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RESEARCH AREAS AND SUB-FIELDS

- (a) *Social Theory and Cultural Sociology*: Emotion, cognition, culture, and action. Enchantment. Mystery and modernity. The sacred and Durkheim. Temporality and narrative.
- (b) *Inequality and education*: Culture and inequality. Narrative and cognition in trajectories.

EDUCATION

2003-2012: PhD in Sociology, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

2002-2003: MA in Sociology, joint degree by the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences and the University of Manchester, Department of Sociology

1994-2000: MSc in Physics, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Physics, Department of General Physics and Wave Processes

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current

- 2025 on Co-Director of the Modernity Seminar and Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, the University of Virginia
- 2021 on Professor, Higher School of Economics, Russia (*on extended leave*)
- 2010 on Faculty Fellow at the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale University (*an honorary appointment*)

Previous

- 2025 (Spring) Acting Associate Director of the Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2023-2025 Visiting Professor of Sociology at the Department of Sociology, Yale University
- 2012-2026 Lead Research Fellow, the Center for Fundamental Sociology, Higher School of Economics
- 2022-2023 Visiting Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento
- 2021-2023 Director (founding), Moscow Centre for Cultural Sociology, Higher School of Economics

2014-2021	Director, Center for Cultural Sociology and Anthropology of Education, Higher School of Economics
2012-2015	Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, Higher School of Economics
2007-2013	Founder and head of the Cultural Sociology Research Group at the Center for Fundamental Sociology, Higher School of Economics
2007-2012	Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow, the Center for Fundamental Sociology, Higher School of Economics
2006-2012	Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, School of Philosophy, Higher School of Economics
2008-2009	Lecturer, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University)
2006-2008	Senior Research Fellow, Center for Human Resources Research, Academy of National Economy of the Government of the Russian Federation
2005-2012	Lecturer, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Moscow, Russia
2005-2010	Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences

CITATIONS

I have 2939 citations listed on Google Scholar, h=25, i10=42 (as of February 14th, 2025)

PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH (publications in Russian below)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2025. “Emotions in Meaning-Making: Toward a Sociological Theory of Cathexis.” *Sociological Forum*.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2025. “Narratives we live by: sequentiality and timeliness in temporal structuring of action.” *Theory and Society*. Vol. 54. Issue 4. P. 579–608.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2024. “Cathectic mechanisms of cosmetic surgery: operation and recovery as a ritual-like process.” *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. Vol. 54. No. 4. P. 448–468.

Kislitsyn, Dmitry, Peter Meylaks, Dmitry Schapov, **Dmitry Kurakin** and Ekaterina Alexandrova. 2024. “Moral values and vaccination behavior in Russia during the COVID-19 pandemic.” *Preventive Medicine*. P. 1-21.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2020. “Culture and Cognition: The Durkheimian principle of *sui generis* synthesis vs. cognitive-based models of culture.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. Vol. 8. No. 1. P. 63-89.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2019. “The cultural mechanics of mystery: structures of emotional attraction in competing interpretations of the Dyatlov pass tragedy.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. 2019. Vol. 7. No. 1. P. 101-127.

Binder, Werner, and **Dmitry Kurakin.** 2019. “Biography and Form of Life. Toward a Cultural Analysis of Narrative Interviews.” *Sociologia*. Vol. 51. No. 6. P. 563-583.

Yastrebov, Gordey, Yuliya Kosyakova, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2018. "Slipping Past the Test: Heterogeneous Effects of Social Background in the Context of Inconsistent Selection Mechanisms in Higher Education." *Sociology of Education*. Vol. 91. No. 3. P. 224-241.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2017. "The Sociology of Culture in the Soviet Union and Russia: The Missed Turn." *Cultural Sociology*. Vol. 11. No. 4. P. 394-415.

Bessudnov, Alexey, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Valeriya Malik. 2017. "The Myth about Universal Higher Education: Russia in the International Context." *Educational Studies Moscow*. № 3. P. 83-109.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2015. "Reassembling the ambiguity of the sacred: A neglected inconsistency in readings of Durkheim." *Journal of Classical Sociology*. Vol. 15. No. 4. P. 377-395.

Kosyakova, Yuliya, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Hans-Peter Blossfeld. 2015. "Horizontal and Vertical Gender Segregation in Russia – Changes upon Labour Market Entry before and after the Collapse of the Soviet Regime." *European Sociological Review*. Vol. 31. No. 5. P. 573-590.

