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### Current Academic Positions and Affiliations:

- since 2017, New York University in Abu Dhabi, Research Associate.
- since 2013, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Senior Research Fellow.

### Education

2010 – defense - Kandidat nauk (Ph.D. equivalent) in Russian History. Vladimir State University. Dissertation topic: “Noble self-government in the first half of the XIX century. (The case of Ryazan province)”.

1999-2002 - Bachelor in Law (with honours), Ryazan branch of Moscow Academy of Economy and Law.

1995-2000 - Diploma in History and English (with honours), Ryazan State Pedagogical University.

### Research interests

Economic history of Early Modern Eastern Europe, Fiscal historical sociology, History of European nobility, Russian History

### Publications in Refereed Journals

2019: Korchmina, E., Fedyukin, I., “Extralegal payments to state officials in Russia, 1750s–1830s: assessing the burden of corruption”, *The Economic History Review*, 2019, 1 (Vol. 72), pp. 156 - 181. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ehr.12666>

2018: Korchmina, E., Zorin, A., “Karamzin and Money”, *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, 2018, 1. (Vol. 59), pp. 117-140. [https://www.cairn.info/resume.php?ID\\_ARTICLE=CMR\\_591\\_0117](https://www.cairn.info/resume.php?ID_ARTICLE=CMR_591_0117)

2018: Korchmina, E., “Conceptualising the Notion of “Profit” among the Russian Nobility (Second Half of the 18th – First Half of the 19th Centuries)”, *Quaestio Rossica*, 2018, 4 (Vol. 6), pp. 1144–1159. <https://qr.urfu.ru/ojs/index.php/qr/issue/view/308>

### Working Papers

2018: Korchmina, E., “Peer Pressure: The Puzzle of Tax Compliance in the Early Nineteenth-Century Russia”, *Working Papers 0144, European Historical Economics Society (EHES)*.

Korchmina, E., “The concept of luxury in Russian sumptuary laws in the 18<sup>th</sup> century”, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* (revise and resubmit).

### Current projects

Korchmina, E., “Is the peasant better off a serf in Russian heartland or free in Siberia in the 18th century?”

Korchmina, E., “Indebted Westernization”: economic behavior of the Russian nobility in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century - early 19<sup>th</sup> century”.

Korchmina, E., Malinowski, M., “Income and its distribution in Moscow Governorate at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century”

### Key publications

1. Korchmina, E., “What Could the Empress Know About Her Money? Russian Poll Tax Revenues in the Eighteenth Century”, in Simon Franklin and Katherine Bowers (eds), *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia, 1600–1850*. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2017, pp. 287-310.

2. Korchmina, E. S., "The Practice of Personal Finance and the Problem of Debt among the Noble Elite in Eighteenth-Century Russia", in *The Europeanized Elite in Russia, 1762-1825: Public Role and Subjective Self*. Edited by Andrei Zorin, Andreas Schönle, and Alexei Evstratov. NIU Press, 2016, pp. 162 - 192.
3. Korchmina, E. S., «... v chest' vzjatok ne davat'...»: kak «pochest'» stanovitsja «vzjatkoj» v postpetrovskoj Rossii, *Rossiskaja istorija*, 2015, 2. ("... don't give bribes in honour..." how gifts became bribes in Post-Petrine Russia")
4. Korchmina, E. S., «Nabrat' pobolee damskih upolnomochij»: uchastie dvorjanok v soslovnyh vyborah v Rossii v pervoj polovine XIX v. (po materialam Rjazanskoj gubernii), *Rossijskaja istorija*, 2015, 6. ("To take more ladies' votes..." the participation of women in noble elections in Russia in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century")
5. Fedyukin, I. I., Korchmina, E. S., Sobiraemost' podushnoj podati v seredine XVIII v.: k voprosu ob jeffektivnosti gosudarstvennogo apparata v Rossii v istoricheskoj perspective, *Ekonomicheskaja istorija: Ezhegodnik*, 2013. Moscow, 2014. ("Collecting Poll Tax in Mid-Eighteenth Century: Assessing the Effectiveness of Russian State Apparatus in Historical Perspective")
6. Korchmina, E. S., «... mnogie milliony gosudarstvennoj kazny v neizvestnosti nahodjatsja ... »: nedoimki po podushnoj podati 1720-h – 1760-h gg.", *Rossijskaja istorija*, 2013, 5. ("Many millions of Russian state money are unknown": poll tax arrears of the 1720-1760s")
7. Korchmina, E. S., "Pereselenie rjazanskih dvorjan v Simbirskuju guberniju v 40-50h gg. XIX v.", *Izvestija Samarskogo nauchnogo centra Rossijskoj Akademii Nauk*, 2010, vol. 12, 6 (38). ("Relocation of the poorest nobility from Ryasan to Simbirsk region in the 1840-1850s")
8. Korchmina, E. S., "Nachalo novogo XIX veka v russkoj provincii: vzgljad sovremennikov", in *Izobretenie veka. Problemy i modeli vremeni v Rossii i Evrope XIX stoletija*. Moscow, 2013. ("The beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Russian province: the perception of contemporaries")

## Grants and Awards

2019, Paulsen Fellowship (The London School of Economics and Political Science).

