

Conference

AGENTS AND AGENCIES: THE (RE)MAKING OF IDENTITY IN RUSSIA TODAY

Thursday – Saturday, October 18 – 20, 2007

Venue: Thursday - Room 1501 International Affairs Building;
Friday and Saturday - Davis Auditorium, Schapiro Center

Organizers: The Harriman Institute of Columbia University and ISE (Information. Scholarship. Education.) Center (Russia)

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

LOCATION: ROOM 1501 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUILDING

10:00 – 12:00 Group Identity: From Oppositions to Diversity

Chair: Tatiana Smoliarova, Columbia University

Tatiana Leonidovna Kaminkaya, Novgorod University

“Implied Group Identities in Contemporary Periodicals: The Linguistic / Rhetorical Aspect”

Joan Chevalier, US Naval Academy, Annapolis

“Identity and Ethnos in the Periphery of the Russian Federation [on Tuvan identity]”

Tatiana Dmitrievna Venediktova, Moscow University

“Post-Soviet Jeremiade, or Discourse of Cultural Decay in the Russian Academy”

Discussant: Boris Gasparov, Columbia University

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:30 Identity and Mass Culture

Chair: Valentina Izmirlieva, Columbia University

Tatiana Vladimirovna Vorontsova, ISE-Center, Moscow

“The Users of Cyrillic LiveJournal: Authorial Characters as the Social Reality

Catharine Nepomnyashchy, Harriman Institute/Barnard College

“Jane Austen on Russian Language Blogs”

Discussant: Serguei Oushakine, Princeton University

3:00 – 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:00 Nonverbal Communication and Visual Representations of Identities

Chair: Elizabeth Kridl Valkenier, Columbia University

Ruslan Kukharensky, Committee for the Preservation of the Monuments and the Cultural Heritage, Kiev

“The Rise and Fall of Monuments: The Visualized Change of Russia’s Image in Post-Colonial Space”

Alisa Yurievna Prudnikova, Ural University, Yekaterinburg

“Contemporary Art in the Urals: In search of a Slip-Away Regional Identity”

Discussant: Christina Kiaer, Northwestern University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

LOCATION: DAVIS AUDITORIUM, SCHAPIRO CENTER

10:00 – 12:00 Identity as Process

Chair: Boris Gasparov, Columbia University

Leokadia Mixailovna Drobizheva, Institute of Sociology, Moscow
“Civic, Regional, and Local Identity: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow”

Padma Desai, Columbia University

“The Search for Identity: Where is Russia Heading?”

Discussant: Peter Rutland, Wesleyan University

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:30 Identity and Ethnicity

Chair: Beth Mitchneck, University of Arizona

Elise Giuliano, University of Miami

“Ethnicity and the Absence of Mobilization”

Sergey Glebov, Smith College

“The Lives of Tygyn: Native History, Imperial Memory, and Contested Identities on Russia’s North-Eastern Frontier”

Yulia Nikolaevna Pinigina, Irkutsk MION

“University as an Ethnic Project: The Case of Buryat State University’s Subsidiary at Bokhan”

Discussant: Andrei Kortunov, New Eurasia Foundation, Moscow

4:00 – 6:00 Ideology of Discourses and Discourses of Ideology

Chair: Alan Timberlake, Columbia University

Galina Ivanovna Zvereva, Russian University of the Humanities, Moscow

“Discourse as the Vehicle of Identity: Recent High School Textbooks of National History”

Antonina Berezenko, Fordham University

“Discourses of Power: Linguistic Profiles of Leaders of Today’s Russia”

Brenda Connors, Naval War College, Newport

“Decoding the Nonverbal Communicative Style of Vladimir Putin”

Boris Gasparov, Columbia University

“Soviet – Mock-Soviet – Non-Soviet: The Evolution of Newspaper Language in 1990s-2000s”

Discussant: Alexander Motyl, Rutgers University

6:30 – 7:30 Keynote Address

Yoshiko Herrera, University of Wisconsin

“Identity as a Variable: Defining and Measuring Social Identities in Russia”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007

LOCATION: DAVIS AUDITORIUM, SCHAPIRO CENTER

10:00 – 12:00 Facets of Civic Identities

Chair: Catharine Nepomnyashchy

Sergei Nikolaevich Astapov, Rostov-on-the-Don University

“The Confessionalism and Cultural Components of Religious Identity”

Nadezhda Yurievna Kravchenko, Saratov University

“The Process of Formation of Civic Identity in the Saratov Region”

Serguei Oushakine, Princeton University

“From Ethnic Trauma to Ethnic Vitalism: Narratives of Victimhood and Resistance in Russian Social Sciences”

Discussant: Beth Mitchneck, University of Arizona

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch Break

2:00 – 4:00 Identity: Past, Present, and Future

Chair: Jane Burbank, NYU

Sergei Leonidovich Kropotov, Ural University, Yekaterinburg

“From the “Holy Land” with an Industrial Heritage to “Disneyland” with Shopping Malls: Double Identity of the Russian Frontier”

Artem Yurievich Rykun, Tomsk University

“The Clever Town People Identity: Figures, Factors, and Futures”

Doug Blum, Providence College

“National Identity and Globalization: Youth, State, and Society in Post-Soviet Eurasia”

Discussant: Keith Darden, Yale

4:00 – 6:00 Global Discussion

Co-chairs: Catharine Nepomnyashchy, Harriman Institute / Barnard College, and **Andrei**

Kortunov, ISE-Center, Moscow

Timothy J. Colton, Harvard University

Steven Kotkin, Princeton University