Farkhatdinov, Nail, Nadezhda Evstigneeva, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Valeriya Malik. 2015. "Patterns of Managing Secondary Schools under Reforms: Sociological Analysis Experience." *Educational Studies Moscow*. № 2. P. 196-219.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2010. "Literature as a Meaningful Life Laboratory." *Integrative Psychological and Behavioral Science*. Vol. 44. No. 3. P. 227-234.

Book Chapters

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2019. "The Sacred, Profane, Pure, Impure, and Social Energization of Culture." In: The Oxford Handbook of Cognitive Sociology, ed. by. Wayne Brekhus and Gabe Ignatow. NY: Oxford University Press. Ch. 26. P. 485-506.

Kosyakova, Yuliya, Gordey Yastrebov, Diana Yanbarisova, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2016. "The Reproduction of Social Inequality within the Russian Educational System." In: Models of Secondary Education and Social Inequality: An International Comparison. Edward Elgar Publishing. Ch. 19. P. 323-342.

Kosyakova, Yuliya, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2015. "Do Institutions Matter? Occupational Gender Segregation at Labor Market Entry in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia." In: Gender, Education and Employment: An International Comparison of School-to-Work Transitions. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing. Ch. 15. P. 304-324.

Working papers and preprints

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2014. "How Root Metaphors Structure Meaningful Life by Means of Emotions: Theory and Empirical Illustration from the Sphere of Academic Ethics." Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. Series CCS working paper 2014-08. *Working Papers in Cultural Sociology*. No. 8.

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2014. "Russian Longitudinal Panel Study of Educational and Occupational Trajectories: Building Culturally-Sensitive Research Framework." HSE University. *Series Working Papers of Institute of Education*. No. WP 01/IE/2014.

Essays in Professional Newsletters and Other Minor Publications

"Editors' Introduction," "1968 and Sociological Theory," "Theory and Culture with Dmitry Kurakin: Interview with Philip Smith," in *Theory*, ISA RC16 Winter 2018 Newsletter.

“Editors’ Introduction,” “The Best – The best book I have read not by social theorists that is really insightful about how society or culture works” in *Theory*, ISA RC16 Summer 2019 Newsletter.

“Editors’ Introduction,” “Interview with RC16 Midterm Conference Committee Csaba Szalo and Werner Binder,” in *Theory*, ISA RC16 Winter 2019 Newsletter.

Media: Occasional articles, columns, interviews, and commentaries (The New York Times; T-Brand Studio, the creative studio of the New York Times; the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation).

Work in progress

Kurakin, Dmitry and Philip Smith. (*book manuscript under revision*). 2025. “A Sociology of Mystery.” University of Chicago Press

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2025. “Mystery and Enchantment in Modernity” (*under review*)

Malacarne, Timothy and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2024. “Meaning networks in educational choice.” (*full draft*)

PUBLICATIONS IN RUSSIAN

Books

Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2013. Reality of Education: Sociological Study from Metaphor to Interpretation. Moscow, Tsentr Socialnogo Prognozirovaniya i Marketinga. *In Russian*

Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2010. The Reality of Education and Research Realities. Moscow, HSE University Press. *In Russian*

Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Yana Roshchina. 2006. Accessibility and Quality of General Education in Russia. Moscow, “Logos” Press. *In Russian*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (structured by fields)

Social Theory and Cultural Sociology

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2024. “Cathectic Mechanisms of Culture. Part 2.” *Russian Sociological Review*. Vol. 23. Issue 1. P. 9-39. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry and Ilyas Latypov. 2023. “Ecosystems of Choice: On Some Limitations of Rational Choice Theory and a Strategy for Overcoming Them.” *Journal of Economic Sociology*. Vol. 24. No. 3. P. 11-32. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2023. “Cathectic Mechanisms of Culture. Part 1.” *Russian Sociological Review*. Vol. 22. Issue 3. P. 9-52. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2019. “Academic translation is not a museum kind of work but an integral part of research.” *Research in Religious Studies/Religiovedcheskie Issledovaniya*. Vol. 19. № 1. P. 102-110. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2018. “The Elementary Forms of Religious Life: A Great Book and a Great Mystery.” *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 17. № 2. P. 115-121. *In Russian*

Ionin, Leonid, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2018. “Does Patriotism Exist in Sociology?” *Sociological Journal/Sotsiologicheskij Zhurnal*. Vol. 24. № 1. P. 114-131. *In Russian*

- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2011. "Models of the Body in Contemporary Popular and Expert Discourse: Towards a Cultural Sociological Perspective." *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoe obozrenie*. Vol. 10. № 1-2. P. 56-74. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2011. "Eluding Sacred: Ambiguity of the Sacred and its Importance for the "Strong Program" in Cultural Sociology." *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoe obozrenie*. № 3. P. 41-70. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2010. "Editor's Afterword: The Strong Program in Cultural Sociology: Commentaries on Theory, Methodology, and History." *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoe obozrenie*. Vol. 9. № 2. P. 155-178. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2009. "Public opinion survey as an "epistemology engine": cyberpunk styled sociology." *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoe obozreniye*. Vol. 8. №3. P. 92-102. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2009. "Towards a late Durkheimian Program in Cultural Sociology: The "Elementary Forms" Perception in Sociological Thought." *Sociological journal/Sotsiologicheskyy zhurnal*. №3. P. 15-28. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2006. "The two perspectives." *Monitoring of Public Opinion: Economic and Social Changes Journal (Public Opinion Monitoring)*. № 1. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2005. "Symbolic Classifications and the "Iron Cage": The Two Perspectives in Theoretical Sociology." *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 4. №1. P. 63-81. *In Russian*

Sociology of Education and Inequality

- Kurakin, Dmitry** and Tamara Kusimova. 2023. Narrative Structures of 'Escape': Progressive Narrative and Cultural Structures of Upward Mobility at an Elite Russian University. *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*. Vol. 15. Issue 3. P. 102-140. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry.** 2020. "Tragedy of Inequality: Dehumanizing 'L'Homme Total'." *Russian Sociological Review*. Vol. 20. Issue 3. P. 167-231. *In Russian*
- Malik, Valeriya, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Ekaterina Pavlenko. 2018. "Typical educational and career trajectories and motives of the students of rural vocational schools." *Monitoring of Education Markets and Organizations/Monitoring Ekonomiki Obrazovaniya*. HSE University Press Vol. 71. Issue 10. *In Russian*
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- Kosyakova, Yuliya, Gordey Yastrebov, Diana Yanbarisova, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2016. "The Reproduction of Social Inequality within the Russian Educational System." *The Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology/Zhurnal Sociologii i Socialnoy Antropologii*. Vol. XIX. № 5 (88). P. 76-97. *In Russian*
- Kosyakova, Yuliya, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2016. "Do Institutions Matter? Occupational Gender Segregation at Labor Market Entry in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia." *The Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology/Zhurnal Sociologii i Socialnoy Antropologii*. Vol. XIX. № 5 (88). P. 127-145. *In Russian*
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- Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshstain, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2012. "Analyzing Pre-Theoretical Foundations in Sociology of Education: Explication of Basic Metaphors." *Educational Studies Moscow/Voprosy Obrazovaniya*. № 4. P. 22-39. *In Russian*

- Vakhshain, Viktor, David Konstantinovskiy, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2010. "Elementary school and demands of families, communities, and state." *Narodnoye obrazovaniye*. № 5 P. 118-127. *In Russian*
- Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2008. "Sociological research in education: from metaphor to interpretation." *Educational Studies Moscow/Voprosy Obrazovaniya*. № 4. P. 17-30. *In Russian*
- Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2007. "Cross-regional analysis of development of life-long education: Study results outline." *Educational Studies Moscow/Voprosy Obrazovaniya*. № 2. P. 293-312. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry**, and Alexander Filippov. 2006. "The possibility of corporation: towards a sociological understanding of the university." *Neprikosnovenny Zapas: Debaty o Politike i Kulture*. № 47-48. *In Russian*
- Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Yana Roshchina. 2006 "Accessibility and Quality of General Education in Russia: Barriers and Opportunities." *Educational Studies Moscow/Voprosy Obrazovaniya*. № 2. P. 186-202. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry**. 2006. "Conflict of Metaphors or Rear-guard Actions of Humboldt University." *Otechestvenniye zapiski*. N.3 (30). *In Russian*

