

Call for Papers

“Twenty Years after 1991: The Reshaping of Space and Identity”

Deadline for proposals: 2 March 2011

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Joint Conference of the
Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology RAN (Moscow)
Centre d' études franco-russe (Moscow)
Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow)
and the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

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The Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Centre d'études Franco-Russe de Moscou (CEFR), the Russian State University of the Humanities (RGGU) and the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) are joining forces to organize the Joint International Conference “Twenty Years Later: Reshaping Space and Identity” that will be held on September 29-October 1 2011 at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, Russia.

The Moscow ASN 2011 Conference invites proposals from scholars and doctoral students. **Applicants currently residing in Central Europe, the Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia/Eurasia, the Caucasus and China are eligible to apply for a number of travel and accommodation grants.** Applicants currently residing in Western countries must cover their own expenses. The working language of the Conference is English, although a number of panels on the New Independent States will be conducted in Russian.

“Twenty Years After 1991” is the sixth European conference co-sponsored by ASN since 2001. European conferences have been held in Paris (2001), Forli, Italy (2002), Warsaw (2004), Belgrade (2006), and again in Paris (2008).

The Moscow ASN 2011 Conference is organized separately from the ASN Annual World Convention that will take place at Columbia University, NY, on April 14-16 2011, and whose program will be announced in February 2011. For information on the ASN 2011 NY Convention, please go to www.nationalities.org. The Moscow ASN 2011 Conference will feature approximately 40 - 50 panels. Its program will be announced in May 2011.

The Moscow ASN 2011 Conference welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to the recomposition of space and identity in the post-Communist world twenty years after the implosion of the Soviet Union. Proposals are particularly sought under one of the following themes:

- Between Enlarged Europe and New Russia: Opposition or Convergence
- Migration in the Eurasian Space: Adaptation, Integration, Rejection
- The Clash of Memory and History: Re-readings of the 20th Century, Communist Experiences, WW II
- Multicultural and Multi-confessional Societies: Accommodations or Conflicts
- Frontiers and Sovereignty: Contestation, Recognition, Secession, Autonomy, Federalism
- Demography and Social Problems: Censuses and Categorizations, Population, Old and New Social Inequalities
- Political Regimes and Institutions: Human Rights, Minority Rights, Representation

...as are questions raised from the disciplines of political science, history, anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, geopolitics, linguistics, and related fields.

The Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, (IEA RAS) is a leading research center of Russia in a number of social sciences and humanities – from physical (biological) anthropology to social-cultural anthropology, history, demography, gender, conflict and minority studies. Its staff of 150 researchers produces 30-40 scholarly monographs a year, based on field and archival research. It publishes a bimonthly journal “Ethnographic Review”, a series of working papers in urgent and applied anthropology, and encyclopedic and reference editions in ethnology and anthropology. IEA RAS has a rich archive of field materials as well as visual documentation. It has a stable international reputation and rich scholarly contacts with many countries. The institute is located at the main building of the Russian Academy of Sciences, with excellent facilities for meetings. IEA RAS hosted many international conferences over the years. Its 40 graduate students from many regions of Russia, as well as its staff and partners, will be in charge of the local preparations for the event.

The French-Russian Research Center for Social Sciences in Moscow (CEFR) is one of the 27 French Research Institutes Abroad affiliated with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and the CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research). Since its foundation in 2001, CEFR stimulates cooperation in the human and social sciences between French and Russian research institutions. Besides the Russian Federation, CEFR works with scholars and institutes from Belarus, Moldavia and Ukraine. CEFR is a multidisciplinary research center supervised by the CNRS. It hosts visiting scholars (professors or assistant-professors on sabbatical years) and PhD fellows on a yearly basis, supports young researchers with short-term grants for field work and develops extended cooperation with the main Russian and European research centers. The CEFR organizes seminars, workshops and international conferences in Russia and France. <<http://www.centre-fr.net>>

The Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU) was founded in March 1991 on the basis of the Moscow State Institute for History and Archives, which had existed since 1930. The RGGU was the first university in modern Russia that was titled Russian and the first to acquire the status of a higher school for the humanities. Today the RGGU offers more than 70 training programs, including all the branches of humanitarian and social education, as well as several cross-disciplinary programs. The university produces the following specialists: historians, philologists, linguists, ethnologists, anthropologists, philosophers, economists, managers, IT specialists, art historians, designers, museologists, culture experts etc. For the past 10 years the

Centre for social anthropology at RGGU, headed by Valery Tishkov, a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, has been successfully training anthropologists and ethnologists.

