

**Workshop Title:** ‘Sustainable Energy and Climate Change in Russia: policies, discourses and narratives’

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**Discipline**: All fields ofSocial Science

**Dates and venue:** 28th-30th November, 2018, Nottingham Conference Centre, Burton Street, Nottingham, NG1 4BU, UK

Nottingham Trent University and the Altai State University are pleased to announce a call for early career researchers (ECRs) to participate in a three-day workshop supported by a British Council Researcher Links grant. The workshop *‘Sustainable Energy and Climate Change in Russia*: policies, discourses and narratives*’* will be held in Nottingham from 28th to 30th November, 2018.

Russia’s extensive domestic use of fossil fuels and economic over-reliance on their export have led to severe environmental degradation in locations of fossil fuel production and have contributed to global pollution levels. In fact, Russia is the fifth largest GHG-emitter in the world. At the same time, since the mid-1970s, the average temperature in Russia has been increasing two times faster than the global average (Roshydromet 2014). Russia’s economy loses 60 billion rubles each year because of extreme weather events, and climate change in recent years has increased this amount by 6% per year (Roshydromet 2012). Economic vulnerability due to environmental degradation and energy inefficiency has become a particularly acute problem as Russia struggles with an economic recession. Considering the these problems, this workshop aims to stimulate an intellectual debate between Russian and UK academics which will critically assess and subsequently enhance Russia’s sustainability practices in the energy sector and its climate change policy.

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and also networking. During the workshop, ECRs will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a short oral presentation and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Russia. There will be a focus on building links for future collaboration and participants will be selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build long-term links.

The British Council will cover the costs related to participation in the workshop, including: travel (both international and local), accommodation and meals. Costs for the visa, and travel insurance will be covered; however, participants will be responsible for making all the necessary arrangements. The British Council accepts no responsibility for any problems which may occur when the participants are in-country.

**Application and Deadline:**

The full application form must be completed and submitted by the 31st July 2018 to: **PAS.RusCC@ntu.ac.uk****.** Any questions can be emailed to marianna.poberezhskaya@ntu.ac.uk (Dr Marianna Poberezhskaya).

The application form can be found here [https://www.ntu.ac.uk/about-us/events/events/2018/11/sustainable-energy-and-climate-change-in-russia-policies,-discourses-and-narratives](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/about-us/events/events/2018/11/sustainable-energy-and-climate-change-in-russia-policies%2C-discourses-and-narratives).

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links application form

- Applications must be submitted before the above deadline

- Participants must be Early Career Researchers: ECRs are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience) and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience. Applicants who do not have a PhD must have at least 4 years research experience in a field of social sciences, supported by a list of research outputs (reports, book chapters, journal articles and so on).

- Participants must have a research or academic position (a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship etc.) at a recognised research institution either in the UK or in Russia.

- Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

**Quality Assessment**

- Experience and relevance of the applicant’s research area to the workshop

- Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop

- Description of the long-term impact expected through participation in the workshop

- Ability to disseminate the workshop’s outcomes

**Selection Procedure:**

- Eligibility check

- Quality assessment

**Notification of results:**

Applicants will be notified by email two months prior to the workshop.

**Equal Opportunities**

Equal opportunities and diversity are at the heart of the British Council’s cultural relations ambitions. While recognising that some research fields are dominated by one particular gender, co-ordinators are encouraged to work towards an equal gender balance and promote diversity. They must not exclude applicants on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability. Participants’ selection undertaken by workshop organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of Early Career Researchers with special needs will be given.