

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
**THE ETIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF POST-
SOVIET COMMUNICATION**



May 7-8-9, 2010
1501 IAB (International Affairs Building)
Columbia University

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm: Panel I - Culture

Catharine Nepomnyashchy: "Pilgrimage to Virtual Pushkin-scape"

Gernot Howanitz: "Viktor Pelevin's Literary Renditions of Social Networks in Russia"

Dennis Ioffe: "Marxist Politics in Modernist Avant-Garde movements and contemporary Anti-Globalism: the Imprint in the 'New Media'"

Olia Lialina: "Digital Folklore vs. Folklore in Digital Media"

3.00 pm - 3.30 pm: Coffee Break

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm: Panel II –Comparisons

Robert Saunders: "(Red) Hot Wires: The Soviet Legacy and Its Impact on New Media Zones in Eurasia"

Roman Leibov: "Notes from the Underground: Commentaries about News at rus.delfi.ee"

Maria Repnikova: "The Interlink Between the New Modes of Communication and Critical Reporting in Russia and China"

Guobin Yang: "The Art of Online Activism in China"

7.00 pm: Understanding the Russian Blogosphere

Eugene Gorny and Roman Leibov, two founding fathers of the Russian Internet, discuss the state of the blogosphere.

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH

9.30 am – 11.00 am: Panel III – Networks I

John Kelly: "Mapping the Russian Blogosphere - Russia in a Global Context"

Karina Alexanyan: "The Specifics of the Russian Blogosphere"

Bruce Etling: "Media Cloud and Comparative Online Discourse in Russia"

11.00 am – 11:15 am: Coffee Break

11.15 am – 12.45 pm: Panel IV - Networks II

Martin Calvert: "Identity, strategic essentialism and informal networks among social activist. Livejournal bloggers in Nizhny Novgorod"

Renee Perelmutter: "Impoliteness and Community Building in the Russian Blogosphere"

Irina Shklovsky: "Social Ties for the Soul: How People in Russia Use Social Network Sites"

12:45 pm – 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm: Panel V - Technology

Michael Gorham: "Virtual Russophoniia: Language Policy as Political Technology in the New Media Age"

Ben Peters: "The Soviet Internet from Cybernetics to Cyber Networks"

Dragan Kujundzic: "S InterNETsionalom: Technology and Russian Identity"

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm: Coffee Break

3.45 pm – 5.45 pm: Panel VI – Journalism

Andrew Levkin: “Four periods of Internet media in Russia”

Marketa Hulpachova: “Belarus' creative opposition: How dissidents use new media to fight Europe's last dictator”

Julia Sonnevend: “The Social Life of Forgotten Images: the Contested Images of the Hungarian Political Transition in Networked Public Spheres”

Elena Vartanova: “Contemporary Research on Journalism and Internet in Russia”

7.00 pm: Old Print Journalism meets New Media

With Yassen Zassoursky, legendary Dean of the Faculty of Journalism at Moscow State University, and Elena Vartanova, Dean of Journalism, Moscow State University (tentative, pending visa)

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH

9.30 am – 11.00 am: Panel VII - Politics I

Matthew Schaaf: "Threats to Online Freedom in Russia"

Galina Miazhevich: "New media, Post-Communism and Civil Society"

Florian Toepfl: "Managing Public Outrage – Media Scandals on the Runet"

11.00 am – 11.30 am: Coffee Break

11.30 am – 13.00 pm: Panel VIII - Politics II

Jonathan Sanders, Beth Knobel: "The Dymovskii Effect"

Volodymyr Lysenko: "Political cyberprotest in contemporary Russia"

Eugene Gorny: "Art, Music, Sex and Blog as means of political struggle"

13.00 pm - 13.30 pm: Conclusions

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