Introductions and translations

- Durkheim, Emile. 2018. The Elementary Forms of Religious Life. Translated by Valeria Zemskova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. With an Introduction by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Elementary Forms Press. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry**. 2018. "Introduction to Russian Translation of "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life". In: Emile Durkheim. The Elementary Forms of Religious Life. Translated by Valeria Zemskova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Elementary Forms Press. P. 15-48. *In Russian*
- Durkheim, Emile. 2018. "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life: Conclusion." Translated by Valeria Zemskova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 17. № 2. P. 122-154. *In Russian*
- Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2013. The Meanings of Social Life: A Cultural Sociology. Translated by Grigory Olkhovikov, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**, with an Introduction by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Moscow, "Praxis" Press. *In Russian*
- Kurakin, Dmitry**. 2013. "Sociological Grammar of Cultural Meanings: An Introduction to the Russian Translation." In: Alexander, Jeffrey C. The Meanings of Social Life: A Cultural Sociology. Translated by Grigory Olkhovikov, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Moscow, "Praxis" Press, P. 7-35. *In Russian*
- Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2012. "Watergate as Democratic Ritual." Translated by Grigory Olkhovikov, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 11, No. 3, P. 77-104. *In Russian*
- Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2012. "Cultural Trauma and Collective Identity." Translated by Grigory Olkhovikov, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Sociological Journal/Sotsiologicheskij Zhurnal*. № 3. P. 5-40. *In Russian*
- Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2010. "On the Intellectual Origins of "Strong Program". Translated by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye obozrenie*. Vol. 9. № 2. P. 5-11. *In Russian*
- Alexander, Jeffrey C., and Philip Smith. 2010. "Strong Program in Cultural Sociology." Translated by Svetlana Dzhakupova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye obozrenie*. Vol. 9. № 2. P. 11-30. *In Russian*

Smith, Philip. 2008. "Narrating the Guillotine: Punishment Technology as Myth and Symbol." Translated by Irina Tartakovskaya, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 7. № 2. P. 3-23. *In Russian*

Alexander, Jeffrey C. 2007. "Analytical Debates: Understanding the Relative Autonomy of Culture." Translated by Maria Shurova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 6. № 1. P. 17-37. *In Russian*

Douglas, Mary. 2007. "Environments at Risk." Translated by Danara Churumova, translation edited by **Dmitry Kurakin**. *Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoye Obozreniye*. Vol. 6. № 3. P. 37-48. *In Russian*

Book Chapters (structured by fields)

Social Theory and Cultural Sociology

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2022. "Human Enhancement and the Approaching of the Future." In: Human Enhancement in Changing World: Opportunities, Challenges, and Risks, ed. by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Moscow: Egitas Publishing House. P. 7-19. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2022. "Human Enhancement: Reassembling Human Ecology." In: Human Enhancement in Changing World: Opportunities, Challenges, and Risks, ed. by **Dmitry Kurakin**. Moscow: Egitas Publishing House. P. 244-251. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2014. "Order and Boundaries: Towards a cultural-sociological perspective on the analysis of singularities." In: XIV April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development: in 4 volumes. Ed. by Eugeniy Yasin. Vol. 3. Moscow, HSE University Press, P. 485-491. *In Russian*

Golman, Eugenia, and **Dmitry Kurakin**. 2012. "Boundaries and regulation in the body images: a cultural sociological analysis." In: XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development: in 4 volumes. Ed. by Eugeniy Yasin. Vol. 2. Moscow, HSE University Press. P. 475-482. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2012. "Public opinion survey as an "epistemology engine": Methodological reflections through the lens of the philosophy of technology." In: Ontologies of Artefacts: Interrelations between "Natural" and "Artificial" Components of the Lifeworld, ed. by Olga Stolyarova. Moscow, "Delo" Press. P. 311-331. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2011. "Cultural Sociology and the Concept of the Sacred in Classical and Modern Sociology." In: Paths of Russia. Future as a Culture: Forecasts, Representations, and Scenarios, ed. by Marina Pugacheva and Viktor Vakhshain. Vol. XVII. Moscow. New Literary Observer. P. 577-582. *In Russian*

Kurakin, Dmitry. 2008. "Symbolic Classifications and the "Iron Cage": The Two Perspectives in Theoretical Sociology." In: Sociological Theory: History, Contemporaneity, Future. Almanac of the Russian Sociological Review, ed. by Alexander Filippov. Saint Petersburg. P. 537-567. *In Russian*

Sociology of Education and Inequality

Kosyakova, Yuliya, **Dmitry Kurakin**, and Hans-Peter Blossfeld. 2017. "Horizontal and Vertical Gender Segregation in Russia—Changes upon Labour Market Entry before and after the Collapse of the Soviet Regime." In: Education and Social Differentiation, ed. by Martin Carnoy, Isak Froumin, and Natalia Karmaeva. Moscow, HSE University Press. Chapter 3.5. P. 310-347. *In Russian*

