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Place of birth: Yoshkar-Ola, Russia

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Current position

[2012–2014] Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

- Postdoctoral research fellow at the Program for Learning with ICT
- Guest Research Scientist at the Department of Computer & Information Science

Education

[2007–2012] Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

- PhD Research Fellow at Program for Learning with ICT
- PhD candidate at Department of Computer and Information Science

[2001–2006] Volga State University of Technology, Russia (ex Mari State Technical University)

- Department of Computer Information Technology
- Average grade: 4.75 (min. passing grade 3, max. grade 5)
- Diploma Thesis: "Designing 3D Virtual Environment for Learning Arts"

[1996–2000] Art school, Russia

Subjects: Graphics, Painting, Composition, Decorative Arts, History of Visual Art

Research Projects

[2011–2013] EU Life Long Learning research project "CoCreate" http://www.cocreat.eu/

 Responsibilities: 3D environment design, instructional design, research, tutoring and technical support

[2009–now] Research and Development project "vAcademia" http://vacademia.com/

Responsibilities: Research, testing, and dissemination

[2011–now] Norwegian armed forces research project on learning and communication in 3D

virtual worlds "Cultural Awareness in Military Operations"

• Responsibilities: 3D environment design, research, and technical support

[2010–2011] EEU research project on serious games "TARGET"

Responsibilities: Organization of events in a 3D virtual world, web support

http://www.reachyourtarget.org/

[2009–now] Research project "Virtual Campus of NTNU in Second Life"

- Responsibilities: Research, development, and maintenance
- http://slurl.com/secondlife/NTNU/

[2008–2009] EU cultural heritage project "Travel in Europe"

Responsibilities: Data collection and texturing 3D models

[2007–2008] Research and Development project "Virtual City of Yoshkar-Ola" http://virtyola.ru/

Responsibilities: Research, 3D-modelling, and texturing

- [2007] Research and Development project "Virtual Collaborative Learning Environments"
 - Responsibilities: 3D modelling and texturing
 - http://www.mmlab.ru/projects/collab/collab.shtml
- [2006–2007] Russian Ministry of Education project "E-learning resources for Chemistry"
 - Responsibilities: Graphic and multimedia design
 - http://fcior.edu.ru/about.page (in Russian only)

Industrial Experience

- [2006–2007] Multimedia System Laboratory, Volga State University of Technology, Russia
 - Responsibilities: Research, project management, Graphic design, 3D modelling and texturing, programming
 - http://www.mmlab.ru/
- [2001–2007] Several IT companies, Russia
 - Responsibilities: Graphical design, 3D modelling, texturing, and programming

Awards and personal grants

- [Apr 2014] Personal grant to teach at the Tenth Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning
 - Granted by: TESEO lab, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
 - http://www.prolearn-academy.org/Events/summer-school-2014
- [Sep 2013] Demo special recognition: Virtual Afghan Village as a Low-Cost Environment for Training Cultural Awareness in a Military Context
 - Granted by: European Association of Technology Enhanced Learning
 - http://ectel2013.cs.ucy.ac.cy/index.php/conference/papers-and-demosawards
- [Aug 2013] Personal grant to conduct a trans-national access research project at the University College London, UK
 - Granted by: VISIONAIR, project funded by the European Commission
 - http://www.infra-visionair.eu/accepted-projects.html
- [May 2013] Audience Choice Award at the Ninth Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning
 - Granted by: European Association for Technology Enhanced Learning
 - http://www.prolearn-academy.org/Events/summer-school-2013
- [Mar 2013] Personal grant to give lectures at Learning and Educational Technology Research Unit, University of Oulu, Finland
 - Granted by: ERASMUS Teacher Mobility program
 - http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/llp_en.htm#tab-4
- [May 2011] Personal grant to participate in the Seventh Joint European Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning
 - Granted by: European Association for Technology Enhanced Learning
 - http://www.prolearn-academy.org/Events/summer-school-2011
- [Mar 2011] Outstanding paper award: Virtual Research Arena: Presenting Research in 3D Virtual Environments
 - Granted by: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education
 - http://www.editlib.org/j/GLEARN/v/2011/n/1/?show awards only=true
- [Jun 2009] Outstanding paper award: Virtual Campus in the Context of an educational Virtual City: a Case Study
 - Granted by: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education
 - http://www.editlib.org/j/EDMEDIA/v/2009/n/1/?show_awards_only=true

Selected publications

Mikhail Fominykh and Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland: "Educational Visualizations in 3D Collaborative Virtual Environments: a Methodology," *International Journal of Interactive Technology and Smart Education (ITSE)*, Volume 9, issue 1, 2012, Emerald, ISSN: 1741-5659, pp. 33–45. doi>10.1108/17415651211228086

Mikhail Fominykh: "Creating and Retrieving Knowledge in 3D Virtual Worlds," in Ulrich Gehmann and Martin Reiche Eds., *Real Virtuality: About the Destruction and Multiplication of World*, 2014, Transcript, ISBN: 978-3-8376-2608-7, pp. 337–368.

