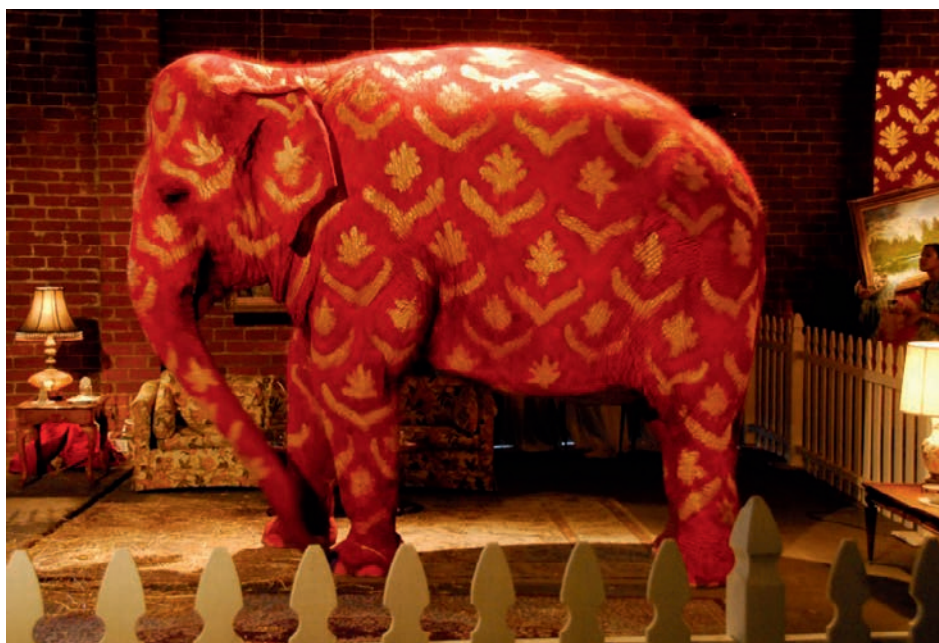


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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

C.Sc.	Candidate of Sciences (academic degree)
D.Sc.	Doctor of Sciences (academic degree)
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
MES	Ministry of Education and Science, of the Russian Federation
MGIMO	<i>Moskovskii gosudarstvennyi institut mezhdunarodnykh otnoshenii</i> (Moscow State Institute of International Relations)
MSPU	Moscow State Pedagogical University
MSU	Moscow State University
Rosobrnadzor	<i>Federal'naia sluzhba po nadzoru v sfere obrazovaniia i nauki</i> (Federal Service of Supervision in the Sphere of Education and Science), of the Russian Federation
RANEPA	Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
RAS	Russian Academy of Sciences
SPSU	St Petersburg State University
USE	Unified State Exam
VAK	<i>Vysshaia attestatsionnaia komissii</i> a (Higher Attestation Commission), of the Russian Federation

