**For practical training in a project format**

**(as per the initiative of HSE University staff)**

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| Practical training element | *Project* |
| Project type (if a project) | *Research* |
| Project name | Urban Contention in Russian *Millioniks* |
| Subdivision - project initiator | Department of Political Science and International Relations, HSE - Saint-Petersburg |
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| Main place of the project head’s employment at HSE University | Department of Political Science and International Relations, HSE - Saint-Petersburg |
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| Project co-heads at HSE University *(if any)* | *No* |
| Contact details of co-heads at HSE University (e-mail) | *No* |
| Key project idea / description of the problem under consideration | Russian cities with large urban population face multiple challenges. To analyse how urban residents tackle the problems of urban development, we aim to develop a database on contentious urban episodes and explore the socio-demographics of activists via social media analysis. The data will allow us to decipher the patterns of urban contention and understand better the needs of urban communities in Russia. |
| Goal and objectives of the project | The overall goal is to analyse the patterns of urban contention in Russian cities with the population size over 1 mln. Key objectives include: develop the coding scheme and procedure for identifying and summarising the conflict episodes; collect and code the data on conflict episodes; analyse the patterns of urban contention; develop online questionnaire for the analysis of active urban online groups; run a survey on the selected online groups; analyse and report the results of the study. |
| Project assignment | *Participants will study urban conflicts and place-based politics in Russian cities with over 1 million residents. First, they will code the interactions among the key conflict players (activists, developers, governments, and third parties) according to pre-defined methodology including codebook and coding protocol. They will have to search the relevant information in media regarding the key events in specific episodes of urban contention that started in 2010-2016; reconstruct the chronology of the events; and assign specific values to pre-defined set of variables. Second, they will participate in the development and implementation of an online survey with active local communities engaged in pace-based politics. This part will include pre-testing the questionnaire, contacting the informants, and checking for the quality of the results. Conflict episode database and two surveys will be the primary output of the project. Participants will also submit their short reflections on the pros and cons of each methodology in studying urban politics. Their work will be evaluated on 1-10 scale according to their contribution to the both parts of the project and the quality of final reflection.* |
| Project deliverables, special or functional requirements regarding project outcomes | 1. Database of urban conflict episodes in Russian million plus size cities. 2. Survey with a small (<300 participants) online community engaged with place-based politics. 3. Survey with a large (>1000 participants) online community engaged with place-based politics. 4. Methodological reflections (one page). |
| Starting date of project | *01.03.2023* |
| Final date of project | *30.06.2023* |
| Workload (hours per week) per participant | *5* |
| Anticipated number of participants (vacancies) on project team | *12* |
| Vacancies (roles), short description of tasks, number of credits assigned, and qualification criteria for project participants *(description of a single vacancy will be sufficient, if all participants perform similar works)*  *Credits per participant shall be calculated as: the duration in weeks \* the project’s workload in hours / 25* | *Vacancy No.1:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval* |
| *Vacancy No.2:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
| *Vacancy No.3:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.4:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.5:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.6:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.7:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.8:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.9:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.10:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.11:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
|  | *Vacancy No.12:*  *Tasks:*   * *Code urban contention episodes according to codebook and coding protocol;* * *Pre-test survey questionnaire with online communities with place-based specifics;* * *Distribute the survey among the members of online communities, obtain consent forms, and ensure the quality of the survey process.*   *Credits: 5*  *Qualification criteria:*   * *Strong motivation to join the project;* * *Analytical skills;* * *Interest in social science methodology and/or urban politics;* * *Skills in information retrieval.* |
| Total credits | *36* |
| Final assessment format | *Pass/fail for projects for one and two credits* |
| Format of results subject to assessment | *Databases of urban conflicts and surveys* |
| Formula for resulting grade, possible assessment criteria, including all requirements and parameters | *0.4 coding activity \* 0.4 survey activity\*0.2 reflection* |
| Retakes in case of unsatisfactory grades | *Yes* |
| Anticipated educational outcomes of the project | *Skills in informational retrieval and coding;*  *Skills in working with datasets;*  *Skills in methodological application of contentious episode analysis;*  *Skills in survey design and implementation;*  *Analytical skills.* |
| Special aspects of the project implementation: territory, time, information resources, etc. | *Russia, Saint-Petersburg* |
| Recommended educational programmes | *Политология*  *Политология и мировая политика (Санкт-Петербург)*  *Прикладной анализ данных и искусственный интеллект (Санкт-Петербург)*  *Социология*  *Социология и социальная информатика (Санкт-Петербург)* |
| Students submits a CV (resume) | *Yes* |
| Students submit a motivation letter | Yes |