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Statement for the position of the ESEH Secretary

Being an early career scholar who works at the crossroad of environmental, technological, and economic history, I am strongly interested into the activities of the ESEH. I have been a member of the Society since 2013 (with a few short interruptions) and currently I am engaged into a few of its initiatives. Thus, since 2018 I am a member of the ESEH Next Generation Action Team (NEXTGATe) and ESEH Tallinn Dissertation Prize which both provide me with an excellent opportunity to work with scholars at different stages of their career who do research into environmental history and related disciplines.

If selected as a secretary of the ESEH I will complete two main goals for my office. First, I will put my efforts into facilitating the professional communication within the Society. My previous and current experience of working in different committees and professional networks enables me to successfully mediate and circulate professional information. I consider myself being quite experienced in networking and will employ my skills to facilitate a fruitful functioning of the Society. So far, I have worked in the Management Committee of the Tensions of Europe Network (where I act as a mediator between its early career scholars and the MC), the Early Career Scholars` Group of ToE (the group is well experienced in facilitating young scholars of technological history by organizing multiple virtual and on-site events and stimulating research of PhD students and postdocs), a few committees of academic conferences, as well as the Tallinn Dissertation Prize of the ESEH and NEXTGATe for 2018/2019 which aims at increasing the visibility of the Society among early career scholars and support emerging careers. This fruitful experience will help me to better communicate with different groups of members of the Society.

Second, as an early career scholar I understand how it is important to have professional information available so I will aim to contribute into making the ESEH even more visible among scholars, particularly, emerging careers. Undoubtedly, digital platforms are of importance, and I will use my skills and knowledge in maintaining and further developing the website and social networks. I have just a little experience of working with website platforms and just some more experience of using networks for publishing for professional purposes but I am ready for developing my skills. I see my aim both in facilitating the current presence of the ESEH in social media (publishing updates, etc) and also looking for ways of developing the contents and increasing the number of the audience.

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Positions

09.2014 – Present Higher School of Economics (HSE), Department of History, Senior lecturer; Laboratory for Environmental and Technological History, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, researcher

Courses taught in 2018/2019:

- Applied History in Area Studies: Baltic Region (Master's programme), ENG
- History of Arctic and Baltic Region (Bachelor's programme), ENG
- History of Economics and Economic Institutions (Master's programme), ENG
- History of Historical Science (Master's programme), ENG
- History of Russia in Global Perspective (Master's programme), ENG
- Research Seminar (Bachelor's programme), RUS

Personal web page at HSE: <https://www.hse.ru/en/org/persons/61253745#teaching>

Qualifications

June 2017 PhD in Social Sciences awarded

2014 – 2017 Doctoral Candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, Economic and Social History, University of Helsinki.

2012 – 2013 Ph.D. Program, European University at Saint-Petersburg, Department of History

2010 – 2012 Diploma, MA in History. European University at Saint-Petersburg, Department of History. Thesis: "Technologies in flux": Technology Transfer to the Soviet Forestry in 1953 – 1964"

Additional training:

04.2019 Certificate, Teaching Development Program on Digital Humanities, Management Training Center, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, 24 a.h.

09.2018 Certificate, The course "CERGE-EI Teaching Development Program: Teaching Principles and Practices", Charles University (Prague) and Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, 20 a.h.

03.2012 Certificate, Methodological Workshop “Comparative Methodologies, Operationalisations and Specifics of European Studies Research”, Center for German and European Studies, Saint-Petersburg, 30 a.h.

2005 – 2010 Diploma, Specialist Degree in History of Northern Europe and Finnish Teaching. Petrozavodsk State University, Department of History of Northern Europe. Thesis: “A Finnish Factor in the Karelian Economic Development in 1930s (example of Petrozavodsk Ski Factory)”

10.2010 Certificate, Retraining on Academic English Communication. Center for German and European Studies, Saint-Petersburg, 10 a.h.

