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Eduard Ponarin was born in Leningrad in 1964. Graduated with honors with a degree in Psychology from the Leningrad State University in 1986. In 1986-1988 commanded an artillery battery in the Soviet Army. In 1988-1989 taught psychology at the Leningrad Institute of Culture. In 1989-1996 was a graduate student of sociology at the University of Michigan; got his Ph.D. degree in 1996. In 1997 was a research associate at the St. Petersburg branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology. Since 1998 has been teaching at the European University at St. Petersburg.

Courses currently taught

in Russian

Introduction to data analysis (European University at St. Petersburg)
Ethnic problems on post-Soviet territory (European University at St. Petersburg)
History and methods of sociology (Higher School of Economics)

in English

Ethnic Issues in Post-Soviet Space (International Master of Russian Studies Program, European University at St. Petersburg)
Statistical Methods in Social Research (Master of European Studies Program, St. Petersburg State University, faculty of sociology and the Center for European and German Studies)

Current research projects

Tolerance of post-Soviet press, the leader of St. Petersburg research team. The project is financed by the INTAS with participants from Moscow, Kazan, Astana, Samarkand, and St. Petersburg.

Religious and ethnic identities in the Volga-Urals region, the project leader. In cooperation with scholars from Tatarstan and Bashkortostan I gathered and analyzed expert interviews and mass survey data. The project was financed by the Open Society Institute, the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the American Council of Learned Societies.

Current educational project

A network of social science for Russia, the project coordinator. With the support from the University of Michigan and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the European University's alumni teach in Russian provincial universities (Petrozavodsk, Cherepovets, Tver, and Kazan) and study as interns at the University of Michigan.

Other experience

2005-2007 Financial director of a project of the Georgetown University and my department devoted to non-traditional security challenges in Russia

2005-2007 A member of the editorial board of Journal of Post-Soviet Power Institutions

2003-2006 A member of PONARS Executive Committee. PONARS stands for the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security, an international network of political scientists currently based at the Georgetown University

1990-1996 Research assistant at the Population Studies Center, the University of Michigan, responsible for data management and conference organization

Selected publications in English and French

Changing Federalism and the Islamic Challenge in Tatarstan, *Demokratizatsiya*, vol. 16, no. 3 (Summer 2008), pp. 265-276.

"Indeks (in)tolerantnosti pressy" (An index of press (in)tolerance) in Verkhovsky, Alexander (ed.) "Iazyk vrazhdy protiv obschestva" (Hate speech against the society), Moscow: Sova, 2007. (With Dm. Dubrovsky, A. Tolkachova, and R. Akifieva).

The Islamic Challenge in Russia's Muslim Regions: The case of Tatarstan, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. Summer/Fall 2006, pp. 21-25. (With Irina Kouznetsova-Morenko)

"Construction de l'identité nationale et islam: les Kurdes de Turquie et les Tatars de la Volga", pp. 223-238 en *Islam et politique en ex-URSS (Russie d'Europe et Asie Centrale)*, sous la direction de Marlène Laruelle et Sébastien Peyrouse. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2005. (Avec Lilia Sagitova.)

"Muslim minority identifications in post-9/11 China and Russia" (2004) http://www.acls.org/crn/network/ebook_gladney.htm (With Dru Gladney, Lilia Sagitova, Yang Shengmin, and Wang Jianmin)

"The Prospects of Assimilation of the Russophone Populations in Estonia and Ukraine: A Reaction to David Laitin's Research," *Europe-Asia Studies* vol. 52, no. 8, December 2000, pp. 1535-1541.

"Regional Bases of Party Politics: A Measure and Its Implications for the Study of Party System Consolidation in New Democracies." EUI Working Paper RSC No. 99/25, Badia Fiesolana, San Domenico, 1999. (With Grigorii Golosov)

"Estonian and Russian Communities: Ethnic and Language Relations," *International Journal of Sociology*, vol. 26, no. 2, Summer 1996, pp. 25-45. (With Barbara Anderson, Silver, and Titma)