Joint Bavarian-Russian Conference on Interdisciplinary Humanities and Social Sciences
Organizers: Prof. Dr. Rudolf Schuessler, University of Bayreuth and BAYHOST (Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe)
Location: University of Bayreuth/Germany
Duration: Two full days, 7-8 June 2018 (Room tba)

Among other current approaches to integrating humanities and social sciences, the intersection of the disciplines philosophy, economics, and political science forms an area of steadily growing academic interest. It has become apparent that economic and political issues in international relations can hardly be separated in practice. The importance of discourses of justice for both fields also brings philosophy into play. On an educational level, the seminal nexus of these three disciplines is documented by the many ‘Philosophy, Politics, and Economics’ (PPE) courses of study which have arisen in the Anglo-American world. Bayreuth’s ‘Philosophy and Economics’ course is one of the frontrunners of this development in German academia (politics being informally, if not formally present in its curriculum and research), and the HSE Moscow are one of its foremost Russian practitioners. Moreover, further universities from Germany and Russia develop or have developed a similar interest in the intersection between humanities and social sciences. We now want to stimulate discussion and cooperation on the PPE intersection and other interdisciplinary crossovers between humanities and the social sciences with other Bavarian and Russian universities. A two-day conference in Bayreuth will be a prime occasion to present the state of the art in this respect. It will stimulate the further development of this internationally important interdisciplinary field in Bavaria and Russia. Last but not least, the conference will prepare the ground for joint projects and programmes of Bavarian and Russian universities.

Main issues raised for discussion will be:
- Presentations on Russia’s political relations to ‘the West’ and above all Germany. A typical subject would be ‘Eurasian security’;
- Presentations on issues that are relevant for the economic cooperation on Russia and Germany;
- Presentations on the history of philosophy (e.g., concerning the enlightenment) that are relevant for both countries, not least for determining their present identity.
Conference schedule

Day 1 (Politics/Philosophy)

Venue: lecture hall H 10 in building NW I (Gebäude NW I)

Intro
9:30–9:50 Gregor Berghorn (Advisor to Deutsch-Russisches Forum e.V.). Universities for the Arts and Humanities in Russia

Part 1: International Affairs

10.00–11.00 Keynote 1 (Higher School of Economics – HSE, Moscow): Boris Kashnikov. Does Justice Justify? The Normative Justification of War and Sustainable Peace

11.00–11.10 Break

11.10–11.50 Marina Kukartseva-Glaser (Diplomatic Academy of Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The Franco-German Axis of the EU and Russia

Lunch break


14.30–14.40 Coffee break


15.20–16.00 Martin Brusis (LMU Munich). Legitimation Functions and Legitimacy Resources. A Typology for the Analysis of Post-Soviet Countries

16.00–16.10 Coffee break
Part 2: History of Philosophy, German/Russian

16.10–16.50 Stefan Heßbrüggen-Walter (HSE). Russian Wolffianism and Its Importance for the History of Concepts

16.50–17.30 Wladimir Gilmanow (Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University Kaliningrad). Kant als essentieller Code für die Beseitigung von Globalgefahren

17.30–17.40 Coffee break

Podium on International Affairs

17.40–19.00 Podium: European Security Policies (4 speakers. 2x2 on podium). Are We Experiencing A New Cold War?

Day 2 (Economics and Philosophy)

Venue: lecture hall H 27 in building GW II (Gebäude GW II)

Part 2: Philosophy applied to politics and economics

9.30–10.10 Arseniy Kumankov (HSE). Moral and Political Components of Russia's Counterterrorism Policy

10.10–10.50 Vuko Andric (Bayreuth). Legitimate Borders and Problems of Secession

10.50–11.00 Break

Part 3: Economics

11.00–11.40 Jürgen Jerger (Regensburg). On the Vulnerability of International Trade Flows
11.40–12.20 Alexey Kuznetsov (Institute of World Economy and International Relations – IMEMO, Moscow). Presentation on Issues Relevant for the Economic Cooperation between Russia and Germany

Lunch break

14.20–15.00 Hartmut Egger (Bayreuth). International Trade Relations and Globalization

15.00–15.40 Anna Wolf (ifo Institute, Munich). Russian Economy – Quo Vadis?

15.40–15.50 Coffee break

Podium on economics

15.50–17.30 Podium: German/Russian economic relations (4 speakers. 2x2 on podium). How Much Do Economic Relations Mirror Political Relations?

End of conference

In order to register for the conference, please fill in the online application form.