



## CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: “CHALLENGE YOUTH STUDIES FROM INSIDE”

DATE: 27-29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013

PLACE: St. Petersburg, Russia

DEADLINE: **1<sup>st</sup> of October 2013**

CENTRE FOR YOUTH STUDIES of National Research University “Higher School of Economics” invites BA and MA students majoring in Social Sciences to take part in the **International Youth Conference «Challenge Youth Studies from Inside»** that will take place at **27-29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013** in St. Petersburg.

The International Youth Conference is designed for international university students and school students, interested in youth studies and youth work. It is a unique gathering of young people from Russia and abroad for 3 days of academic presentations, study, activities, and recreation. Activities include participation in master-classes, art-exhibition, film festival, music, group work.

As an academic and practically oriented initiative, this event aims to create a platform where international students can meet with each other and with specialists in youth studies, exchange ideas about their research, and present their activist projects.

The conference will be organized in the form of several sessions / “challenges”. Young scholars (BA, MA, and school students) will present their academic results as well as their creative and social projects concerned young people’s life in global / local contexts of contemporary world.

The format of “challenge” is based on several ideas:

- the professional challenge of young scholars in the field of academic discussion;
- the challenge of youth studies by young scholars (as representatives of youth);
- the challenge of academic projects by non-academic activities (art, social activity, etc).

### The topics for academic presentations:

<p><b><i>Challenge 1. Methods and Methodology</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• methodological challenges of youth studies from young people’s perspective</li> <li>• quantitative methods in youth studies</li> <li>• qualitative methods in youth studies</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Challenge 3. Youth in Internet</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet as new media</li> <li>• Youth practices of Internet usage</li> <li>• Digital divide</li> <li>• Net-generation / Digital Natives</li> <li>• Security in Internet</li> <li>• Law in Internet / Internet piracy</li> <li>• On-line games</li> <li>• On-line communities and identities</li> <li>• Economic practices in internet</li> <li>• Civic and political activities in Internet</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Challenge 2. Insights from the field: Youth practices, styles and quality of life</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth cultures and subcultures</li> <li>• Factors of youth quality of life</li> <li>• Career trajectories and social mobility</li> <li>• Economic practices of youth (financial behavior, subcultural economic practices, etc)</li> <li>• Youth in politics, political engagement, political participation</li> </ul>	

## The topics for creative projects:

OFF-LINE	ON-LINE
All possible projects maintained by young people in following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- academy and science</li><li>- technology</li><li>- art / culture</li><li>- urban space</li><li>- politics</li><li>- social care and youth work</li><li>- economy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Educational and academic projects in the Net (libraries, educational centres, students' academic networks, etc)</li><li>- Civic activity in Internet</li><li>- Creative projects in the net in the field of culture</li><li>- Economic project in Internet</li></ul>

**Language:** Russian / English

The selection of participants will be made according their applications.

*There could be several travel grants for international participants. Please, indicate in your application if you need financial support.*

You should include in your application:

- **Biographical information**
  - Name, Surname
  - University
  - Department
  - BA or MA
  - Title of the program
  - Year of studying
  - Name of academic supervisor
  - E-mail
- Type of presentation: academic presentation / presentation of creative project
- The title of presentation
- Annotation of presentation (300-500 words)
- Motivation letter (1-2 pages): along with short information about yourself, your interests and talents please indicate why you want to participate in the conference.

**Deadline for application: 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2013**

Applications should be e-mailed at: [centre.conference@gmail.com](mailto:centre.conference@gmail.com)

**The results of selection will be announced no later than 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013**

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**CYS web:** <http://youth.hse.spb.ru/en>