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Dr Byford is currently completing a book on the history of the sciences of child development in Russia between the Crimean War and the Second World War. He has published widely on this topic and has presented his findings to colleagues and students at Grenoble in two research seminar papers and two master's-level lectures. This included a [paper](#) on the way in which the transnational character of child science impacted on the evolution of the Russo-Soviet movement across the tsarist and Soviet periods, and a [paper](#) on the way in which Soviet child scientists studied ethnic-minority groups, struggling to devise norms of child development in a multi-ethnic 'imperial' space.

Dr Byford's other key research interest is migration from the former Soviet space to the West in the post-Soviet era, focusing especially on the case of Russian-speakers in the United Kingdom. He is currently co-editing with Dr Olga Bronnikova a special issue of *Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest* ([RECEO](#)) on 'politics in post-Soviet emigration'. The volume examines a wide variety of political engagements of migrants from different parts of the former Soviet Union who are currently living in the West. Dr Byford and Dr Bronnikova jointly presented this project to colleagues at Grenoble and Dr Byford also gave a lecture to second-year undergraduates in Russian on the topic of the diasporisation of Russian-speakers in the UK at the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, based on his original research.