

# Olga Vinogradova

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Areas of Specialisation: History of Philosophy, Political and Moral Philosophy, Ethics

Areas of Competence: Enlightenment Philosophy, Theory of Progress,  
Prospective Studies, Applied Ethics, Bioethics, Medical Ethics, Transhumanism

## Education & qualifications

- 2022 – present     **University of Basel, Institute for Biomedical Ethics, Basel, Switzerland**  
PhD candidate, Thesis: “Decision making in times of scarce resources: A mixed-method study”  
Thesis supervisor: PD Dr. Tenzin Wangmo, *in progress*
- 2016 – 2020     **National Research University (Higher School of Economics), Moscow, Russia**  
Doctoral School of Philosophy (3-year doctoral education) (7,8/10) magna cum laude
- 2017 – 2018     **Sorbonne University (Paris-IV), Paris, France**  
MA, Philosophy (Political and Moral Philosophy), *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: “From the Enlightenment to today’s time: is Nicolas de Condorcet the founding father of transhumanism?”  
Thesis supervisor: Professor Pierre-Henri Tavoillot
- 2015 – 2017     **Moscow State University MV Lomonosov, French University College, Moscow, Russia**  
MA, Philosophy & History
- 2001 – 2007     **Moscow State University of Railway Engineering, Moscow, Russia**  
MSc, Economics, Accounting & Audit, *summa cum laude*

## Employment history

- 2022 – present     **University of Basel, Institute for Biomedical Ethics, Basel, Switzerland**  
Assistant in a project “Decision making in times of scarce resources: A mixed-method study”  
  
Carrying out qualitative interviews, quantitative surveys and analyzing a large panel data set; continuing University’ education/training (e.g., taking courses on research methods); documenting and presenting research findings in English; taking responsibility for various organizational processes at the IBMB.
- 2020 – 2022     **Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, Moscow, Russia**  
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Bioethics
- Teaching**  
*Bioethics & Philosophy* course: required undergraduate course averaging 35 students per section (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year medical students) taught in Russian and English. Introduction to philosophy, history of philosophy, applied ethics and bioethics.
- Advising**  
*School of Excellence in Bioethics*: tutoring and mentoring of outstanding graduate students (intensive preparation for one section of 15 medical students per semester in respect of article drafting, conference organisation)  
*Student Circle on Bioethics*: tutoring of undergraduate students (provision of writing instructions for one section of 10 medical students per semester) Student training in view of participation to International Bioethics Olympiads (2022)
- Administration**  
Developed course materials and curricula for philosophy and bioethics courses for medical students.

- 2019 – 2022      **National Research University (Higher School of Economics), Moscow, Russia**  
Research Assistant, Philosophy, Poletayev Institute
- Organised and participated to conferences and symposia (*delivered presentations around the theory of progress, transhumanism, and ethical questions*) (see *Papers & Presentations* section below)
- Performed research in political and moral philosophy that led to the publication of articles published in Russian and international journals in respect of the Enlightenment Philosophy, the theory of progress, transhumanism and applied ethical questions (see *Publications* section below)
- 2017 – 2020      **National Research University (Higher School of Economics), Moscow, Russia**  
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, School of Philosophy and Cultural Studies
- Organiser, graduate seminar on French Enlightenment philosophers (2018-19)
- Helped the Chair of the School of Philosophy and Cultural Studies develop course materials and curricula for two seminars (*Practical Philosophy: what determines human actions?* and *French Philosophy (Modern Times)*), sat in on lectures and provided advice and feedback.
- Reviewed graduate students' assessments and essays. Respectively Fall, 2019 (-20) and Fall, 2019. Admissions selector in the School of Philosophy (2017)

## Publications

### Journal articles

- I.4.      Considérations Bioéthiques sur le Coprs Multiple : Point de Vue des Philosophes Européens et Russes. **Journal International de Bioéthique et d'Etique des Sciences** (2023), Vol. 34. No. 1. pp. 19-29. (Main author) (French)
- I.3.      Auguste Comte's Reception of Nicolas de Condorcet's Idea of the Progress of the Human Mind. **Russian Journal of Philosophical Sciences** (2020), 63(9):90-114. (Main author) (Russian)
- I.2.      Nicolas de Condorcet: A Theorist of Progress or an Ideologist of Transhumanism? **Tchelovek** (2019), T. 30. No. 5. pp. 76-89. (Main author) (Russian)
- I.1.      The Birth of the Idea of Perfectibility: From the Enlightenment to Transhumanism (with Anastasia Ugleva). **Russian Journal of Philosophical Sciences** (*Filosofskie nauki*) (2019), Vol. 62. No. 4. pp. 113-131. (First author) (English)

### Book chapters

- 2.4.      The road to the scaffold: the struggle of Nicolas de Condorcet and Olympe de Gouges for gender equality. In S. Zizek, N.A. Barria-Asenjo & Willems B. (eds.), **Global Manifestos for the Twenty-First Century: Rethinking Culture, Common Struggles, and Future Change.** (Afterword by Steven Pinker). (Routledge, publication expected in 2023) (English)
- 2.3.      Nicolas de Condorcet, est-il le maître à penser du transhumanisme ? In **Quand le transhumanisme interroge** (resulting from ETH Conference 2018 at Lille Catholic University). Presses Universitaires de Namur, Belgium, 2021, pp. 115-126. (French)
- 2.2.      La notion de perfectibilité dans la philosophie de Jean-Jacques Rousseau et Nicolas de Condorcet : histoire de la notion et de son adaptation dans les traductions russes. In Anne Coldefy-Faucard (ed.), **Des réalités intraduisibles ? La traduction au prisme des sciences sociales de l'Antiquité à nos jours.** Les Éditions Nouveaux Angles. Moscow, 2019, pp. 168-177. (French)
- 2.1.      Transhumanism and the society of enchancement: the risks and the counterarguments. In **Russian philosophy in Russia and in the world.** *Russian Philosophy.* Moscow, 2019 pp. 173-187. (Russian)

