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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my pleasure to recommend Karolina Nugumanova for participation in the SPS Summer Academy '(In)equality, Democracy and Solidarity' in the European University Institute. I am acquainted with Karolina's academic work since 2020, when she entered the Sociology Department of the European University at St. Petersburg as a MA student. At that moment, I was a chair of the department, and now Karolina is attending the course on qualitative methods in social sciences that I teach at EUSP.

By the time of entering EUSP, Karolina gained quite an extensive academic experience and demonstrated motivation for sociological studies. She successfully defended her bachelor's thesis on the topic "Adaptation processes and motivation system as a condition for stable employment in the international audit". In addition to that, she took part in a variety of online courses, academic competitions, forums and summer schools. Karolina's current MA project at the EUSP focuses on the production of the objectivity effect in documentary films, and she develops it in the frame of STS perspective.

However, Karolina does not limit her academic interests to this topic, but also delves into gender issues. At the EUSP, she has successfully completed course "Gender sociology" and participated in the course "Studies of social inequality". In addition, this semester, she combines her studies at EUSP with the position of (online) visiting student at the globalization program at the Venice International University (VIU). Despite the difficult epidemiological conditions and the inability to study offline in Venice, Karolina manages to complete academic requirements of the two universities. Two of her courses at VIU are directly related to the SPS Summer Academy at EUI. It is worth noting that at the interim exams at VIU, Karolina achieved high results in courses related to gender, nation, and identity.

I know Karolina as a creative, responsible, and inquisitive student who is always eager to expand the scope of her academic knowledge. She is unquestionably an exceptional candidate for SPS Summer Academy in EUI. I believe that this school will contribute to Karolina's researches and will help her to elaborate on the topic of gender inequality in her studies. I recommend her without reservations.

Best wishes,

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