

LIBERALIZING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE IN LENINGRAD / ST. PETERSBURG

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The history of international contacts established by the Leningrad / St. Petersburg academic community illustrates a radical transformation of academic networks caused by the removal of the party-state control over the administration of science. Reforms in this field initiated by the academic community itself have been based on the principles of liberalism and international cooperation across political, ideological and national barriers. The paper considers major shifts in the forms of international cooperation, in its agenda, the changing intensity of contacts, migration of scholars and their adaptation to new academic environment. Particular attention is paid to the ways in which St. Petersburg historians of science have been included into global academic networks and international division of labour. The paper examines the participation of St. Petersburg scholars in international research projects and conferences, their membership in international academic associations and editorial boards, publications and research trips abroad, grants awarded by foreign foundations. The paper identifies the major stages in the institutionalization of the history of science in the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia.
