



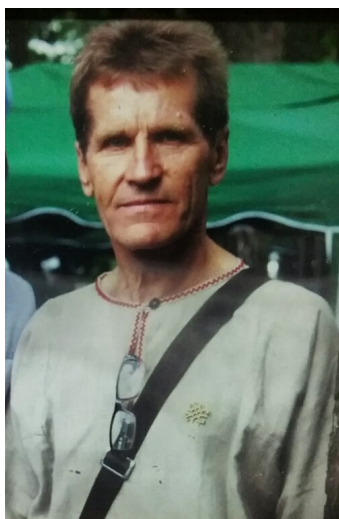
Alexey Tsykarev's career has primarily developed in the civil society from being a national minority activist in the Republic of Karelia to heading the International Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples. Currently, Mr. Tsykarev is serving as an Expert Member at the United Nations Human Rights Council's Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He has worked for the World Bank and Erik Castren Institute of International Law and Human Rights in the University of Helsinki. Locally, Alexey Tsykarev is chairing Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples and Civic Diplomacy "Young Karelia". The organization is focused on preservation, promotion and development of endangered Finno-Ugric languages and culture.



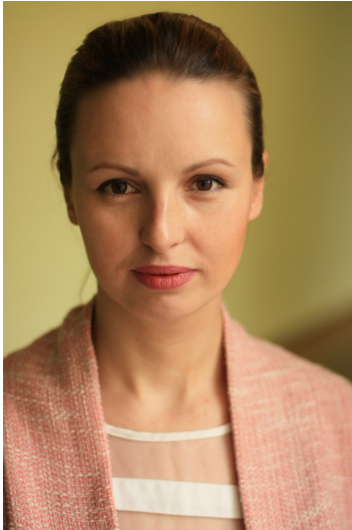
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Galina Lukyanova is a lecturer at the St. Petersburg State University. She holds PhD in Political Sciences and membership in the International Political Science Association and the Russian Association of Political Science. She is engaged in studying framing and technologies for formation of public opinion, and ethnic identity issues. Galina is an ethnic Ingrian.



Svetlana Kolchurina is Director in the Association of Ethno-Cultural Centers and Heritage Organizations of the Republic of Karelia «ECHO». Her work is primarily dedicated to the preservation and up to date development of handicrafts and traditional arts of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities. She also served as Vice-President of the International Youth Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples and participated in the UN Indigenous Fellowship Programme.



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