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SUMMER SCHOOL ON SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUALITY 2019, MOSCOW

JUNE 10 - 14, 2019

Organized by
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WELCOME

Dear Students,

Welcome to the second Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality in Russia. Our goal is to teach you the tools needed to study inequality and to communicate a sense of the research frontier on this topic. We also intend for SSSI 2019 Moscow to break down barriers between theoretical, econometric, and empirical work. We thank our funder—The Institute for New Economic Thinking—as well as the Center for the Economics of Human Development for their support of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group. We would also like to thank the New Economic School and the NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions for their crucial role in organizing and hosting this summer school.

We are glad you are able to join us for this summer school and we hope you find it a valuable experience.

Best,



Steven N. Durlauf and Shlomo Weber

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PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- 10:00–13:00 **Social Interaction**
Steven N. Durlauf, The University of Chicago
- 13:00–14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00–17:00 **Economic Theory**
Lawrence Blume, Cornell University
- 18:00 **All Participant Dinner**

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 10:00–13:00 **Information Inequality and Mass Media**
Ruben Enikolopov, New Economic School
- 13:00–14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00–17:00 **Linguistic Diversity and Social Inequality**
Shlomo Weber, New Economic School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:30–13:30 **Guided Tour of Moscow**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 10:00–13:00 **Poverty, Inequality, and Intergenerational Mobility with Application to China**
Albert Park, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 13:00–14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00–16:00 **Poster Session**
- 16:30–18:00PM **Office Hours**

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- 10:00–13:00 **Is the Market Pronatalist? Theory, Evidence and Policy**
Hosny Zoabi, New Economic School
- 13:00–14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00–16:00 **Closing Remarks**

BIOGRAPHIES



Lawrence Blume

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Lawrence E. Blume is the Goldwin Smith Professor of Economics at Cornell University, a Visiting Research Professor at IHS, and a member of the external faculty at the Santa Fe Institute, where he has served as Co-Director of the Economics Program and on the Institute's steering committee. He teaches and conducts research in general equilibrium theory and game theory and also has research projects on the theory and measurement of behavior in social networks. Along with Steven N. Durlauf, Blume is one of the general editors of *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd ed.* Currently, he is the associate editor of the *Journal of Economic Literature*.

Blume received a B.A. in Economics from Washington University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.



Steven N. Durlauf

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Steven N. Durlauf is Steans Professor in Educational Policy at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. For two years, he served as Program Director for the Economics Program of the Santa Fe Institute. Durlauf has worked extensively on theoretical and econometric issues involving the analysis of inequality, social determinants of behavior, economic growth, and policy evaluation. He was general editor of *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd ed.* and coedited the *Handbook of Economic Growth*.

Durlauf earned a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University in 1980 and a M.Phil., M.A., and Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University in 1986.



Ruben Enikolopov

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Ruben Enikolopov is the Rector of the New Economic School. He has been Professor at NES since 2008 and at Pompeu Fabra University since 2013. Professor Enikolopov is a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) and at the International Growth Center (IGC), London. His research interests include political economy, development economics, and economics of mass media. Enikolopov has published his research in leading academic journals such as American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Proceedings of National Academy of Science, American Political Science Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, and the Journal of Public Economics.

Enikolopov received a B.Sc. in Physics from Moscow State University in 2001, an M.A. in Economics from the New Economic School in 2002, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 2008.



Albert Park

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Albert Park is a development and labor economist who is an expert on China's economic development. His research has been featured by the Economist, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, BBC, CNN, and NPR. Professor Park is a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London), the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn), the International Growth Centre (Oxford/LSE/DFID), and the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group (Chicago). In recent years he has published articles in leading economics journals on firm performance, poverty and inequality, migration and employment, health and education, and the economics of aging in China. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Comparative Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, and Chinese Economic Review. He previously held faculty appointments at the University of Michigan and Oxford University, and has consulted frequently for the World Bank.



Shlomo Weber

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Shlomo Weber is the President of the New Economic School, Moscow, and the Professor Emeritus, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, USA. He also serves as Academic Head of the Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, New Economic School. He is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Global Development Network (GDN). Professor Weber has received various international prizes, including the Alexander von Humboldt prize for outstanding foreign scientists and the Russian National Megagrant Award. He has published more than 100 articles in leading journals in economics and political science, including *Econometrica*, *American Political Science Review*, and the *Review of Economic Studies*.

