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We kindly ask for your help to disseminate the following information:

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The final of the competition will gather authors of the best papers to compete for the main prizes in November 2017, in St. Petersburg. All the finalists will be invited to take part in a workshop on preparation and publication of papers in international academic journals run by a European teacher.

The competition is organized by the Centre for German and European Studies of St. Petersburg State University and Bielefeld University, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

You can find the details about the competition in this call for papers: http://www.zdes.spbu.ru/assets/files/20170216 Competition Eng.pdf

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Would you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me responding to this e-mail.

Best regards,

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