

Post-Release



International scientific conference *Networks in the Global World: Structural Transformations in Europe, the US and Russia* took place in St. Petersburg State University in June 22-24. The conference was organized by St. Petersburg State University, Inter-University Centre for Science and Education Programmes in Social Communication, Centre for German and European Studies (St. Petersburg State University – Bielefeld University), Junior Sociologists Network of International Sociological Association, and Russian Political Science Association. The chair of the Organization Committee – Nikolay Skvortsov, scientific secretary – Nikita Basov.

Conference coordination was provided by the Council of Young Scientists of the Faculty of Sociology, St. Petersburg State University.

The goal of the conference was to unite efforts of various scientific perspectives of network research and to respond to the challenges conditioned by structural transformations in the US, Russia and Europe catalyzed by the growing importance of networks in the present day world.

The working languages of the conference were English and Russian. 148 people took part in the sessions, panels and discussions. Leading network researchers gave their presentations at the plenary sessions, including M. Everett (University of Manchester, UK), D. Knoke (University of Minnesota, US), K.M. Carley (Carnegie Mellon University, US), and J. Sydow (Free University of Berlin, Germany). The problems of networks in science, education, business and politics were discussed in the papers by V.N. Minina (St. Petersburg State University), A. Pyka (University of Hohenheim, Germany), V. Radaev (National Research University – Higher School of Economics), and L.V. Smorgunov (St. Petersburg State University).



In 7 panels and sessions, representatives of Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Poland, the US, the UK, the Netherlands, France, Sweden, Italy, China, Hungary, Belarus, Turkey, Serbia, South Africa, Iran, Pakistan and other countries gave 78 oral presentations and made 36 oral reports.



The conference bore a pronounced interdisciplinary character, which was noticed both by the organizers and the participants. The discussions were focused on knowledge and innovation networks, academic networks, networks in politics and culture, as well as networks in virtual space.

Selected papers of conference participants will be published in special issues of key peer-reviewed scientific journals and collections of papers.

At the concluding plenary session, participants particularly expressed the need to organize a series of scientific conferences in different regions of the world designated by the general title "Networks in the Global World".

More details on the outcomes of the conference, conference program and abstracts of papers are available at <http://www.ngw.spbu.ru>. Photos and video records from the conference will be also posted there in the nearest future.

