



**International Conference  
“Education and global cities: prospects of BRICS”**

**Venue:** St. Petersburg, Russia

**Dates:** May 14-15, 2015

**Organizers:**

- Higher School of Economics-Saint-Petersburg
- ITMO University
- Russian academic excellence Project “5-100”
- Ural Federal University (Ekaterinburg)

**Concept:**

Dynamics of the world economic development in recent years is increasingly determined by economic prospects of the countries – “the new leaders”, especially the BRICS countries. Along with the rapid growth of the economies of these countries, the middle class which lives in big cities is also growing rapidly and presents a new demand for a range of services, including education, thereby determining the dynamic development of the universities in these countries, as well as affecting the flow of international students. Not by chance the international rating agencies recently drew attention to the universities for these countries by launching projects BRICS University Rankings (QS) and emerging economies (THE) in 2013. At last, real collaboration between universities in these countries is also actively developing.

The BRICS League of Universities starts to form, the BRICS Network University project has started. The rapid development of international education in the BRICS countries, the development of new large university campuses raises the question of the existence of university in city space. The conference will discuss current trends in the development of cities in the BRICS countries in the context of education, and discuss prospects for cooperation between universities of the BRICS countries.

**Key issues for discussion:**

- Cities and urban agglomerations in the BRICS countries: planning and development;
- University and city in the developing economies;
- Models of universities development in metropolitan areas;
- BRICS university ranking: prospects for development;
- BRICS University League: new format of multilateral cooperation in higher education;
- International mobility of the BRICS graduates.

**Preliminary agenda:**

- **May, 14<sup>th</sup>** – plenary sessions; venue - the new stage of the Alexandrinsky theatre, 49A Fontanki Emb., St. Petersburg
- **May, 15<sup>th</sup>** – panel discussions; venue - Higher School of Economics – Saint-Petersburg, 3A Kantemirovskaya st., Saint-Petersburg.

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