Leif Martin Hokstad, Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, and **Mikhail Fominykh**: "Collaborative Virtual Environments for Reflective Community Building at Work: the Case of TARGET," in Sean Goggins, Isa Jahnke and Volker Wulf Eds., *Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning at the Workplace*, 2013, Springer, ISBN: 978-1-4614-1739-2, pp. 167–183. doi>10.1007/978-1-4614-1740-8

Mikhail Morozov, Alexey Gerasimov, **Mikhail Fominykh**, and Andrey Smorkalov: "Asynchronous Immersive Classes in a 3D Virtual World: Extended Description of vAcademia," in Marina Gavrilova, Chih Jeng Kenneth Tan and Arjan Kuijper Eds., *Transactions on Computational Science (TCS)*, LNCS 7848, Issue XVI, 2013, Springer, ISBN: 978-3-642-38802-6. doi>10.1007/978-3-642-38803-3

Mikhail Fominykh, Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, Leif Martin Hokstad, and Mikhail Morozov: "Repositories of Community Memory as Visualized Activities in 3D Virtual Worlds," in *the 47th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, Waikoloa, HI, USA, January 6–9, 2014, IEEE, ISBN: 978-1-4799-2504-9/14, pp. 678–687. doi>10.1109/HICSS.2014.90

Andrey Smorkalov, **Mikhail Fominykh**, and Mikhail Morozov: "Stream Processors Texture Generation Model for 3D Virtual Worlds: Learning Tools in vAcademia," in Qian Lin, Max Muhlhauser, and Phillip Sheu eds. *the 9th International Symposium on Multimedia (ISM)*, Anaheim, CA, USA, December 9–11, 2013, **EEEE**, ISBN: 978-0-7695-5140-1/13, pp. 17–24. doi> 17.10.1109/ISM.2013.13

Mikhail Fominykh, Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, Sobah Abbas Petersen, and Monica Divitini: "Work and Learning across Boundaries: Artifacts, Discourses, and Processes in a University Course," in Pedro Antunes, Marco Aurélio Gerosa, Allan Sylvester, Julita Vassileva, and Gert-Jan Vreede eds. *the 19th International Conference on Collaboration and Technology (CRIWG)*, Wellington, New Zealand, October 30–November 1, 2013, Springer, Online ISBN: 978-3-642-41347-6, pp. 159–174. doi>10.1007/978-3-642-41347-6 12

Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, **Mikhail Fominykh**, Ramin Darisiro, Anders I. Mørch, and David Hansen: "Preparing for International Operations in a Cyberworld: a Norwegian Army Example," in Xiaoyang Mao and Lichan Hong eds. *the 13th International Conference on Cyberworlds (CW)*, Yokohama, Japan, October 21–23, 2013, **EEEE**, ISBN: 978-1-4799-2245-1, pp. 163–170. doi>10.1109/CW.2013.47

Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, **Mikhail Fominykh**, Ramin Darisiro, and Anders I. Mørch: "Training Cultural Awareness in Military Operations in a Virtual Afghan Village: A Methodology for Scenario Development," in Ralph H. Sprague, Jr. ed. *the 46th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, Wailea, HI, USA, January 7–10, 2013, EEEE, ISBN: 978-1-4577-1925-7, pp. 903–912. doi>10.1109/HICSS.2013.571

Mikhail Fominykh, Ekaterina Prasolova-Førland, and Monica Divitini: "Learning Computer-Mediated Cooperation in 3D Visualization Projects," in Yuhua Luo ed. *the 9th International Conference on Cooperative Design, Visualization and Engineering (CDVE)*, Osaka, Japan, September 2–5, 2012, **Springer**, LNCS 7467, ISSN: 0302-9743, ISBN: 978-3-642-32608-0, pp. 65–72. doi>10.1007/978-3-642-32609-7 9

Active memberships in scientific program committees

<u>ICALT 2014</u>, member of the <u>Track Program Committee</u> Virtual Worlds in Education and Training <u>HCI International 2014</u>, member of the <u>Program Board</u> Learning and Collaboration Technologies <u>KES STET 2014</u>, member of the <u>International Program Committee</u>

SCITEED 2014, member of the Scientific Committee

Behaviour & Information Technology Journal, invited reviewer (2013)

SLACTIONS 2013, member of the Scientific Committee

Professional skills

Computer skills:

- Operating systems: Windows and Android
- Programming: C-based languages, Pascal-based languages
- 2D Graphics: Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
- 3D Graphics: 3d Max, Maya, SketchUp, and Second Life

Languages:

- English: fluent
- Russian: native
- Norwegian (bokmål): advanced, qualified for university studies at NTNU

Other skills:

- Motivation and commitment
- Multidisciplinary competences and interests
- Communication and teamwork

Interests

Visual art, Photography, Graphics, and Animation Guitar Bicycle Travelling