Konstantinovskiy, David, Viktor Vakhshain, and Dmitry Kurakin. 2008. "Access to education and regional policy." In: *Social policy in contemporary Russia*, ed. by Pavel Romanov and Elena Yarskaya-Smirnova. Moscow, "Variant" Press. *In Russian*

Working papers and preprints

Bessudnov, Alexey, **Dmitry Kurakin**, Valeriya Malik, and Diana Yanbarisova. 2014. "Newsletter of Russian Longitudinal Panel Study of Educational and Career Trajectories. The National Panel. Wave 1 (2011—2012)." HSE University. Series WP IE. *Institute of Education Academic Reports*. No. WP 02/IE/2014. *In Russian*

Essays in Professional Newsletters and Other Minor Publications

"Inequality as a predetermined choice: Rise and fall of the rational choice theory in the social sciences" in IQ.HSE (*in Russian*): <https://iq.hse.ru/news/474774462.html>

"Does sociology fit into the cognitive turn? Brain and cognition under the boundary conditions of culture" in IQ.HSE (*in Russian*): <https://iq.hse.ru/news/446641340.html>

Media: Occasional articles, columns, interviews, and commentaries in Russian national press, podcasts and web-projects, HSE University media projects, and international media (The New York Times; T-Brand Studio, the creative studio of the New York Times; the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation).

JOURNAL ARTICLE REVIEWS

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Sociology Compass, Journal of Classical Sociology, Studies in East European Thought, Journal of Political Power, Russian Sociological Review/Sotsiologicheskoe Obozrenie, Economic Sociology/Ekonomicheskaya Sotsiologiya, Educational Studies Moscow/Voprosy Obrazovaniya, The Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology/Zhurnal Sociologii i Socialnoy Antropologii, Sociological Studies/Sotsiologicheskie Issledovaniya, Sociology of Power/Sotsiologiya Vlasti, The Journal of Social Policy Studies/Zhurnal Issledovaniy Sotsialnoy Politiki.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Associate Editor, American Journal of Cultural Sociology (since 2019)
- Editor of 'Theory,' the newsletter of the International Sociological Association; RC16, Sociological Theory (2018-2022)
- Member of Editorial board, Russian Sociological Review (since 2010)
- Member of Editorial board, Sociální studia/Social Studies (since 2019)
- Member of American Sociological Association (sections: "Theory" and "Culture") (ASA)
- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA)
- Member of the Academic Council on Sociology, Great Russian Encyclopedia (2020-2022)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2022-2023 Visiting professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Research at University of Trento

2021-2022 Founder and chair of the Moscow Culture Workshop: <https://ioe.hse.ru/en/ccs/workshop>

2015, Fall Visiting scholar at Yale University

- 2013-2014 Researcher, Country coordinator, ‘eduLIFE: Education as a Lifelong Process – Comparing Educational Trajectories in Modern Societies’ project, European University Institute, Italy
- 2012-2018 Annual visiting programs at the Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2011 Visiting researcher (short-term), ‘Neo-Durkheimian approach in Sociology’ program, Yale University, Clark University, and Bentley University
- 2010 Visiting researcher (short-term), ‘Cultural sociology today: theory, research and teaching,’ Yale University and Clark University
- 2009 Academic advisor and researcher on the project ‘Monitoring of educational and professional trajectories of school graduates in Russia,’ Higher School of Economics, Russia
- 2006 Visitor, training program ‘Quality Assessment and Educational Statistics Program’, American Councils for International Education
- 2006 Visitor, ‘A Study Tour Component of the National Training Foundation’s Education Reform’ project,’ Lynch School of Education, Boston College
- 2004-2006 Researcher on the project ‘Sociological Monitoring of General Education Quality and Accessibility,’ National Training Foundation

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY (HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS)

- 2021-2024 Awardee of the mega-emolument for a distinct contribution to the global academic reputation of HSE University (one of 18 assignments among all academic disciplines)
- 2020-2023 Head of the Research Committee at the Institute of Education, Higher School of Economics
- 2020-2023 Academic supervisor of the United Inequality Studies in the Institute of Education, Higher School of Economics
- 2021-2023 Academic supervisor and editor of the Section I (“Philosophical, ethical, cultural, and socio-economic aspects of human enhancement”) of the Strategic Project on Human Enhancement (within the Initiative “Priority-2030”)
- 2012-2023 Head of Russia’s national longitudinal cohort panel study ‘Trajectories in Education and Careers’ ([TrEC](#))
- 2013-2023 Member of the Academic Council, Institute of Education, Higher School of Economics, Russia
- 2018-2019 Head of a Research Committee in the Development Program of the Institute of Education, Higher School of Economics
- 2012-2023 Head of multiple research projects funded by the Basic Research Foundation of the HSE University (roughly one project per year)
- 2018-2022 Head of multiple research projects within the Government social initiative “Ticket to the Future”
- 2012-2019 Head of multiple research projects funded by the Department of Education of Moscow

RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

- 2005-2008 Principal investigator, researcher, and coordinator on ten monitoring projects focused on developing Russia’s secondary education standards.

