

Associate Professor Viktor Sidorov from Kazan federal university (Russia) had visited the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna

An associate professor of the Political Science Department of Kazan federal university Dr. Viktor Sidorov received the support of the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan(Russia) for an academic visit and research activity at the University of Bologna from October 8 to October 20, 2017. Kazan federal university is one of the oldest universities in Russia, and also one of the leaders in the social and human sciences in the region.

Academic visit of Dr. Viktor Sidorov became possible thanks to the long-standing cooperation of the Department of Political Science of Kazan federal university with colleagues from the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna and its Center for East Central and Balkan Europe. In particular, the professor of the University of Bologna, the well-known political scientist, specialist in the field of history and politics of Eastern Europe, Stefano Bianchini visited Kazan several times for participation in conferences, round tables and public lectures.

The topic of Dr. Sidorov's academic research was as follow: "Migration and language policy in the EU countries". Nowadays Europe is facing the mass flow of immigrants. Academics intensify their study of immigrants' adaptation, the organization of public authorities' work with diasporas, the formulation of migration and language policies. The experience accumulated in Europe undoubtedly requires its own study and evaluation, since Russia also faces similar challenges. As the part of his research activity, Dr. Sidorov collected necessary documentation for further research empirical and theoretical data. He also conducted interviews with experts in the field as a part of his own research on the topic both in Bologna and in the Forlì Campus.