **Keynote lecture by Robin Lewis (RANEPa)**
Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Public Policy and Governance

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its associated technologies offer enormous promise for future economic and social development, but also raise difficult ethical and public policy issues that are not easily resolved. Stakeholders ranging from citizens to private companies to governments are all struggling with how to understand the possible benefits and the potential risks involved with deploying these technologies in all spheres of political, social, and economic life. This talk will explore the fast-changing evolution of AI and its meaning for the future of human societies around the world.

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

13:30 – 14:30 **Round table**
Stakeholders and Rules of the Game: Who Makes Public Policy in Russia?

Participants: Angelina Davydova (Bureau for environmental information), Oleg Pachenkov (EUSPb / “Your budget”: participatory budgeting), Fedor Gavrilov (Foresight RBC St Petersburg) and Irina Busygina (HSE)

Moderator: Maria Nozhenko (RANEPa)

The roundtable will focus on key stakeholders in the context of Russian public policy-making and the emerging rules of the game. It will also seek to identify the issues over which the perspectives of academics and practitioners may clash. One of the central themes will be the specificity of public policy-making across the Post-Soviet space.

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10:00 – 11:30 **Public Policy:**
Social Dimension-1

Domestic NGOs and the Policy-making Process in Russia: the Case of Child Welfare Reform
 Eleanor Bindman (University of Liverpool, UK)
 Elena Bogdanova (CISR, RANEPa)

Public Policy:
Economic Dimension-1

Business-State Relations in Moldova Since 2013
 Daria Gerashchenko (EUSP)





Global Inequality and Policy Mutations in the Periphery: the Case of Ukrainian Reforms in Higher Education
Viktoriiia Muliavka (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Large Business in Putin's Russia: Old and New Sources of Power
Ilya Matveev (RANEPA)

Impact of Interest Groups on Institutional Inertia: the Case of Social Protection of People with Disabilities
Aleksandr Bugrovskii (HSE)

Depopulation as a Technical Problem: The Study of Rotational Work in the Russian Far East
Natalia Ryzhova (Economic Research Institute)

Discussant: Elena Belokurova (RANEPA)

Discussant: Yurii Medvedev (RANEPA)

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Public Policy: Political Dimension

Public Policy: Economic Dimension-2

Regional Variations of Service Provision Reform in Russia: Political, Economic and Bureaucratic Explanations
Anna Tarasenko (Aleksanteri Institute, HSE)

Public Perception of the Eurasian Integration as an Instrument for the Public Policy
Vladimir Pereboev (Eurasian Development Bank)

Political Factors of Policy Dynamics: Russian Reforms of Public Administration, Healthcare and Education in the 2000s.
Daniil Tiniakov (HSE)

The Role of the World Bank in Social Policy Making in Latvia
Olga Rajevska (University of Latvia)

Good Governance under Bad Circumstances: Why Do Some Russian Governors Rule Successfully?
Andrey Starodubtsev (Aleksanteri Institute, HSE)

The Role of the World Bank in Migration Policy-making in Russia
Anna Prokhorova (EUSP)

Discussant: Yurii Agafonov (RANEPA)

Discussant: Pavel Usanov (RANEPA)





13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Round table
Place of Gender in the Contemporary Russian Public Policy

Speakers:

Anna Temkina (EUSP)

Elena Bogdanova (CISR, RANEPa)

Natalia Zhidkova (RANEPa)

Irina Grigorieva (St Petersburg

State University)

Marianna Muravyeva (University of Helsinki)

Moderator: Yulia Zelikova (RANEPa)

Public Policy: Social Dimension-2

Public Participation in Urban Planning and Development in Russia: Civil Society or Authoritarian Deliberation? Theoretical discussion
Dmitry Goncharov (HSE)
Alexandra Kozlova (HSE)

Engagement of People with Functional Variation in Local Political Processes

Anna Zamaraeva (UMET)

Evgenia Likhovtseva (Trinity College Dublin)

Territorial Basis for Public Participation in Urban Planning
Elena Tselistscheva (Ministry of Economics of the Sverdlovsk region)

Forms of Public Involvement in the Decision-Making Process on Urban Development Issues in St. Petersburg

Inessa Tarusina (RANEPa)

Discussant: Svetlana Tulaeva (RANEPa)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 17:40 Presentation of the *Public Policy* journal by Grigory Tulchinsky (HSE) and Alexander Balayan (HSE)

17:40 Concluding remarks





Department of Comparative Political Studies

The Department of Comparative Political Studies was founded in 2012. Its goal is to prepare highly trained professionals: analysts, researchers and public servants able to meet competition on the Russian and European job markets.

The Department provides an undergraduate education in political science as well as an opportunity to learn new languages (English, French, German). It ranks in the top ten political science departments in Russia.

The Department has an English-language program Global Studies in Russia and exchanges students with elite European social sciences institutions (Sciences Po Paris, Sciences Po Bordeaux, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München). Its alumni study in top graduate schools in Russia and abroad (MSU, HSE, EUSP, CEU).

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