The Moscow ASN 2011 Conference invites individual, panel or film/book proposals. There are no registration fees.

To send an individual paper proposal, an applicant must include the following information in the body of an email and/or in a single Word attachment:

- * the title of the paper
- * applicant's name, email and institutional affiliation
- * a preferred postal address
- * a 500-word abstract
- * 100-word biographical statement in narrative form (one paragraph) that includes information on the applicant's last or forthcoming publication, if applicable. Full CVs are not acceptable
- * doctoral students — must also indicate the title of their dissertation and year of projected defense

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

A panel proposal is comprised of three to four paper-givers and a discussant. (The organizers will subsequently select a Chair of the panel). To send a panel proposal, an applicant must include the following information in the body of an email and/or in a single Word attachment:

- * the title of the panel and of each paper
- * a 300-word abstract of each paper
- * the name, email, institutional affiliation of each panelist
- * a preferred postal address for each panelist
- * a 100-word biographical statement for each panelist in narrative form (one paragraph) that includes information on the applicant's last or forthcoming publication, if applicable. Full CVs are not acceptable
- * Doctoral students — must also indicate the title of their dissertation and year of projected defense

The Conference is also inviting proposals featuring recent films/documentaries or recent books. A film/documentary proposal must include the following information in the body of an email and/or in a single Word attachment:

- the name, email and institutional affiliation of the author
- a preferred postal address
- the title and a 500-word abstract of the film/video
- a 100-word biographical statement in narrative form

A book panel proposal, seeking to generate discussion on an important recent book, features the book's author and three or four discussants. The proposal must include the following information in the body of an email and/or in a single Word attachment:

- the names, emails, and institutional affiliations of each panelist
- a preferred postal address for each panelist
- a 500-word abstract of the book
- a 100-word biographical statement in narrative form of each panelist

All proposals must be included in a single attachment sent to two addresses: asmoscou@centre-fr.net and asmoscow2011@gmail.com.

Applicants who wish to apply for a grant covering travel and accommodation must indicate so in their proposals. In order to be eligible for these grants, an applicant must be residing at the time of the conference in Central Europe, the Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia/Eurasia, or the Caucasus. The reception of all proposals will be acknowledged electronically.

The Conference is organized by Valery Tishkov, Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Efim Pivovarov, Rector of the Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU), Jean Radvanyi, Director of the Centre d'études franco-russe de Moscou, and Dominique Arel, ASN President.

The International Program Committee of the Conference is comprised of Valery Tishkov, Jean Radvanyi, Dominique Arel (U of Ottawa, Canada, ASN President), Olga Artemova (Deputy Director of the RGGU Center for Social Anthropology), Florian Bieber (U of Graz, Austria), Juliette Cadiot (Centre d'études franco-russe, Moscow, Russian Federation), Dominique Colas (SciencesPo, Paris, France), Elena Filippova (Institute of Ethnology, Moscow, Russian Federation), Dmitry Gorenburg (Harvard U, US), Alexandra Goujon (U de Dijon, France), Marlène Laruelle (SAIS, Johns Hopkins, US), Xavier Le Torrivellec (Centre d'études franco-russe, Moscow, Russian Federation), Troy McGrath (MGU, Moscow) and Sergei Sokolovsky (Institute of Ethnology, Moscow, Russian Federation).

Deputy Director Professor Marina Martynova and Dr. Elena Pivneva will be local coordinators from the IEA RAS.

Applicants will be notified in April-May 2011. Information regarding other logistical questions (visa, accommodation...) will be communicated afterwards. Updated information on the conference will be posted periodically on the CEFR web site (<<http://www.centre-fr.net>>) and the ASN web site www.nationalities.org.

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

Valery Tishkov, Efim Pivovarov and Jean Radvanyi, on behalf of the Program Committee

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