

IN MEMORIAM OF PAVEL ROMANOV (22.05.1964–09.06.2014)



With great sorrow in this edition of the journal we say good-bye to our founder and the Editor-in-Chief, Pavel Romanov. He just turned 50 ... Professor at NRU HSE, Director of the Center for Social Policy and Gender Studies, one of the most prominent Russian researchers in sociology of organizations, professions, social policy.

His research interests were exceptionally broad: he possessed knowledge in biology and sociology, social anthropology and ethnography, conducted participant observation in the factories and in the social services. In the 1990s, he was one of those young enthusiasts who built the Russian sociology from scratch – working in international projects of the Institute for Comparative Labour Relations Research (ISITO), creating new and interesting courses on the sociology of management, qualitative methods, social anthropology and social policy at the Institute of Sociology Russian Academy of Science, in Shaninka (Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences), the Technical University of Saratov, and in the HSE.

In his kandidatskaya dissertation in 1997 Pavel was the first in Russia to prove the importance of ethnographic method in sociology. In three years in the doctoral dissertation he offered a unique concept of management as a form of social practice, justifying socio-anthropological approach to the study of management and organizations. He introduced the concept of industrial paternalism as a particular managerial practice, based on a system of mutual expectations and actions on the part of administration and employees of the organization.

While studying the specifics of the grassroots organization of industrial production and social services, Pavel was among the first in the Russian soci-

ology who applied phenomenological approach, qualitative, visual methods to study social policy. Adapting a Neo-Weberian theoretical perspective to the Russian realities, he identified ideology of professionalism, elicited how social policy is embodied in the everyday social services, how gender and disability are constructed in the context of social inequality and poverty, human rights.

In 2003, he founded the nonprofit Center for Social Policy and Gender Studies and the Journal of Social Policy Studies – Russia's first academic periodical on this subject, which opened a new field of interdisciplinary scientific expertise for the most diverse areas and academic traditions. The combination of rigorous critical appraisal with scrupulous work on the text and constructive attitude to work of authors has been a central tenet of Pavel Romanov's work as an editor. His efforts led to major advancements, making the JSPS to become one of the few academic journals that support high standards of quality of published articles. Insistence to the authors' texts ensured growth of their prominence in the academic community, and in 2014 JSPS became the fifth in the rating of the most cited periodicals in sociology of the Russian Science Citation Index.

Under his leadership, dozens of Masters of Sociology and Social Work, as well as Sociology candidates got their start in the profession. Involving a wide range of students and associates, Pavel invited them for summer schools and workshops, research and publications – he edited numerous monographs and journal issues that open new pages in such scholarly fields as social history, sociology and anthropology of professions, organizations, management, visual studies, sociological research methods, social policy, and gender studies.

Bright scholar, witty, versatile and sincere person. He will always be remembered that way – open, gentle, sincere, with radiate kindness and warmth, but always with his principled stance. Charismatic leader, reliable and sensitive friend, wise and thoughtful, loving and caring.

He had time to read and give advice to many of the authors of this issue and to the end remained in touch with young scientists – students and colleagues. We thank Pavel for the path and the prospects that he opened for the journal for many aspiring authors. May JSPS be good and strong memory of this remarkable man for all of us.

We mourn with Pavel's family, his friends, colleagues and students.

Editorial office of JSPS

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PAVEL ROMANOV

It is with great sadness that I send this note of condolence. We have lost a wonderful colleague and a great academic and pioneer of social policy, the professions and gender studies in Russia, who passed away all too early, having just turned 50. Pavel was a truly international player who strongly believed in the power of knowledge, which should be developed from the bottom-up and then shared. He was also unconditionally committed to solidarity and the values of equality and diversity. He has played an important role in the international networks of the sociology of the professions. On top of this, he has enthusiastically supported the Research Committee 52 of "Professional Groups" of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and has taken every opportunity to participate in the World Conferences and Interim Workshops. Even recently, when he himself was unable to join, he has encouraged his PhD students and early career researchers to present joint research findings carried out under his supervision. He has also encouraged his students and young colleagues to join the forthcoming World Congress of Sociology in July 2014 in Japan. So the young generation of Russian scholars of the sociology of professions keep the bonds alive and they are warmly welcome to ISA RC52.

Pavel was also actively involved in the development of pan-European networks. Being a member of the Research Network 19 "Professions" of the European Sociological Association (ESA), he has contributed many research papers and has given keynote lectures to PhD Workshops. He has also participated in international publication projects and contributed both a gender-sensitive perspective and knowledge of the Russian healthcare governance to edited collections.

Pavel Romanov was among the first to bring the perspective of Russian Sociology of Professions into international networks and to connect study of the professions to social policy and gender equality agendas. He has been invaluable in weaving bonds between Russian sociology and the ISA and the ESA.

Pavel will be sadly missed by his international friends and colleagues. But once the sadness has gone, we will keep the good memories! Pavel's strong believe in science, equality and his international spirit will be both an incentive and an obligation for all of us.

My thoughts are with his wife and family!

Ellen Kuhlmann
President of ISA RC52 and previous Vice-President of ESA (2011–13).