



# RUSSIAN STUDIES WORKSHOP

Friday, September 14—Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Indiana University-Bloomington

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Graduate Methods Training Workshop: Focus on Russia

With funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the [Russian Studies Workshop](#) at Indiana University will host a two-day methods training workshop for U.S.-based pre-dissertation PhD students in the social sciences with a focus on Russia. The workshop is September 14-15, 2018 in Bloomington, Indiana.

Carrying out research in Russia, be it quantitative or qualitative, has particular challenges—navigating the complex archival and library systems, conducting personal interviews, collecting survey data, and keeping data secure—that can make it difficult for graduate students to make efficient and effective use of their time while in country. The “Graduate Methods Training Workshop: Focus on Russia” at IU this September 14-15, 2018 will enable pre-dissertation PhD students (students who have not yet conducted their dissertation research) in the social sciences to engage in training and dialogue with experts from IU and elsewhere with a focus on particular challenges of research in Russia. We define social sciences broadly, and include anthropology, communications/media studies, economics, geography, history, law, political science, religious studies, sociology, STS, and others.

The two-day workshop will include opportunities to present your own proposed research in a Lightning Round session; conduct one-on-one consultations with faculty experts; and choose from 5-6 workshops, which will cover: Qualitative Methods, including interviews; Survey Methods; Navigating Russia’s Library System and Archives from the U.S. and in Russia; Datasets and Digital Methods; and Media and Discourse Analysis.

The larger goals of the workshop are to build a community of pre-dissertation PhD students in the social sciences studying Russia, to promote networking and professionalization opportunities for emerging Russian Studies scholars with prominent faculty in the social sciences, and to expose emerging scholars to innovative methodological approaches in the social sciences, for studying Russia in particular.

To this end, we seek applications from PhD students in the United States whose work is in the social sciences (including history) and who are at the pre-dissertation research stage. Successful applicants will receive paid domestic (U.S.) travel, lodging, and meals/per diem for the length of the workshop.

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Application requirements to be sent to [rsw@iu.edu](mailto:rsw@iu.edu):

- 2-3 page letter of interest, including description of proposed/preliminary dissertation research topic, proposed research methods, and expected utility of the workshop to your project;
- CV;
- Letter of recommendation from PhD/dissertation advisor, sent directly to [rsw@iu.edu](mailto:rsw@iu.edu). Please make sure you receive confirmation of receipt.\*

Deadline for applications: June 15, 2018. Decisions will be announced by July 15.

\*Applicants from Indiana University do not need to submit a letter of recommendation.