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Daniel Alexandrov teaches social theory, analytical sociology, social network analysis, sociology of education, and history of social sciences in the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg since 2002. From 2007 he serves there as Associate Director and directs his own research laboratory on sociology of education and science. His lab focuses on education and inequality, educational choice and urban segregation, migration and education, social networks of adolescents (online and offline), and international collaboration in natural and social sciences.

His basic education is in science – Daniel Alexandrov studied life sciences in St. Petersburg University (M.S. 1980) and taught there, while publishing research articles on marine ecology, evolutionary biology and science studies. In 1988 he moved from biology to sociology and history of science, and for ten years (1988–98) worked in the Institute of the History of Science and Technology, Russian Academy of Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. in History of Science from the Academy. In 1996-2010 he taught in the Department of Sociology, European University at St. Petersburg.

In the 1990s he taught courses in history and science studies as a visiting professor in the University of Chicago (1992) and Georgia Institute of Technology (1994) and had research scholarships from Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington, DC) and other institutions. In the 2000s he was also a frequent visitor to the U.S. and Europe, including temporary positions in the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* (Paris), Max-Planck Institute for History (Goettingen), Max-Planck Institute for History of Sciences (Berlin) and other institutions.

In 1999 he received large grant from the Spencer Foundation (Chicago) to develop and administer the program supporting young Russian educational researchers – the program operated in 2000-08 in the European University at St. Petersburg. In the Spring of 2005 he received prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship, and spent two months in the U.S. in order to research the social nexus of science, universities, and philanthropy in the U.S. In 2007 he received Ritter Fellowship, international research award from Scripps Institution at the University of California – San Diego. He organized many conferences and summer schools with the support from such diverse agencies as Volkswagen Foundation, Nordic Council of Ministers, SSRC, INTAS, and others.

His work was for years on historical sociology of universities and science, international migration, collaboration and communication of scientists (both history and current). His research is currently focused on education and inequality, migration and ethnicity, online and offline social networks of adolescents, online communities and ethnic and urban groups / networks in social media.