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Hosny Zoabi

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Hosny Zoabi is an Associate Professor of Economics at The New Economic School. He also serves as an associate editor at *Macroeconomics Dynamics*. His research has been featured by the BBC, *The Guardian*, and *The Observer*. He has published his research in leading journals such as the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Economic Growth*, the *Economic Journal*, and the *Journal of Development Economics*. Zoabi's research interests include growth and development, demographic economics, and gender economics. He mainly tackles topics related to household choices and the determinants of long-run economic growth, poverty, and inequality. His research also concentrates on new demographic trends evolving in developed and developing countries.

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ABOUT HCEO

Founded in 2010, the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO) is a collaboration of over 500 researchers, educators, and policy makers focused on human capital development and its impact on opportunity inequality. HCEO's unique approach enables collaboration among scholars with varying disciplines, approaches, perspectives, and fields, and integrates biological, sociological, and psychological perspectives into traditionally economic questions. The result is innovative thinking and approaches to inequality and human capital development research.

HCEO is led by Nobel laureate James J. Heckman, the Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago; Steven N. Durlauf, Steans Professor in Educational Policy at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago; and Robert H. Dugger, the co-founder of ReadyNation and Hanover Provident Capital.

HCEO focuses its efforts through six research networks that study the most pressing issues within human capital development and inequality: Early Childhood Interventions; Family Inequality; Health Inequality; Identity and Personality; Inequality: Measurement, Interpretation and Policy; and Markets. These networks produce one-of-a-kind conferences, research programs, and publications that highlight findings from the best science and the application of best practices. Through its networks and their resulting research, HCEO plays a vital role in understanding and addressing opportunity inequality around the world.



Impact

- ❖ Multidisciplinary networks result in new approaches to research and its application
- ❖ Relationships with governments and policy makers put best practices into action
- ❖ We have influenced numerous research studies and governmental policies
- ❖ Findings are being applied in one of the largest populations in the world—China



We Play a Vital Role

- ❖ Income and opportunity inequality is a global and growing problem
- ❖ Governments, private think tanks, and others each look at only a portion of the total problem in hopes of finding a lasting solution
 - ❖ Only HCEO integrates biological, sociological, and psychological perspectives into traditionally economic questions addressed by multidisciplinary teams of experts
- ❖ Our research approach treats social science research as an empirical endeavor, resulting in rigorously tested public policy directions and solutions
- ❖ Our research provides insights and directions on how to best foster human flourishing and improve economic productivity



ABOUT NES



The New Economic School (NES), founded 27 years ago, is a unique international research and advanced education facility aimed to address the demand for high quality education in economics and finance in Russia and abroad. NES was built to adhere to the highest international standards in education.

NES attracts faculty from the leading universities worldwide, including Harvard, Oxford, MIT, Princeton, LBS, and Columbia GSB. NES has consistently received the highest ranking among the top economics research departments in Russia and Eastern Europe.

NES graduates are recruited by the world's top international employers, including consulting firms, banks, and government regulators. Select NES graduates pursue their training in world's top universities towards Ph.D. degree. Currently, NES graduates are among faculty of the top economics departments around the globe, including those at MIT, Princeton, Yale, Berkeley, and the London School of Economics.

The school offers master programs in economics, finance and energy economics, and an NES-HSE joint bachelor program in economics.



ABOUT NES CSDSI

The NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions focuses on research of theoretical and empirical aspects of social interaction in a heterogeneous society (such as in Russia) with various types of cultural, ethnic, geographic, religious, genetic, economic, historical and regional diversity.

A special attention is paid to regional challenges in Russia in order to facilitate balanced development, inclusive growth and prudent social policies across the country with its very heterogeneous terrain, climate, population, and labor market.

The main objectives of the center are implementation of research, dissemination of the research results, organization of the participation of teachers, researchers, and students of the NES in scientific activities of the Center, international integration, and the development of international scientific relations in the framework of ongoing research activities.

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3. What was your favorite part of SSSI?

4. What would you change about SSSI for future years?

5. Do you have any other comments or questions for the organizers?

6. Do you have any thoughts, feedback, or anecdotes you would like to share?

7. Would you like to be added to the HCEO email list?

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