

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM is organized and administered by the EUSP *Res Publica* research center in collaboration with *the departments of history and sociology* and *the Stasis Center for Practical Philosophy*.

We start from the premise that modern political theory should retain its original ambitious calling: to analyze reality and human problems in a long term historical context, to understand the genealogy and specificity of modern forms of political and social experience and possible future scenarios for modern societies.

The modern world is changing quickly, and forms of knowledge are changing along with it. The most interesting things about modern philosophy and political theory occur where they cease to be purely speculative and join with the empirical social sciences to offer languages of description and analytical techniques adequate to the reality of modern societies. The fundamental ideological revolution in European philosophy and the social sciences that began in the 1960s and 1980s touched the very foundations of a wide range of disciplines, from political science and sociology to history, anthropology and linguistics. It led to the destruction of old disciplinary barriers, the emergence of new approaches and research methods, and the consolidation of the logic of interdisciplinarity in social and humanitarian knowledge. In philosophy, it largely changed the very idea of what “proper philosophical problems” are, and contributed to the formation of new conceptual vocabularies and analytical techniques that opened up new research areas in the human sciences.

If you have questions about the master’s program and the Res Publica research center, please write to the program administrator Alena Ertceva: ✉ [AERTCEVA@EU.SPB.RU](mailto:AERTCEVA@EU.SPB.RU).

## THE PROGRAM’S STRUCTURE

THE PROGRAM combines intensive training in modern philosophy and political theory (beyond the outdated division into “continental” and “analytical” traditions) with an early emphasis on practical research. The content of the main courses largely reflects the current state of research areas developed by the Res Publica center: the history and theory of political forms, classical republicanism, the “theory of practices” (sociology of everyday life) and the pragmatic turn in the social sciences, intellectual history and the history of concepts, the Enlightenment, governmentality studies, etc...

Based on a system of research seminars and electives, students largely build independent educational tracks in line with their research interests and their vision of their future personal career. The focus is on both an academic career and practical activities, where the knowledge and skills acquired in the program will be useful in working with texts and whole discourses, but also with digital data and media communications.

## WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

HAVING A BACKGROUND IN PHILOSOPHY is not required for admission to the program. We invite applicants from a variety of educational backgrounds who have a passion for thought and research, and who are willing to commit themselves over the next two years to a very intensive program that combines intellectual discipline and creative imagination.

## REQUIRED COURSES

- CLASSICAL REPUBLICANISM: THEORY AND HISTORY
- MODERN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THEORY:  
A TURN TO STUDYING EVERYDAY PRACTICES (THEORY OF PRACTICES — 1)
- KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PAST: THEORY AND HISTORY
- HISTORY OF CONCEPTS
- FOREIGN (ENGLISH) LANGUAGE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN ACADEMIC PROJECTS
- HISTORY OF POLITICAL AND LEGAL THOUGHT FROM ANTIQUITY  
TO THE FRENCH REVOLUTION
- RESEARCH SEMINAR

## ELECTIVE COURSES

- THEORIES OF JUSTICE
- THE BIRTH OF POLITICAL MODERNITY:  
THE ENLIGHTENMENT PROJECT
- PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
- LOGIC AND THEORY OF ARGUMENTATION
- RESEARCH ON SOCIAL INEQUALITY
- CONCEPTS OF POWER IN PRE-PETRINE RUS'
- RUSSIAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CULTURE OF THE 18TH–19TH CENTURIES
- LINGUISTIC METHODS FOR STUDYING THE HISTORY OF WORDS  
AND CONCEPTS
- SOURCE STUDIES: TEXT AND CONTEXT
- THEORY OF PRACTICES — 2
- SOCIAL THEORY
- SOCIAL STUDIES OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY — 1
- ANALYTICAL READING AND THEORIES OF INFORMATION  
“MINING” PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
- LOGIC AND THEORY OF ARGUMENTATION
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