Competition for Ph.D. Students in the Greater New York City Area to Participate at Harriman-IMEMO International Conference in Moscow from April 8-12, 2019

The Program on U.S.-Russia Relations at Columbia University’s Harriman Institute is pleased to announce a competitive opportunity for Ph.D. students in the greater New York City area: to participate in the 2nd international conference with peers and junior scholars at Moscow’s IMEMO (Institute for World Economy and International Relations) on April 8-12, 2019.

The general theme of the workshop will be “Political and Social Changes in the United States, Russia and Europe: New Domestic Trends and International Pressures.” Scholars from the fields of History, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Law, Education, Public Health, Communications, International Relations and other fields in the Social Sciences are encouraged to apply. The competition is open to current Ph.D. students. Participants need not be Russia experts; indeed, scholars working on domestic trends within the United States or Europe are encouraged to apply and exchange perspectives and research findings with their counterparts in Russia.

Those selected as conference participants will write and present orally a policy memo of approximately 2,000 words or equivalent PowerPoint slide deck, drawn from their dissertation or other advanced research. Policy memos will be published on the Harriman Institute website and/or in other appropriate online venues. The attendees will also participate in an IMEMO-led forecasting exercise and receive briefings from Russian experts and policymakers.

Six U.S.-based Ph.D. students will be chosen. The Harriman Institute will pay all travel-related costs (economy class air travel and hotel stay in Moscow), airport transfers, meals, and visa expenses for the trip. Students may extend their visits if they wish but will be responsible for additional lodging and living expenses. Students should plan on arriving Sunday, April 7 and departing on Friday, April 12.

To apply, please send to Professor Alexander Cooley (Harriman Institute Director, ac210@columbia.edu) and Ryan Kreider (Harriman Institute Assistant Director rk2780@columbia.edu) by Friday, January 18, 2019:

- A current CV;
- A brief (no longer than one page) abstract of the memo or project description;
- The name and contact information of a faculty advisor who will serve as a reference if called.

Applicants will be notified about their status by Friday, January 25, and they will be asked immediately for materials to begin the process of obtaining a visa. Support for this conference is provided in part by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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