

**11th International Academic Conference
on economic and social development**

The 11th International Academic Conference on economic and social development will be held on April 6-8, 2010 in Moscow. The conference is organized by the University – Higher School of Economics (HSE), with the participation of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The Conference Programme Committee is chaired by Professor Evgeny Yasin (the former Minister of Economy of the Russian Federation, 1994 - 1997), HSE Academic Supervisor.

The plenary sessions on April 6-7 will feature senior Russian Government officials including representatives of the Presidential Administration, high-level representatives of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, leading Russian and foreign academics, and the heads of some of the largest Russian and international companies.

The plenary sessions on April 6-7 and the special symposia within the conference (including selected reports, parallel sessions and round tables) will be devoted to the special themes of the conference: **“Economic Modernization: markets, firms, and structural changes”** and **“Preserving the Nation: demographic, socioeconomic, and political context”**.

The parallel sessions (research papers presentations) and round tables on the problems of economic and social development will be held after the plenary sessions on April 6-7 and on April 8 (all through the day). The Conference will feature European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) workshop **“Comparative empirical studies: what can we learn for transition and developing countries?”** with a number of special sessions.

The papers should present results of original research carried out with the latest research methodology (research areas are listed in the registration form). Duration/time limits are as follows:

Paper presentations - 15-20 min.

Discussants and expert round tables interventions – 5-7 min.

The 11th International Academic Conference will be followed by the Students' Academic Conference, featuring the best papers written by the students of the HSE and other universities in economics, management, law, sociology, and political science.

The working languages of the Conference will be Russian and English; simultaneous translation will be available during all plenary and most of the parallel sessions.

Participants are invited to submit extended abstracts of their research papers for the presentation at the Conference sessions on April 7 and 8. Submissions will be accepted **from September 10 till November 16, 2009**, only through on-line registration at: <http://conf.hse.ru/>.

The application should include the following information: full name of the researcher, job title and current position, address, contact phone, fax, e-mail address, and the title of the presentation. Abstracts should be in RTF or Microsoft Word format, and should not exceed 7,000 characters (from 1 to 3 pages long). The abstract should cover the justification of the topic of the research, methodology and main results. Applications which do not meet the requirements will not be accepted. Applicants may express interest in participation in a special conference theme symposium.

Group applications for organizing a parallel session are welcome. Group applications should include the following information:

- Title of proposed session;
- Description of the general idea of the session (no more than 1 page);

- Titles and short abstracts of papers (no more than 3 or 4 papers for one panel, up to 7,000 characters per abstract);
- Full names, job titles and positions, postal address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address of the session coordinator, presenters and discussants.

Parallel sessions will last for 1.5 hours each. The deadline for group applications is **November 16, 2009**.

The Programme Committee will develop the list of accepted papers and group applications **by January 20, 2010** on the basis of reviews by independent experts.

The Conference presenters should submit their full-text papers (in Microsoft Word, RTF or PDF /up to 20 000 characters long incl. spaces) to interconf@hse.ru **by February 15, 2010** for publication on the Conference web-site.

The final versions of the conference papers should be sent **by May 15, 2010** to the Conference Program committee. The papers included in the Programme will be published in the Conference proceedings after additional refereeing process.

A limited number of travel grants provided by the World Bank will be available for presenters from CIS and Eastern Europe countries.

Participants who wish to attend the conference without presenting a paper are invited to register on-line between **November 17, 2009** and **March 10, 2010** at: <http://conf.hse.ru/>.

Conference registration fee:

- 100 USD for developed countries
- 70 USD for transition and developing countries.

Bank details for transferring registration fees will be available from **September 10, 2009** at: <http://conf.hse.ru/>.

Programmes and papers from the previous ten international academic conferences on the problems of economic modernization organized by the HSE are available at <http://conf.hse.ru> .

The Conference Organizing Committee