

# Yulia Lezhnina

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## Date and Place of Birth

May 21, 1984

Yoshkar-Ola, Mari-El Republic, Russia

## Education

- **PhD in Sociology** (specialization *Social Structure, Social Institutions and Processes*, thesis *Russian Pensioners in a Transforming Society: Social Wellbeing and Structural Characteristics of the Group*), 2010, National Research University Higher School of Economics (NRU HSE), Moscow
- **MSc in Economics** (specialization *Economic Sociology*), 2007, NRU HSE, Moscow
- **BSc in Economics** (specialization *Socio-Economics and Marketing Research*), 2005, NRU HSE, Moscow

## Selected Special Trainings

- *Academic Writing Course* (NRU HSE, Russia, December 2012 – June 2013),
- International Summer School *Discourse and Practices of Social Inequalities and Social Changes* (Center of Social Policy and Gender Research, Russia, May 15-23, 2012),
- Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, courses *Logit and Probit* and *Non-Parametric and Semi-Parametric Methods* (University of Essex, Great Britain, August 8-19, 2011),
- International Short Training Programme in *Economic and Financial Aspects of Ageing* (International Institute on Ageing, United Nations – Malta, March 8-19, 2010).

## Field of interest

Social policy and its reforms

Ageing Population

Pensioners as a Social Group and Pension Systems

## Working Experience

### **2013 – Present**

Deputy Vice-Rector (appointment within the program “*High Potential Group of Young Scholars*”); NRU HSE, Moscow, Russia

### **2007 – Present**

Assistant Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer; NRU HSE, Moscow, Russia

Courses: *Fundamentals of Social Policy, Pension Policy and Economic Development, Modernization of Russia and new social policy, Social Structure and Demographic Changes, etc.*

### **2005 – Present**

Senior Researcher, Researcher; Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russia

### **2010 – 2013**

Administrator of Joint Educational Programs between NRU HSE and Russian partner universities, (New Economic School, Ural Federal University), NRU HSE, Moscow, Russia

## Research Projects

Member of the research group in 20 national and international projects including:

- *Comparative Social Policy in Changing Society: China and Russia* (Russian Academy of Science, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 2013-2014),
- *Sociocultural Modernization of Russia as a Factor of Increasing the Country's Competitiveness in the Globalized World* (Russian Fund of Humanities, 2006-2008),
- *Health, Health Policy and Poverty in Russia: the Dynamics of the Health Capacities of the Poor and the Social Policy Response* (INTAS, 2004-2006);

a number of research projects conducted with a support of F. Ebert Foundation (2005-2014) including: *Poverty and Inequalities in Modern Russia: 10 Years Later* (2013), *Twenty Years of Reforms through the Eyes of Russians (the Experience of Multiple Sociological Measurements)* (2011), *Is Russian Society*

*Ready for Modernization?* (2010), *Poor in Russia: Who are They? How do They Live? What are Their Aspirations?* (2008), *Social Policy and Social Reforms with the Eyes of Russians* (2006).

### **Publications**

Nearly 40 articles and chapters in scientific monographs including:

- Pension Policy in *Comparative Social Policy in Changing Society: China and Russia*, 2014 (eng, in print),
- Sociodemographic Factors Determining the Risk of Poverty and Low-Income Poverty // *Sociological Research*, 2011, Vol. 50, No. 2, p.13-31 (eng),
- The Family in Value Orientations // *Russian Education and Society*, 2011, Vol. 53, No. 2, p.78-92 (eng),
- The Role of Health in Struggle against Poverty and Exclusion of Pensioners in *Social Policy in Modern Russia: Reforms and Everyday Life* (Роль здоровья в борьбе с бедностью и эксклюзией у пенсионеров / Социальная политика в современной России: реформы и повседневность / Под редакцией П.Романова и Е. Ярской-Смирновой. М.: ООО «Вариант», ЦСПГИ, 2008, с.197-223 (rus),
- Practicability of Raising the Retirement Age in Russia in *Power* (Оценка целесообразности повышения возраста выхода на пенсию // *Власть*, 2008, №12, с.38-41) (rus), etc.

### **Selected International Conferences**

- Seminar “Contemporary Social Policy Challenges in Russia and the UK”, University of Southampton, Southampton, Great Britain, April 24, 2013, Presentation *Strategies of Individual Pension Insurance Behavior: the Case of Russia*,
- 10-th ESA Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, September 7-10, 2011, Presentation *Elderly Population in a Labour Market: Resource for the Economy or a New Challenge for Social Policy*,
- VII European Congress “Healthy and Active Ageing for All Europeans “II”, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics European Region, Bologna, Italy, April 14-17, 2011, Presentation *Opportunities to Attract Elderly Population to the Labor Market (the case of Russia)*,
- Workshop of the Fifth Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists, International Sociological Association, Gothenburg, Sweden, July, 2010, Presentation *Raising Pension Age in Russia: Evaluation of Practicability*,
- 3rd TransEurope Young Researcher Meeting “Flexibilization and Changing Life Course Patterns in a Globalizing Europe”, University of Turin, Turin, Italy, June 18-19, 2010, Presentation *Changing Habitual Life Course in an Old Age: Employment Continuation*,
- International Scientific Conference “Challenges for Analysis of the Economy, the Business, and Social Progress”, University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary, November 19-21, 2009, Presentation *Typology of the family in the analysis of poverty in Russia*,
- XIX International Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, International Association Gerontology and Geriatrics, Paris, France, July 5-9, 2009, Presentation *Health as a Determinant of Pensioners, Wealth in Russia*.

### **Awards (with papers on pension issues)**

- *Fifth Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists*, International Sociological Association, 2010 (Commended Paper),
- National Open Contest of Students’ Papers *Humanitarian Informational Technologies*, Fund for Perspective Research, “Bastion”, 2008 (First Award in Economics),
- Contest of Scientific Papers of Young Sociologists of Russia *Social Reality of Modern Russia*, Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Science, 2008 (Second award).

### **Consulting**

Experience of consulting on pension policy issues for Civic Chamber of Russian Federation, Mass Media, Advisor to the President of Russia, etc.

### **Languages**

*English*: Upper Intermediate, *German*: Elementary, *Russian*: Native Speaker.