2016-2019, Research fellowship, "Natural Resources in History of Russia: Economic Institutes, Communities of Experts and Infrastructures". The project is supported by Russian Science Foundation (lead by J. Lajus).

2016-2017, HSE reward for academic work

2015-2016, HSE reward for academic work

2013 – 2015, Research fellowship, "Europeanization of Russian Elite". The project based at Queen Mary College, London and supported by the Leverhulme Foundation (lead A. Schönle, A. Zorin).

2012 – 2013, Karamzin Research Fellowship at the Humanities Research Center, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow (lead I. Fedyukin).

2013, Best presentation prize at the "Lomonosov – 2013" Conference, Moscow State University.

2012, Best young scholar of the year in humanities, Ryazan region, (the second place).

2011, Finalist, All-Russian competition of postgraduate students and young scholars, (humanities).

## Teaching Experience and Academic Positions

2014-2016 – Assistant Professor, National Research University Higher School of Economics (History Department).

2015-2016 - the author of the course "Economic History of Russia in Comparative perspective" National Research University Higher School of Economics (History Department).

2007-2011, Senior Lecturer, Ryazan branch of Moscow State Open University,

2002-2007, Assistant Lecturer, Ryazan State Agricultural Academy

2000-2002, Assistant Lecturer, Ryazan Oil-Chemical College

## Invited talks

2018, September - at the workshop "Noblemen in Business: Wealth, Investments, Innovation (18th-20th Centuries)", Milan, Italy.

## Key Conferences

2018:

- August: XVIIIth World Economic history Congress in Boston, USA.
- July: X International Conference on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia, Strasbourg, France.
- June: 43rd Annual Economic and Business History Society Conference in Jyväskylä, Finland.
- April: the 12th European Social Science History conference in Belfast, UK.
- February: CEPR-NYUAD Workshop on Economic Divergence and Convergence in History in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

2017:

- Second World Congress of Comparative Economics «1917 –2017: Revolution and Evolution in Economic Development» in Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

2016:

- the 11th European Social Science History Conference in Valencia, Spain.

2015:

- XVIIIth World Economic history Congress “Diversity in Development” in Kyoto, Japan.
- the WEast workshop "Historical sources of development" in Budapest, Hungary.

2014:

- The European Economic History Summer School in Berlin, Germany.
- “Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850”, Darwin College, Cambridge, UK.

2012:

- The European Social Science History Conference in Vienna, Austria.
- Humboldt Colloquium “The Role of Fundamental Sciences in Society”, Moscow, Russia.

## Reports, Media, Mentions & Other

2016: The author of the on-line course “The Splendor and Poverty of the Russian Empire”

<https://arzamas.academy/courses/35/1>

2016: interview: “The total corruption in Russia is a myth” <https://secretmag.ru/cases/interview/istorik-elena-korchmina-totalnaya-korruptsiya-v-rossii-eto-mif.htm>

2016: interview “Bribes and offshores of the Petrine times”

[https://www.gazeta.ru/science/2016/06/20\\_a\\_8311103.shtml](https://www.gazeta.ru/science/2016/06/20_a_8311103.shtml)

2016: radio programme “Economic history: lessons for contemporaries” in the project Persona grata

<http://www.radiorus.ru/brand/audio/id/57068/>

## Editorial activity

Referee for *Cahiers du Monde Russe*

## Administrative experience

2014 – 2015, Acting Director of Center for History Sources, National Research University Higher School of Economics

## Languages

Russian (native), English (fluent), French (reading skills)

## Skills

Continuous research experience in Russian central and local archives since 2007.

## Additional education

2017: OXBSG01x: From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development of OxfordX, an online learning initiative of Oxford through edX.

VALID CERTIFICATE ID 14d1831ae6fd48308ca9c40773a283dc

2016: The Power of Microeconomics: Economic Principles in the Real World (Rating: 87.3%)

<https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/records/PWJPBVQB2WJP>

