

Global SSH – project results from Russia

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Work package 2 "Mapping the social sciences and humanities in the NIS and China "

- Analysis of institutional landscape and policy environment for SSH in Russia (report);
- Investigation of international and national data availability and development of the data book on SSH in Russia, other NIS countries, and China (data book);
- Preparation of the list of research organisations and universities involved in SSH (reference book)

Work package 3 "Experiences in transnational research projects and perspectives for future transnational research between the EU, NIS and China "

- Research on transnational perspectives of SSH in Russia:
 1. Survey (adaptation of the questionnaire, dissemination, and data collection);
 2. Expert group information (organisation of expert group discussion, summary report)

Reference book “Russian R&D Units and Universities in Social Sciences and Humanities” (356 p.)

- **PART I: Research Organisations in SSH**
- **PART II: Russian Universities in SSH**

This e-book was prepared on the information ground of R&D organisation data base developed in ISS RAS (former CSDS RAS)

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- SSH institutions are placed according to the rubricator:

Social Sciences in General (00)

Philosophy (02)

History. Historical Sciences (03)

Sociology (04)

Demography (05)

Economics. Economic Sciences (06)

State and Law. Jurisprudence (10)

Politics. Political sciences (11)

Science of Science (12)

Culture. Culture Studies (13)

Education. Pedagogics (14)

Psychology (15)

Linguistics (16)

Literature. Literature Studies. Oral and Poetic Folklore (17)

Art. Study of Art (18)

Mass Communication. Journalism. Mass Media (19)

Informatics (20)

Religion. Atheism (21)

Interdisciplinary Studies of Particular Countries and
Regions (23)

Interdisciplinary Problems of Social Sciences (26)

The provided information looks like, e.g. :

- *HISTORY. HISTORICAL SCIENCES (03)*
 1. ARCHIVES OF RAS
АРХИВ РАН
Address: 117218 Moscow, V-218, Ul. Novocheryomushkinskaya, 34
Phone: (495) 1291910
Fax: (495) 1291966
E-mail: archive_ran@mail.ru; academ_archive@mail.ru
Internet Address: <http://www.aras.ru>
Year of establishment: 1728
Fields of S&T: 03.81, 12.09, 13.71
Activity type: Research
Legal status: Public
 2. RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, URAL BRANCH OF RAS
УРАЛЬСКОЕ ОТДЕЛЕНИЕ РАН (УрО РАН)
Address: 620219 Yekaterinburg, GSP-169, Ul. Pervomayskaya, 91
Phone: (343) 3740223
Fax: (343) 3744133
E-mail: romanov@prm.uran.ru
Internet Address: <http://www.uran.ru>
Year of establishment: 1987
Fields of S&T: 03.00, 06.00
Activity type: Research
Legal status: Public

- **Institutional landscape and research policy for SSH in Russia**
(by V. Zavarukhin & L. Pipiya) – 44 p.

This report was prepared according to the Guidelines developed in Global SSH WP 2 by the lead partners

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On the base of the report a paper was published in December 2008:
Liudmila Pipiya, "*Les transformations des sciences humaines et sociales en Russie*", *Revue Internationale d'Education*, Sèvres, n°49, décembre 2008, p.51-60.

Issues discussed in the Institutional Report:

1. **Characteristics of modern trends of the SSH in Russia from the Soviet time up to nowadays**
 2. **SSH institutional framework**
 3. **SSH policy frameworks**
 4. **SSH funding**
 5. **National approaches to the evaluation of scientific capabilities**
 6. **Challenges and prospects for the support of SSH in the regions**
 7. **Conclusions and recommendations**
- Annex. GRNTI disciplinary division of SSH in Russia**



This e-book has been prepared on the base of international and country statistics in S&T and Education (180 p.)

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- International statistical data provide information on a macro-environment situation in the following countries:
China, Estonia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

- Following group of indicators were used in this part:
 1. general development indicators;
 2. tertiary education indicators;
 3. science and technology indicators;
 4. ICT indicators.

- Other parts of the data book provide S&T and education statistical data for the following countries:
China, Estonia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, and Ukraine
- Country parts correspondents:

China – *Liudmila Papiya, Svend Otto Remoe* (Global SSH)

Estonia – *Gulnara Roll, Piret Noukas* (INTAS)

Armenia – *Gevork Poghosyan, Liudmila Papiya* (INTAS)

Azerbaijan – *Liudmila Papiya, Siyavush Azakov* (INTAS)

Georgia – *Levan Tarkhnishvili* (Global SSH)

Russia – *Liudmila Papiya* (Global SSH)