Research projects:

2011 – 2012 The Honours master programme (IRUN excellence programme) “European Political Identity”, the European Commission, the Radboud Honours Academy, the Netherlands, the European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia. Participant of the group project

2016-2018 Grant of Russian Science Foundation "Natural resources in history of Russia: economic institutes, communities of experts and infrastructures", № 16-18-10255 (led by Julia Lajus), project participant

2018-2019 Grant of the Russian Fund for Fundamental Research, Research Project “Industrial Innovations at the Karelia Peninsula in the 1940s-80s: Infrastructure and Resources”, project participant

Participation in research schools

07.2016 International Summer School of ICOHTEC, Lisbon

09.2015 International Summer School the Tensions of Europe Summer School "Crises and Grand Challenges in European Past and Present", Stockholm

08.2014 International Summer School “Social Network Analysis”, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg

04.2014 Munich Spring School Science, Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology“ History of Science in Central and Eastern Europe, Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Munich

09.2012 ESEH Summer School “Natural Resources: Historical Ideas, Exploration and Exploitation”, ESEH and Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russia. Paper presented: “Soviet Exploitation of Forest Resources in 1953 – 1964 and Technology Transfer”.

Participation in conferences and seminars, selected

- 05.2019** Vse idet po planu? – Unwrapping the (un)planned Soviet economy, German Historical Institute in Moscow. Paper (co-author Pavel Pokid`ko): "Industrial Innovations in the Planned Economy – The Case of the Soviet Timber Industry, 1945-1991"
- 03.2019** International conference "Baltic Connections: Conference in Social Science History". University of Helsinki. Paper: "Soviet Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Technology Transfer during the Cold War"
- 11.2018** International Forum for Young Scholars of Soviet and Post-Soviet History and Culture (second session), International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow). Paper: "Forest Power": Forest, Industry, and Modernization in the USSR, 1945-80s" (in Russian).
- 11.2018** International Conference "Soviet Encounters with West and East", International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and Its Consequences National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow). Paper: "Displaying the Cold War: Finnish Trade and Industrial Fairs in the USSR, 1945-1964"
- 10.2018** 18th Aleksanteri Conference. Paper presented: "Soviet Environment and Engineers, 1945-1980s: Views and Values"
- 09.2018** Open lecture in the Museum of Soviet Slot Machines, St. Petersburg. Paper presented: "'Red Technologies': The Problem of Innovations in the USSR, 1940s-1960s"
- 06.2018** Lecture at the Faculty of History of EUSPb "From Capitalism to Socialism: Vectors of Modernization in Russia on the Example of the Karelian Isthmus" (co-authored by Pavel Pokid`ko)
- 01.2018** Lecture at the STS Center of EUSPb "Innovations in the Post-War USSR: Power, Engineers, and Resources" (co-authored by Pavel Pokid`ko)
- 09.2017** 8th Tensions of Europe Conference, Athens, Greece, Paper: "Soviet Natural Resources and Technological Development, 1940s-1980s" (skype)
- 05.2017** Workshop "Technology, natural resources and crises in the past and present of Europe and beyond", Aarhus University. Paper: "Soviet Natural Resources and Technological Development, 1940s-1980s"
- 04.2017** International Conference "Commanding the Environment or Green Dictatorships? Nature-Culture – Nature-Society Relationships in Authoritarian Regimes", Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki. Paper presented: "Water as Sacrifice? Industrial Water Treatment and Engineers in the USSR, 1940s-1960s"
- 10.2016** International workshop "Technology, natural resources and crises in the past and present of Europe and beyond", Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg. Paper presented: "Natural resources in the Soviet Union, 1940s-1980s: between devastation and protection"
- 09.2016** International workshop "Resources and Economies of Knowledge in Anthropocene", Max Plank Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. Paper presented: "Natural Resources in the Soviet Union, 1940s-1980s: between Devastation and Protection"

