



HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

Master's Program

**POLITICS.
ECONOMICS.
PHILOSOPHY.**

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On PPE/PEP programmes

The first 'Philosophy, Politics, Economics' (PPE) programme at the undergraduate level was introduced at Oxford in the 1920s as an update of classical educational programmes called 'the Classics' or 'the Greats', which were well known for their emphasis on ancient history, classical philosophy and languages. The PPE programme was presented as 'Modern Classics', or 'the Modern Greats', and was initially intended for young people seeking to enter the public service. For them, 'the Classics' were considered obsolete and unable to deliver the knowledge and skills necessary for public service in a modern state.

Oxford PPEs became an important source for replenishing British and international political elites. Among their notable graduates are the current UK prime minister David Cameron; the current leader of the opposition Ed Miliband; former UK premiers Harold Wilson and Edward Heath; the current Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbott; outstanding political and military leaders from other countries, such as Zulfikar and Benazir Bhutto, Solomon Bandaranaike, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, and Wesley Clark; as well as famous social thinkers, such as Isaiah Berlin, Roy Bhaskar, Guido Calabresi, and many influential journalists and business leaders.

Following the Oxford model, many universities in the UK have launched their own PPE programmes (*York, Warwick, Manchester, Lancaster, Durham etc.*). Likewise, some prestigious U.S. universities, such as Yale ('Ethics, Politics and Economics'), Carnegie Mellon and others have done the same. In recent years, this trend has spread to continental Europe, especially Germany (*Hamburg, Witten, Konstanz, etc.*), Italy (*LUISS, Rome*), and elsewhere: *China, Japan, Australia, South Africa, Israel, Turkey, etc.*

In the UK, Master's programmes of the PPE/PEP ("Politics-Economics-Philosophy") type are currently offered at the London School of Economics and University College London, as well as the Universities of York, Essex, Edinburgh and others; in Germany at Witten/Herdecke and Bayreuth Universities in Hamburg; in the Netherlands at Erasmus (Rotterdam) and Leiden Universities; and in Switzerland at Bern and Basel Universities. In the U.S., a similar programme has opened at Duke University. Holding the seventh (1st in the UK) position in The Times Higher Education 100 Under 50 world ranking, i.e. among "younger" universities under 50, York University plays a leading role among PPE Master's programmes.

PPE/PEP programmes provide advanced training in the core disciplines of political science, economics and philosophy, enriching opportunities for its graduates to choose educational and professional tracks in the future and preparing them for jobs requiring a broad outlook and the ability to work in an interdisciplinary environment. The qualities and skills of PPE graduates are needed in such fields as political and socio-economic forecasting, analytical support for policy decision-making, institutional design, assessment of new social phenomena in emerging knowledge-based societies and new trends in the social sciences.

Courses

Adaptation courses (2 of 3):

- Basics of Political Science
- Basics of Economics
- Mathematics

Core courses:

- Contemporary Political Science
- Theory & Methodology in Political Science and Economics
- Intellectual History
- Data Analysis in the Social Sciences

Special courses:

- Economics
 - Comparative Economic Systems
 - State and Economy
 - Global Governance and Strategies of Economic Development
- Politics
 - Social Change
 - Institutions and Practices in Russian Politics: Comparative Analysis
 - Regional Studies in Comparative Perspective: Russia & the World
- Philosophy
 - Political Ethics and Social Justice
 - Contemporary Analytical Philosophy
 - Philosophy of New Social Movements
- Research tools
 - Political Forecasting and Risk Analysis
- Interdisciplinary research seminar

