



## **ABSTRACT OF WORKING PAPER 3.17**

### **ACADEMIC BRAIN DRAIN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC MANPOWER REPRODUCTION IN RUSSIA**

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The paper looks into Russian researcher migration to the EU supported by international science foundations, by Humboldt Foundation (FRG) in particular. Examination of the specific involvement of highly skilled Russian experts in the current cross-border academic mobility helps answer the following question: does the wide-scale involvement of Russian researchers in international scientific community in the context of growing internationalization and globalization hinder or promote brain drain? It also makes it possible to assess the role of Western foundations in the development of Russian science, in particular, formation, academic development, integration in formal and informal international academic networks of the most skilled Russian researchers. Consideration is given to the factors influencing the current transboundary migration of Russian academics. Special attention is given to the role played by foreign non-commercial science foundations (A.Humboldt Foundations as an example) in formation, academic development, integration in formal and informal international academic networks of the most skilled Russian researchers.