

Networks in the Global World 2014

St. Petersburg, June 27-29

Bridging Theory and Method: American, European, and Russian Studies

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International scientific conference 'Networks in the Global World. Bridging Theory and Method: American, European, and Russian Studies' took place in St. Petersburg State University on June 27-29, 2014. The conference was organized by the Center for German and European Studies (St. Petersburg State University – Bielefeld University) in cooperation with German Academic Exchange Service, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Sociological Association, Junior Sociologists Network (International Sociological Association), Council of Young Scientists (Faculty of Sociology, St. Petersburg State University), Inter-

University Center for Science and Education Programmes in Social Communication, and Center for Social Technologies.

The primary goal of the 'Networks in the Global World' conference series is to bring together networks researchers from around the globe. It seeks to unite the efforts of various scientific disciplines in response to the key challenges faced by network studies today, and to exchange local research results – thus allowing an analysis of global processes. The idea of 2014-year event was to discuss the key current issues and problems of linking theoretical and methodological developments in network analysis. More than 160 people registered for participation in the conference.

Talks were given by such prominent network researchers as Thomas Valente (University of Southern California, USA), Loet Leydesdorff (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), Jana Diesner (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA), Peter Groenewegen (VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands), Johanne Saint-Charles (University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada), Dimitris Christopoulos (MODUL University, Austria), Mario Diani (University of Trento, Italy), Marc Smith (Connected Action Consulting Group, USA), and Wouter de Nooy (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands).



During all the three days, keynote speeches were combined with seminars, workshops, and sessions on different aspects of network theory and methodology, tested with numerous models and real world examples. Participants from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, UK, Ukraine, and USA were representing various disciplinary backgrounds.



The first NetGloW conference, subtitled 'Structural Transformations in Europe, the US and Russia', took place in St. Petersburg on June 22-24, 2012 and brought together more than 150 scientists, political practitioners and business representatives from all around the world. The conference bore a pronounced interdisciplinary character: involving sociologists, philosophers, culture researchers, management specialists and economists.

For more information on the conference outcomes [visit the NetGloW official website](#).