

# RUSSIAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW

Call for Papers

## Friendship, Trust, and Conflict: From Conceptual History Towards Studies of Social Ontology

The *Russian Sociological Review* ([sociologica.hse.ru/en](http://sociologica.hse.ru/en)), an international peer-reviewed academic journal published by the National Research University — Higher School of Economics ([www.hse.ru](http://www.hse.ru)), invites contributions from philosophy, social sciences and cognate fields for the special issue entitled *Friendship, Trust, and Conflict: From Conceptual History towards Studies of Social Ontology*.

Warfare, social conflicts, revolutions, shifts of national borders, and mass migration continue to transform the existing social order that emerged in Europe by the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries. The previous special issues of the *Russian Sociological Review* on borders and warfare discussed these transformations of social order that is now in jeopardy, and thus may change unexpectedly. However, the notion of social order is a complex one, and has other crucial aspects. Although dissolved and disintegrated, social order is still omnipresent despite all the challenges facing it. States and global state systems are not the only fundamental phenomena that maintain social order.

While *solidarity* was the essential feature of civil society within the borders of nation states, theories of global society have emphasized the phenomena of *mobility* and *touristic gaze* on social worlds. However, to understand recent social and political transformations, one needs to go beyond this agenda and to focus on those aspects of interpersonal relations that are still important for social order, even within the spaces of conflicts. Among other phenomena that continue to define and maintain the “grand orders” are *trust*, *friendship*, and *conflict*.

With this special issue, we aim to draw attention to the phenomena of *friendship* and *trust*, in which *honor*, *reputation*, and *glory* are fundamental features rather than observation of laws, or the gratification of egoistic needs and interests. These notions and phenomena, crucial in ancient times and in feudal society, continue to be relevant topics and the central concern in the writings of scholars of the Modern Era

and the 20th century such as Georg Simmel (*fidelity*), Hannah Arendt (*honor and glory*), Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida (*friendship*), and Harold Garfinkel and Niklas Luhmann (*trust*). As reconsidered with regards to the contemporary social and political agenda, these sociological and political theories may contribute to the understanding of how the social order survives, despite wars, conflicts, and general uncertainty.

We invite scholars from a broad range of disciplines that include, but are not limited to, conceptual history, philosophy, ethics, sociology, anthropology, and political science to submit papers for the issue. We are open to submissions which elaborate the conceptual problems, or discuss empirical phenomena relevant to the issues raised.

## Schedule

April 20, 2016 — 500 words abstracts deadline

May 1, 2016 — Invitation to submit full papers

September 1, 2016 — 6000 words full papers deadline

October 1, 2016 — Notification of acceptance

October 20, 2016 — Revised papers deadline

December, 2016 — Publication

Contributions should be sent via e-mail to the editor-in-chief Professor Alexander Filippov ([afilippov@hse.ru](mailto:afilippov@hse.ru)) and Dr Nail Farkhatdinov ([sociologica@hse.ru](mailto:sociologica@hse.ru)).

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Papers should be no more than **12,000** words and written in English. See website of the *Review* for the detailed guidelines for authors ([sociologica.hse.ru/en/authors](http://sociologica.hse.ru/en/authors)).

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