- 2008-2009 Principal investigator and coordinator for the project ‘Towards competence-based educational model of MGIMO University: sociological monitoring of the main stakeholders’ demands and attitudes,’ MGIMO University
- 2005-2007 Academic advisor, sociology team coordinator for the project ‘Monitoring of the Economic Value of Meteorological Information for Households,’ The World Bank
- 2006-2007 Sociology advisor for the project ‘Weather and Climate Services in Europe and Central Asia,’ The World Bank
- 2006-2007 Lead researcher and coordinator of regional teams for the project ‘Monitoring research of access to qualitative general secondary and basic vocational education,’ National Training Foundation, Russia
- 2006-2007 Sociologist for the project ‘Sociological monitoring of the high school educational system’ at the Prosveshchenie Publishing House
- 2006 Sociologist for the project ‘Monitoring of individual educational and professional trajectories of higher education graduates’ at the Academy of National Economy of the Government of the Russian Federation
- 2005-2006 Sociologist for the project ‘Research design and approbation of the monitoring of life-long learning in regions of the Russian Federation’ at the Academy of National Economy of the Government of the Russian Federation
- 2004-2005 Sociologist for the project ‘Sociological Monitoring of the Demand for Online Education Services in the Former Soviet Union Countries,’ Ministry of Science and Education, Russian Federation
- 2003 Sociologist, Analysis of Public Opinion Polls (FOM), Public Opinion Foundation
- 2003 Sociologist for the ‘Problem and Resources of Higher Liberal Education: Institutional Management – Autonomy of Departments – Professional Careers of Graduates’ project, at the Open Society Institute, Russia

TEACHING

Areas: Social theory; cultural sociology/the sociology of culture; foundation of modern social theory; mystery, culture, and modernity; history of sociology; culture, cognition, and inequality; theories of the sacred; social aspects of ecology

Universities: HSE-University, Yale University, University of Trento, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, MGIMO-University

Supervising over 30 master's, bachelor's, and PhD theses at the Higher School of Economics, the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, and the European University Institute (Florence, Italy)

CONFERENCES

Since 2004, I have given about 60 talks and keynote addresses, organized sessions and panels at international and domestic conferences, including American Sociological Association Annual Meetings (Seattle 2016, Montreal 2017, Philadelphia 2018, New York 2019, virtual ASA-2020 and ASA-2021; Montreal 2024; Chicago 2025); International Sociological Association (Toronto 2018); UVA Sociology Colloquium (2025); UVA Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture Modernity Seminar (2025); Yale Spring Conferences by the Center for Cultural Sociology (New Haven, 2011, 2012, 2014-2018, 2024, 2025), other Yale University conferences (2023, 2024); Konstanzer Meisterklassen (Konstanz, 2012-2014); Masaryk University Cultural

Sociology (Brno, 2011, 2014); Poletaev Institute conference and workshop (Moscow, 2019, 2020); International Sociological Association RC04 (Sociology of Education) mid-term conference (Moscow, 2019); Yale CCS Workshop (2010, 2015, 2024); Center for Cultural Sociology, Linnaeus University, Sweden (Växjö, 2014); Workshops and conferences at the European University Institute (Florence, 2013-2014); The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (Moscow, 2013); Workshop in University of Bamberg (Bamberg, 2013); International Memorial (Moscow, 2013); Institute of the Advanced Studies in Humanities at the Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow, 2012); Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (Moscow 2010, 2012); The “KitchenSeminar” at Clark University (Worcester 2010, 2011); ESA Sociology of Culture Research Network mid-term Conference (Milan, 2010); Kazan State University (Kazan 2010); Russian Sociological Society (Moscow, 2009); The Russian Academy of Public Administration (Moscow, 2006); Lomonosov Moscow State University (Moscow 2006); HSE University international and domestic conferences and workshops (2004—2022).