

Project Outcomes Report

Comprehensive Research on the Slavic Eurasian Region (former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe) in Fiscal Year 2024
2025/05/09

Research Subject	Gender aspect of social capital transformation after migration: the case of Russian migration 2022-2023 to Slavic Eurasian Region				
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Overview of the Project Outcomes

The project involved two online surveys and a series of in-depth interviews, as well as analyzing data from Russian-speaking chat rooms and groups dedicated to Post-2022 migration on social media, with the special focus on socio-demographic characteristics, adaptation, trust, daily routines and services, employment and income, and decision to migrate.

As a result, both short term and mid-term research research goals were achieved. The study revealed some peculiarities and mechanisms of adaptation of Russian Post-2022 migrants in former Soviet Republics in the Caucasus and Central Asian region. It has become possible to conclude that Post-2022 migration outflow from Russia is generally related not only to political, but also to economic reasons, and can be described as privileged “lifestyle” migration with its emerging socio-economic hierarchy. One of the research questions the study focused on was the role of women in the process of adaptation and integration after migration.

The study enabled to assess and conduct a comparative analysis of the level of Russophobia in the countries of the South Caucasus (Georgia and Armenia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan), and the attitudes of the local population towards Russian migrants of new wave.

Apart from the goals outlined above, the analysis of Russian-speaking chat rooms of migrants revealed additional factors that influence the decision to migrate to another country; one of the most important and complex among others is information asymmetry.

Overview of the Project Outcomes (continued)

The successful achievement of the project's scientific objectives has led to the formulation of new research questions for further study.

It is planned to continue the project with a focus on the following activities:

- further observation on focus group
- another series of in-depth interviews and / or online surveys
- additional cross-cultural case study of Russian Post-2022 migration (Europe, USA, etc.)
- further focus on women’s role in adaptation and integration after migration
- study on trust formation between migrants and locals
- assessment of the degree and level of adaptation and integration of Russian Post-2022 migrants
- forecasting the possibility of conflicts or marginalization of Russian Post-2022 migrants

Principal Academic Outcomes (i.e. Academic Articles, Presentations at Conferences, Publications, etc.)
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Thanks to the visit of two project participants organized by the SRC, the network of professional contacts at the international level has been expanded. The SRC kindly provided not only a venue for presentations of the study results and exchange of views with the colleagues, but also a comfortable workplace, access to the library, and valuable materials on the subject.

The study resulted in three thematic presentations based at the SCR Hokkaido University, Japan. The project participants also shared their results during an online conference; another presentation at an international conference in Kazakhstan in June 2025 is planned.

1. Sokolova E., Veselovskaya O., Saitova D., Kozlov V. Role of Cultural Norms in Trust Formation and Social Capital Development: Comparative Analysis of Russian Migrants in Central Asia and Caucasus, 3 rd Conference “New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia” , Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 5-7, 2025 (*forthcoming*).
2. Sokolova E., Veselovskaya O., Saitova D., Kozlov V. Hierarchy of Russian post-2022 migrants: adaptation or social mimicry? International scientific conference “The War and the World: obvious and impossible”, Academic Bridges Laboratory, online, 3-9 March 2025 (*online*).
3. Sokolova E., Veselovskaya O., Saitova D., Kozlov V. Recent Russian migration in Caucasus and Central Asia – challenges and obstacles in the host societies. Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, January 23, 2025.
4. Veselovskaya O., Sokolova E., Saitova D., Kozlov V. Argentina: information asymmetry and shaping of Russian migration outflow. Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, January 24, 2025.
5. Sokolova E., Veselovskaya O., Saitova D., Kozlov V. Women and migration — women’s role in adaptation in the host societies. Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, January 24, 2025.

Currently two scientific articles based on the results of the study are at work-in-progress stage. It is planned to submit them into one of the following editions:

https://www.cercec.fr/type_publication/receo/

<https://oap.unige.ch/journals/connexe/about>

The title to be announced at a later date.

Related Research Projects, that have been developed from this collaborative Project (Including projects under the application process)

1. Gerda Henkel Scholarship. Area of Research: Forced-migration infrastructures: how social dynamics among and between individuals and host societies emerge and evolve. Research Project 2025-2026 “Social capital and the integration of forced skilled migrants: through the prism of newcomers, local society and government” (*application pending*)

2. Collaborative Project with GAU (Georgian American University) — series of workshops for School of Law, Social Sciences and Diplomacy (*fall semester 2025*)

3. Research Project for Davis Center Grant “The role of online communities in the adaptation of Russian Post-2022 migrants: integration or diasporisation?” (*application pending*)

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