

Letter from the Rector

The mission of the European Humanities University is determined primarily by the historical fate of Belarus, which, because of its geographical position, has been a focal point of interactions between Western and Eastern cultures. Cultural variety is one of the main goals of the University, founded in a dramatic period of social transformation and called upon to revive a humanistic tradition in education not restricted by national borders.

Our new educational institution is based on the national pedagogical heritage, while it also seeks to adapt and incorporate European and American educational traditions. An international team of leading Belarusian scholars and visiting professors from famous American and European universities has been formed at the University. The faculty and staff of the EHU are united by a common understanding of both the perspectives of the European culture and current problems of our civilization. Some of these academics have a worldwide reputation and it is hard to overestimate their contribution to the University.

EHU students have high aspirations. They intend to be at the forefront of economic, political and cultural changes in Belarus. The future of our country depends on highly motivated young people, and the European Humanities University offers opportunities for shaping their minds and characters.



Professor Anatoliy Mikhailov, a renowned scholar in the field of German philosophy and culture, the author of acknowledged essays on the history of hermeneutics and the works of Martin Heidegger, was elected the first Rector of the University. He had extensive experience at the United Nations and chaired the Department of History of Philosophy at the Belarusian largest state university. Prof. Mikhailov is one of the 67 leading scholars in Belarus who were elected life members of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences. In the year 2000 the Supervisory Board reelected Prof. Mikhailov Rector of the EHU for another term.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Mikhailov'.