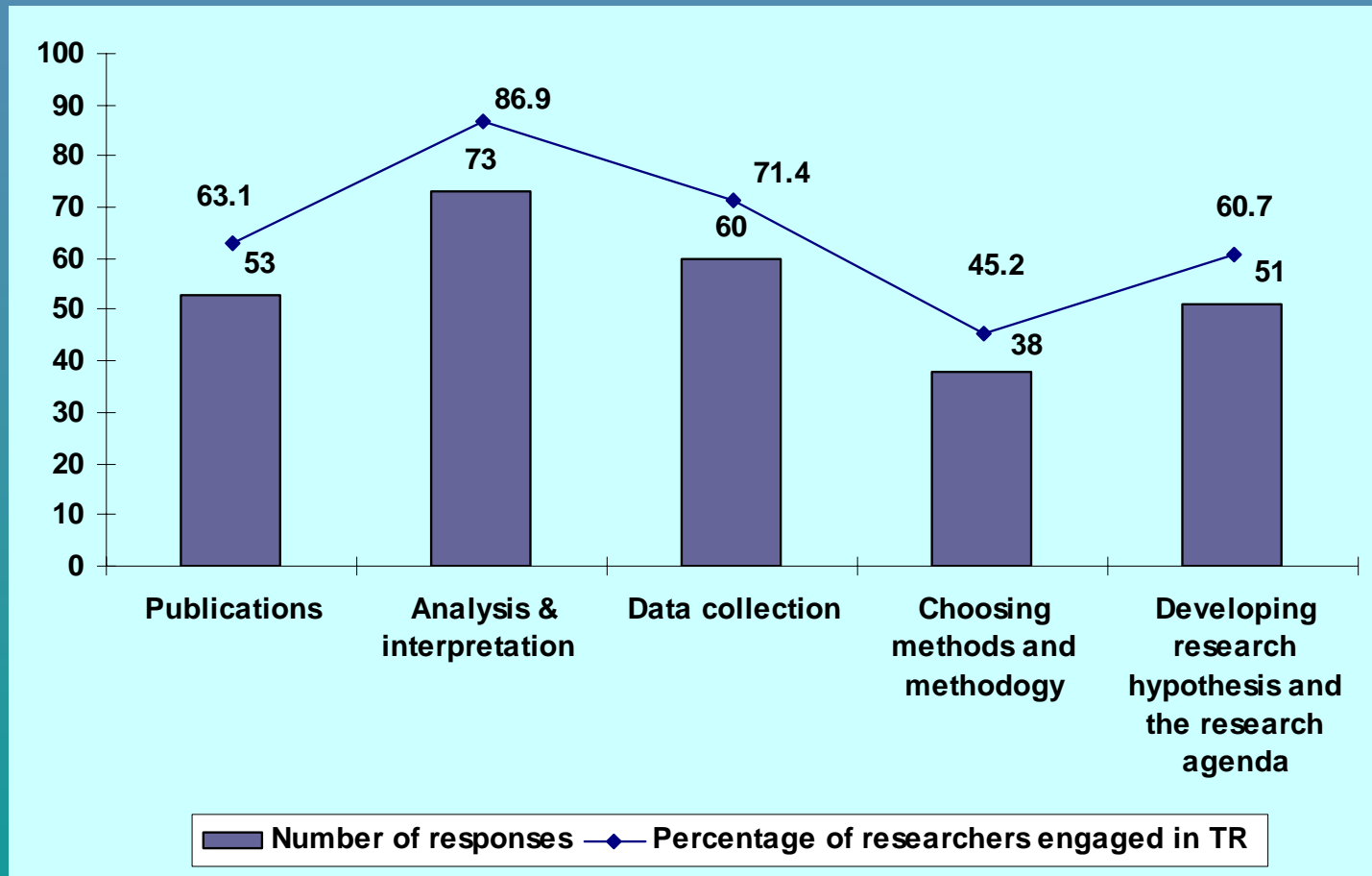
Ukraine – *Igor Yegorov* (Global SSH)

General characteristics of the sample

GlobalSSH questionnaire was translated and adapted to Russian conditions and as bilingual (Russian and English) document it was sent purposively to almost 300 addresses

- 142 filled questionnaires were received:
 - 127 of all respondents work in the universities or other higher education institutions;
 - 13 respondents work in research organisations;
 - 5 respondents work in the organisations of other types.
- From 142 respondents, 74 are women and 66 are men (2 are not identified)
- 109 respondents have a scientific degree of Candidate of Sciences (68) or Doctor of Sciences (41)

Russian researchers in transnational projects



Agenda of the discussion held in Moscow on 14 May 2007:

- 1) general conceptions of knowledge in Russia, their application to SSH knowledge produced by Russian scholars, and policies for production and promotion of SSH knowledge in contemporary Russia;
- 2) internationalisation of social sciences, its specific features in Russia as regards motivations, expectations, practices, and challenges for Russian scholars to participate in transnational research;
- 3) political practices and challenges responding to internationalisation of SSH, perspectives of transnational collaboration of Russian researchers with other parts of the world;
- 4) main messages and learned lessons of the discussion.

In the current situation in SSH, the experts detected:

- Dispersion of the social science academic community;
- Lack of a good quality level of scientific expertise and of infrastructure providing enough funding for social science research;
- Predominance of small research projects and of practical applications, depending on conjuncture of current needs, in social knowledge productions;
- A certain tension between a need of new ideas and paradigms, on the one hand, and poor conditions for knowledge productions (mentioned above), on the other hand;
- A deficiency in fundamental reflections about the changing society in Russia.

In the international aspect:

- The problem of *lingua franca*: A very minor part of Russian social scientists (of a middle age and the elder generations) is able to communicate with their colleagues abroad in foreign languages.
- The lack of availability of collaborative programmes and mechanisms which allow Russian scientists to invite foreign colleagues to carry out joint research.

Availability of the survey information:

- Questionnaire is downloaded in Global SSH Intranet;
- More detailed survey results were presented by me in Paris (22-23 April 2008); the presentation is downloaded in the Intranet

Availability of information on the expert group discussion

- **Summary report on the discussion as well as the complete description of the meeting is downloaded in the intranet**

The WP 3 information is available in my disposal and may be disseminated in electronic form as well as WP 2 results.

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