Faculty

- Tenured professor **Vladimir Avtonomov**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Tenured professor **Oleg Ananyin**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Tenured professor **Alexander Filippov**,
HSE, Faculty of Humanities
- Tenured professor **Leonid Grigoriev**,
HSE, Faculty of International Relations
- Tenured professor **Michael Ilyin**,
HSE, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Tenured professor **Svetlana Seregina**,
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- Professor **Andrey Melville**,
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- Professor **Andrey Ahremenko**,
HSE, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Professor **Boris Kashnikov**,
HSE, Faculty of Humanities
- Professor **Polina Kruchkova**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Professor **Boris Makarenko**,
Center of Political Technologies, Chairman
- Professor **Natalia Makasheva**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Professor **Leonid Polishchuk**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Professor **Georgy Satarov**,
Foundation "INDEM", President
- Assistant professor **Georgy Chernavin**,
PhD, HSE, Faculty of Humanities
- Assistant professor **Alexander Karpov**,
HSE, Faculty of Economics
- Assistant professor **Artemy Magun**,
European University, Saint-Petersburg
- Assistant professor **Michael Mironiuk**,
HSE, Faculty of Social Sciences

Partners

The 'Politics. Economics. Philosophy' Master's programme positions itself as a part of the emerging international university network of PPE/PEP programmes. Participation in such a network is intended to facilitate student and teacher exchanges, internship programmes, etc. Opportunities for student exchanges are already available under the partnership agreement between the Higher School of Economics and Witten/Herdecke University in Germany.

What jobs for graduates?

The most immediate field where graduates can apply their skills is that of political expertise and organization: analytical support for decision-making in governmental agencies, political parties, NGOs and businesses. Another option is think tanks and research centres, especially those that are focused on interdisciplinary problems of institutional reform and social policy. Extended training of graduates allows them to prepare and initiate strategic decisions and take a leading role in their implementation, thus making them competitive for key positions where joint competences from politics, economics and philosophy are most relevant.

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PEP at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow

The Master's programme is led by a unified 'troika' of disciplines: political science, economics and philosophy. This is no coincidence. Along with the trend towards deeper specialization and pragmatism strongly represented in current higher education systems, the opposite countervailing trend towards knowledge integration is no less evident and tends to strengthen over time. This trend is fuelled by the understanding that important breakthroughs in the social sciences and humanities are often achieved at interdisciplinary crossings, and that divided disciplinary knowledge is unfit to face most challenges presented by the contemporary world. Demand for specialists capable of strategic thinking, prepared to cope with complex problems, and trained to work within interdisciplinary and/or international teams is becoming more and more imperative. A widening network of the programmes developing the pattern and purpose of Oxford PPEs 'Philosophy, Politics and Economics', or alternatively 'Politics, Economics and Philosophy' is an educational response to such social demand.

This very approach is at the basis of the **new innovative interdisciplinary Master's program "Politics. Economics. Philosophy" (PEP)** launched at the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" in Moscow:

- **Area of study** – 41.04.04. Political Science
- **Degree** – Master of Political Science
- **Language** – English
- **Location** – Moscow
- **Duration and mode of study** – 2-year full-time programme
- **Tuition waivers** – State-funded places (for citizens) and waiver options (for foreigners) are available

Entry opportunities:

- through the HSE Olympiad for students and graduates (for the winners)
- through entry procedures including:
 - a pass/fail exam in English (or language proficiency certificate)
 - portfolio-based admission

Academic Council

Interdisciplinary nature of the PEP program is granted by its faculty recruited from four leading departments of the National Research University "Higher School of Economics": **School of Political Science, Faculty of Economics, School of Philosophy, and School of World Economy**, all represented in the Academic Council of the program:

Oleg Ananyin,

tenured professor, Department of Theoretical Economics, Head of the program, Member of the Council of the *"European Society of the History of Economic Thought"* (ESHET) and of the editorial board of *"SCEME Studies in Economic Methodology series"* (Pickering & Chatto).

Michael Ilyin,

tenured professor, School of Political Science, Head of the PhD school in politics, Vice-President of *"International Political Science association"* (IPSA) in 2012-2014, Co-Editor of *"World Political Science Review"*, President of the *"Russian association of Political Science"* (1997-2001).