## Reviews, comments, and other publications

- 3.3. Nicolas de Condorcet's Theory of Progress of the Human Mind. Educational podcast recorded in collaboration with Yoica Mexican Institute of Psychoanalysis (<https://yoica.com/>) in February 2022. ([Link](#) — last accessed on 10/07/2022)
- 3.2. Beyond biological evolution: what is transhumanism? Contribution to the article written by Rimma Remizova and published on Russian Business Consulting (Russian online newspaper) in June 2021 ([Link](#) — last accessed on 10/07/2022)
- 3.1. From the Enlightenment to today's time: is Nicolas de Condorcet the founding father of transhumanism? Speaker invited to the non-academic annual Culture Potion Conference at the All-Russian State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia (speech delivered in French).

## Papers & presentations

- 2022 **Centre for the Study of Medicine and the Body in the Renaissance (Pisa, Italy)** (Invited speaker at the VivaMente 2022 "From Automata to Transhumans: Early modern Variations on the Mechanical View of the Human Body" conference; talk on "The idea of a perfectible man in Condorcet's philosophy: a utopian or realistic vision?")  
**Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the All-Russian scientific conference "Individual, division and logic of individuation: philosophy, anthropology and bioethics"; talk on "The concept of non-transitivity of multitude: from the paradox of Condorcet to the multiple body of Annmarie Mol")
- 2021 **Saint-Petersburg State University (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the XIIIth International Colloquium "Theoretical and Applied Ethics: Traditions and Perspectives — 2021"; talk on "Woman, wake up!" — The ethics of feminism in the works of Nicolas de Condorcet and Olympia de Gouges")  
**Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the VI scientific symposium "Typology of cultures and problems of cultural memory"; talk on "On the way to the scaffold: Nicolas de Condorcet and Olympia de Gouges in the fight for gender equality")  
**Catholic University (Lille, France)** (Invited speaker at the International Scientific Seminar "Virtual world tour: from innovative ecosystems to transforming ecosystems. Destination Asia"; talk on "Greater Europe at the gates of Russia and the innovative ecosystem of the Silk Road").
- 2020 **Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the Scientific Seminar "Methodological problems of modern science: epistemology of scientific explanations"; talk on "[Re]thinking public health ethics in the time of COVID-19")  
**Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the VI Scientific Symposium "Typology of cultures and problems of cultural memory"; talk on "Reception by Auguste Comte of the idea of Nicolas de Condorcet on the progress of the human mind")  
**Saint-Petersburg State University (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the XIIth International Scientific Colloquium "Theoretical and Applied Ethics: Traditions and Perspectives-2020: Philosophy. Ethics. Practice"; talk on "Moral education as a condition for the moral progress of the human mind in Nicolas de Condorcet's theory")  
**Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the Scientific seminar: "Methodological problems of modern science: epistemology of scientific explanations"; talk on "Adapt or die. Risks and ethical aspects of the development of artificial intelligence")

- 2019 **Gorky Moscow Art Theatre (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the Colloquium “Philosophy of life and death in Russia: yesterday, today, tomorrow”; talk on “Killing death: ethical discourses and moral dilemmas of transhumanism”)
- Saint-Petersburg State University (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the XIth International Scientific Colloquium “Theoretical and Applied Ethics: Traditions and Perspectives – 2019” – “Towards the Digital Society to Come. Experience of ethical foresight”; talk on “Ethical discourses and moral dilemmas of transhumanism: how technological progress and the human enhancement are changing our world”)
- Catholic University (Lille, France)** (Invited speaker at the I Ith Beyond Humanism Conference: Critical Posthumanism & Transhumanism — The Posthuman Paradigm Shift; talk on “Discours éthiques engendrés par les contre-arguments et risques du progrès, de l'amélioration des hommes et de la société du transhumanisme”)
- National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the International Conference “Modes of Thinking, Ways of Speaking”; talk on “Ethical issues of transhumanism: freedom to improve and (or?) freedom to choose”)
- 2018 **Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at Philosophy of France in Russia Conference; talk on “From the Enlightenment to the present day: Nicolas de Condorcet as an ideologue of transhumanism”)
- Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the Conference on Philosophy in the 21st century: new strategies for philosophical research; talk on “The idea of perfectibility as a human capacity for endless improvement: from the Enlightenment to transhumanism”)
- All-Russian State Library for Foreign Literature named after M. I. Rudomino (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at Summer School of the Centre for Franco-Russian Studies “Des réalités intraduisibles? La traduction au prisme des sciences sociales de l'Antiquité à nos jours” ; talk on “La notion de perfectibilité dans la philosophie de Jean-Jacques Rousseau et Nicolas de Condorcet : histoire de la notion et de son adaptation dans les traductions russes”)
- Catholic University (Lille, France)** (Invited speaker at the ETH Conference 2018: Investigating Transhumanisms and their Narratives; talk on “Is Nicolas de Condorcet the founding father of transhumanism?”)
- 2017 **Moscow State University 'M. V. Lomonosov' (Moscow, Russia)** (Invited speaker at the XXIV International Scientific Conference of Students, Researchers and Young Scientists “Lomonosov-2017”; talk on “The role of education in establishing the equality of citizens in Nicolas de Condorcet's theory”)

## Languages

**Russian:** *Native*

**English:** *Advanced (CI)*

**French:** *Advanced (CI)*

## Honours & awards

- 2019 – 2020 **HSE Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**  
Provides tuition fees and a monthly stipend