- 04.2016** International conference "Not just Chernobyl. The Ecological Dimension of the History of Communism", The Center of Science of the Polish Academy of Science, Poznan. Paper presented: "Soviet Environmental Politics in the 1950s–60s and the Cold War"
- 11.2015** 15th Annual Aleksanteri Conference, Helsinki. Paper presented: "Soviet Engineers, Finland, and the Iron Curtain, 1955-1964"
- 09.2015** 7th Tensions of Europe Conference "Technology and Environment". Papers presented: "Technological change and Soviet environmental policy in the mid-1950s - 1960s" and (co-authored by Julia Lajus) "Soviet technological aid and environment in Africa in the late Cold War"
- 08.2015** XVIIth World Economic History Congress "Diversity in Development". Paper presented: "Finnish-Soviet trade in the 1950s-60s: interests and tools of Cold War actors"
- 06.-07.2015** 8th Conference of the European Society of Environmental History. Paper presented: "Between Pollution and Protection in the Soviet Context: the Soviet Environmental Policy in the mid-1950s - 1960s"
- 03.2015** Conference "Close Encounters: East and West in Cold War Interactions and Imagination", University of Amsterdam. Paper presented: "Soviet-Finnish technological cooperation, 1955-1964: Engineers and the Iron Curtain"
- 12.2014** First Annual Conference of the Doctoral Programme in Political, Societal and Regional Change, University of Helsinki. Paper presented: "Technological Change, Innovations and Technology Transfer: The Case of Soviet Pulp and Paper Industry in the late 1940s – 1950s"
- 11.2014** SHOT Annual Meeting. Dearborn, USA. Paper presented: "Overcoming the Reverse Salients: The Soviet Forestry Modernization and Technology Transfer in the mid-1940s–1960s"
- 10.2014** Tensions of Europe, Technology and Democracy: Quo Vadis?, interdisciplinary research seminar held by Tensions of Europe and the University of Capodistria, Chios, Greece. Paper presented: "Soviet Forestry, Modernization and Technology Transfer in 1955-1964"
- 07. 2013** 24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Manchester, Great Britain. Paper presented: "Western technologies and Soviet modernization, 1953-1964: Svetogorsk pulp and paper factory"
- 10.2012** SHOT Annual Meeting. Copenhagen, Denmark. Paper presented: The Soviet Forestry in 1953 – 1964: Transfer and Implementation of Western Technologies
- 02.2012** First Princeton Young Scholar`s Interdisciplinary Conference on Soviet Science and Technology "The Great Experiment Revisited", Princeton, the USA. Paper presented: "Technology Transfer to the Soviet Forestry in 1953 – 1964"

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

- 2019** Prize for the best research on the history of socialism, international competition, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory. Article awarded: Kochetkova E. Industry and Forests: alternative raw materials in the Soviet forestry industry from the mid-1950s to the 1960s // *Environment and History*. 2018. Vol. 24. No. 3. P. 323-347.

- 2016** Dissertation Completion Grant, University of Helsinki
- 2015 - 2016** Individual research grant of the Academic Foundation of Higher School of Economics, conducting research on technological innovations in the USSR (grant № 15-01-0056)
- 2016** Archival grant of the European Society for Environmental History
- 08.-12.2013** The Center for International Mobility, Finland. Fellowship for research in Finland
- 11-12.2012** Karen Johnson Freeze Fellowship Fund. Research grant
- 10. 2012** Center for European Studies. European University at Saint-Petersburg. Research grant for short-term training at the Aleksanteri Institute, Finland
- 11.2012** Prize for the best academic articles. The Commission on Academic Planning. European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia
- 10.-12. 2011** German Historical Institute in Moscow. Short-term grant for archival research
- 09.2011** Alumni Association of European University at Saint-Petersburg. Travel grant
- 09.2009 – 06.2010** Scholarship of the Government of the Russian Federation

Membership in Professional Networks and Committees

Since 2013 – Member of the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

Since 2014 – Member of the Tensions of Europe Network (ToE)

Since 2015 – Member of the Management Committee of the Tensions of Europe Network and member of the Early Career Researchers` Group of the Tensions of Europe (ECS ToE)

Since 2016 – Co-coordinator of the research group “Natural Resources, Technologies, and Environment” (together with Matthias Heyman) of the Tensions of Europe Network

Since 2018 – Member of the Next Generation of Environmental Scholars of the ESEH (NEXTGATE ESEH)

Since 2018 – Member of the Dissertation Committee of the Tallinn Dissertation Prize

Since 2019 (renewed) – Member of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)

Organizational Experience

09.2018-07. 2019 - Member of the Organizing Committee of the International Symposium ICOHTEC (Katowice, July 2019)

10.2018-06.2019 - Member of the Organizing Committee of the Summer School “Towards Digital Science and Technology Studies: Challenges and Opportunities” (Luxemburg, June 2019)

09.2017 - Member of the Organizing Committee of the Summer School "Borders and Crises in European Past and Present - angles from the history of technology", Athens (the Capodistrian University and Tensions of Europe Network)

10.2016 - Organizer of the international workshop "Technology, natural resources and crises in the past and present of Europe and beyond", National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (in the partnership with the Tensions of Europe and the University of Aarhus)

06-09.2015 Member of the Organizing Committee of the Tensions of Europe Summer School, Stockholm