Vladimir Avtonomov,

tenured professor, Department of Theoretical Economics, Chairmen of the Scientific council at the Faculty of Economics, Corresponding member of the Russian academy of sciences, chief researcher of IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Alexander Filippov,

tenured professor, School of Philosophy, Head of the Centre of Fundamental Sociology, Editor-in-chief of the journal *“Социологическое обозрение”* (*“Sociological review”*).

Leonid Grigoriev,

tenured professor, Head of the School of World Economy, Chief adviser of the Analytical Centre of the Russian government, Deputy Minister of Finance of Russian Federation (1992-93)

Andrey Melville,

professor, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Honorary scientific worker of Russia, Member of *“World International Studies Committee”*, and of the editorial boards of *“American Political Science Review”* and *“Journal of International Relations and Development”*, Professor in the *“Stanford Overseas Program”* (2005-2007).

The outline of the programme

The mission of our PEP programme is to provide an opportunity for a cohort of bright, ambitious and motivated students to master two basic areas – economics and political science – as well as to broaden their philosophical outlook, develop critical thinking and social communication skills, and enhance their social and academic capital.

The PEP programme is designed for those graduates of undergraduate programmes of participating faculties at HSE and other leading universities who aspire to strengthen their intellectual capacity and acquire additional skills, or to master new professional and career tracks. It is intended to provide new opportunities for the most talented young people motivated to absorb new ideas, tools, and techniques developed in the social sciences. It is open either to the graduates with a solid background in quantitative methods

(mathematics, econometrics, computer modelling, etc.) striving to apply them to the most pressing social and economic problems, as well as to young philosophers and social theorists concerned with gaps and controversies in contemporary social sciences.

The programme offers two professional career tracks for its students:

- Experts and consultants in the field of strategic decision-making in either public bodies or non-governmental organizations (government, ministries, political parties, PR agencies, business analytical centres, NGOs, etc.)
- Analysts, researchers and teachers in academia who are motivated to continue their studies in PhD programmes at leading universities in Russia and abroad.

What is the target group of the programme?

The PEP programme is designed for people who are not satisfied with too narrow specialization in their undergraduate training and who are ambitious enough to expect more from their future. We are looking for bright graduates from leading Russian and foreign universities with wide interests who are ready to be at the forefront of events, either in politics or social sciences. We welcome – among others – graduates from undergraduate programmes of participating faculties at the Higher School of Economics aspiring to strengthen their intellectual outlook and capacity, acquire additional skills, or master new professional and career tracks. The programme is also open to those with a solid background in quantitative methods (mathematics, econometrics, computer modelling, etc) who wish to apply them to the most pressing social and economic problems, and to young philosophers and social theorists concerned with the gaps and controversies in contemporary social science.

Uniqueness and the advantages of the programme

The PEP programme is designed to master tools that address not only standard tasks characteristic of most social science programmes, but also the approaches applied in the goal-setting activities, implying analyses of values and harmonizing interests in social and economic classes or groups.

Graduates of the PEP Master's programme acquire knowledge and skills to govern social processes, i.e., to design and implement strategic political projects beyond or 'above' routine management. Their potential can be applied in strategic planning, political forecasting and programming, and modelling political and social processes. Their professional capacity is based not only upon specific analytical methods (which is an essential prerequisite), but also on their broad intellectual outlook and comprehensive understanding of social processes. This is achieved through philosophical courses, training in critical thinking and social communication, and interdisciplinary cooperation. Due to these qualities they can count on professional and career advancement that allows them to achieve leading positions in political structures and business corporations.

When choosing an academic career, PEP graduates will have a comparative advantage in the research fields at the intersection of scientific disciplines where deep knowledge of philosophy and methodology of science is a crucial prerequisite. It is these very fields from which new scientific ideas usually originate and where the most pressing problems of contemporary societies can be reasonably tackled and resolved.



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