

Russian State University for the Humanities  
Centre for Typological and Semiotic Folklore Studies  
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20<sup>th</sup> International School in Folkloristics and Cultural Anthropology

## **THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL TURN IN FOLKLORISTICS**

30 April – 6 May 2020

Location TBA

### **Circular**

School 2020 will be devoted to different topics related to the process of anthropologisation of Russian folkloristics in the last third of the 20<sup>th</sup> – early 21<sup>st</sup> century, including (but not restricted to):

- The anthropological turn in folkloristics: causes, driving factors, and facts.
- History of folkloristics in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in light of intra- and interdisciplinary tendencies.
- Anthropological and sociological approaches to the study of folklore: from structural functionalism and the interpretative approach to ANT and post-humanism.
- From ‘form’ and ‘content’ of the text towards its ‘function’: the pragmatic turn.
- The anthropological turn and structural-semiotic studies.
- Performative aspects of the ‘folkloric fact’.
- ‘A bearer of tradition’ and ‘a living person’ in publications and analyses of folkloric texts.
- Before and after ‘collective censorship’: when does folklore become folklore?
- Deep interviews: theory, practice, and reflection of fieldworkers in folkloristics, anthropology, and sociology.
- Analysis of internet texts and media studies in the context of the anthropological turn.
- The space between academia and applied studies in folkloristics and cultural anthropology: researchers as consultants, educators, and forensic experts.

**The format of the School** The School is an educational event, and young researchers will be given preference in the selection process.

The Centre for Typological and Semiotic Folklore Studies RSUH has been hosting international schools in folkloristics, cultural anthropology, and sociolinguistics since 2003. The courses are taught by Russian and international researchers. The main aim of the School is to integrate young researchers with different backgrounds in the humanities and social sciences in the international research community by bringing them in contact with leading scholars and exposing them to multidisciplinary approaches.

Classes at the School take the following forms:

- Lectures (60 minutes).
- Workshops, reading groups, and master classes in field methods (60 minutes).
- Screenings of anthropological films on the topics of the School with commentary and discussion (80 minutes).
- The final round table for young researchers where they may present their work in progress or solicit comments about their planned projects on the topics of the School (10 minutes per presentation).

All presentations should include slides (and/or handouts in case of workshops).

**Working languages** Russian and English.

### **How to participate**

- Undergraduate and graduate students and independent researchers without a PhD not older than 35 can submit an abstract for a presentation at the round table on one of the School topics representing new research (the symbol count is 3000 to 4000 including spaces). Abstracts should be submitted through the online form.
- PhD holders not older than 35 who do not do research on the topics of the School but want to participate as students may provide a motivation letter (the symbol count is 3000 to 4000 including spaces) explaining their need to participate in the School and the expected results of their participation. The motivation letter should be submitted through the online form.
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students and independent researchers without a PhD can also participate in the problem-solving contest (the problems are administered in Russian). Applications should be submitted through the online form. It is permitted to both submit an abstract and enter the problem-solving contest. Students who do not do research on the topics of the School are encouraged to enter the contest. (NB! If you have been admitted to the School in the past due to your performance in the problem-solving contest, you cannot enter it again.)

**What we provide** The School cover the publication of the proceedings and meals. There is a possibility that we will be able to cover accommodation as well. Stay tuned for future announcements.

**The School fee** is 1500 RUR for full-time participants. Unfortunately, we cannot provide travel money but we can send a request to your college asking for their assistance.

**The deadline for submissions** The problem-solving contest will take place between **20 January and 15 February 2020**. The problems will be sent out to participants after they fill the form but not before 20 January.

The deadline for abstracts for presentations and motivation letters is **20 February 2020**. The selections committee will publish its decisions after 10 March 2020.

**The School's proceedings** Abstracts of presentations and lectures will be published on the CTSF website. On the basis of presentations, we hope to prepare special issues of RSUH Bulletin (indexed by the Russian PhD Attestation Committee) and Folklore: Structure, Typology, Semiotics (indexed by eLibrary).

**Contact info** Up-to-date information about the School can be found on the CTSF website. Please pay attention to the FAQ. If you have not found answers to your questions you can write to the School coordinators at [ctsfschools@gmail.com](mailto:ctsfschools@gmail.com)

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