05-06.2015 Coordinator of Interdisciplinary research seminar "Historical Models and Modern Economy", National Research University Higher School of Economics

01-04.2015 Member of the Organizing Committee, the 8th Annual Conference "Constructing the "Soviet?": Political Consciousness, Everyday Practices, New Identities, European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia

02.-04.2014 Member of the Organizing Committee, the 8th Annual Conference "Constructing the "Soviet?": Political Consciousness, Everyday Practices, New Identities, European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia

02.-03.2014 Participating in organization of the conference "A Usable Past: New Trends in Applied and Interdisciplinary History", Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

01.-04.2013 Member of the Organizing Committee, the 7th Annual Conference "Constructing the "Soviet?": Political Consciousness, Everyday Practices, New Identities, European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia

08.2012 Participating in organization of the ESEH Summer School "Natural Resources: Historical Ideas, Exploration and Exploitation", Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

08.-09.2012 Organization of the Round Table "Circulation of Knowledge in the Divided World: Confrontation, Attraction, Cooperation", Higher School of Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

02.-04.2012 Member of the Organizing Committee, the 6th Annual Conference "Constructing the "Soviet?": Political Consciousness, Everyday Practices, New Identities", European University at Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Other Information

Languages:

- Russian – native
- English – proficient
- Finnish – proficient
- Swedish – basic
- German – basic

List of Most Relevant Publications

Work in progress:

Monograph with a tentative title “Cold War Forest Power: Forest Resources and Technological Development in the USSR, 1950s-80s”

Publications:

Books (dissertation)

1. Kochetkova E. A. *The Soviet Forestry Industry in the 1950s and 1960s: A Project of Modernization and Technology Transfer from Finland*. Issue 52: Economic and social history. Helsinki: University of Helsinki, 2017.

Articles

2. Kochetkova E., Pokidko P. Soviet Industrial Production and Waste Dispersal: A Case Study of Pulp and Paper Plants on the Karelian Isthmus, 1940s-1980s // *Scandinavian Economic History Review*. 2019 (forthcoming, published online).
3. Кочеткова Е. А. Экологическая контроверза: советские инженеры и биологический метод очистки промышленных вод, 1950–60-е гг. [An Ecological Controversy: Soviet Engineers and the Biological Treatment Method for Industrial Wastewater in the 1950s and 1960s] // *Ab Imperio*. 2019. Т. 2019. № 1. С. 153-180.
4. Kochetkova E. Between water pollution and protection in the Soviet Union, mid-1950s-60s: Lake Baikal and River Vuoksi // *Water History*. 2018. Vol. 10. No. 2-3. P. 223-241.
5. Кочеткова Е. А., Покидько П. С. Технологический стиль производства и экология в СССР в 1940–1950-е годы: пример Карельского перешейка // *Laboratorium. Журнал социальных исследований*. 2018. Т. 10. № 3. С. 35-56. [Kochetkova E., Pokidko P. Technological Style of Production and Environment in the USSR in the 1950s and 60s// *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*. 2018, vol 10, no. 3. P. 35-56].
6. Pal V., Biasillo R., Kochetkova E. A., Meredith T., Schleper S., Spinney E. Emerging Scholars in the Age of Uncertainty: Goals and Plans of ESEH Next Generation Action Team in 2018–19 // *Environment and History*. 2018. Vol. 24. No. 4. P. 579-581.
7. Kochetkova E. Industry and Forests: alternative raw materials in the Soviet forestry industry from the mid-1950s to the 1960s // *Environment and History*. 2018. Vol. 24. No. 3. P. 323-347.
8. Kochetkova E. Seeing the Forest and the Trees: Western Forestry Systems and Soviet Engineers, 1955-1964 // *Technology and Culture*. 2016. Vol. 57. No. 3. P. 586-611.
9. Kochetkova E. Sylviculture finlandaise: De la périphérie au centre de l'Europe forestière, in: *Encyclopédie pour une histoire nouvelle de l'Europe [en ligne]*. Available at <http://ehne.fr/article/civilisation-materielle/expertise-et-savoirs/sylviculture-finlandaise-de-la-peripherie-au-centre-de-leurope-forestiere>

10. Kochetkova E. Environment History and Interdisciplinary Perspectives: The 8th Biennial ESEH Conference, 30 June – 3 July 2015 // *Историко-биологические исследования*. 2015. Vol. 7. No. 4. P. 159-164.