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## Sergei Guriev

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The New Economic School (NES), an independent graduate school of economics in Moscow, was established in 1992 as a partnership of the Central Economic Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (CEMI), and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, along with a group of western economics professors. NES was created to introduce modern economics to Russia as a critical part of the transition to a market economy. The school offers a two-year graduate level program in economics, similar to programs at top western institutions.

Eurasia Foundation awarded over \$1.5 million in grants to NES over its first seven years of operation. Under these grants, the school strengthened its institutional and administrative capacity by establishing financial planning and budgeting systems and by refining its strategic planning process. As a result of this assistance, NES developed a tuition policy, established an applied economics track for second-year students and offered part-time executive and extension courses.

- More than 110 visiting professors from the best universities worldwide have taught at NES and helped to develop the current curriculum.
- More than 704 students have been awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Economics from NES.
- Nearly 35% of all NES graduates are currently enrolled in some of the best economics Ph.D. programs around the world. NES alumni are currently working in the Russian government and in the private sector.
- Since 1995 the NES Research Center has conducted 86 research projects and 15 bi-annual research conferences.

#### President Obama at 2009 Commencement Ceremony for NES



Dr. Sergei Guriev is the Morgan Stanley professor of economics and the rector of the New Economic School in Moscow. Dr. Guriev also serves as president of the Center for Economic and Financial Research at the New Economic School. Dr. Guriev teaches graduate courses in microeconomic theory, contract theory and development economics.

In 2006, he was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. In 2000 and 2005, he was awarded the Gold Medal for Best Research in Development Economics by the Global Development Network.

Dr. Guriev has degrees in economics and applied math from the Russian Academy of Sciences. He received his M.Sc. from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology and studied at the Department of Economics at M.I.T. for a one-year post-doctoral placement. In 2003, Dr. Guriev served as a visiting assistant professor at the Department of Economics at Princeton University and has been a research affiliate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London since 1999.