



International conference
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Yerevan, Armenia

The Anthropology of Uncertainty: Living in Pivotal Times

Антропология неопределенности:
жизнь в переломные эпохи

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Programme: Day 1

October 24, 2024 (Thursday)

10:00 - 10:15 Conference opening session

10:15 - 11:00 Key-note speaker session:

Vishap Hall **Capturing Human Uncertainty: Causality and Event in the 21st Century**

Arnaud Esquerre, Senior researcher,
The French National Centre for Scientific Research

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 14:00 **Section 1.1. Theoretical Approaches to the Analysis of the Concept of Uncertainty**
Vishap Hall

Moderator - Nikolay Vakhtin

Conspirituality in Contemporary Russian Culture: "Risk Society" and New Religious Ontologies

Alexander Panchenko, EUSP, professor / Institute of Russian Literature, RAS, leading research fellow

Liminality as an analytical tool for analyzing socio-cultural uncertainty: history and the current state of the discipline (online)

Victoria Vasilyeva, visiting research fellow of the Cinema and Audiovisual Studies Research Institute of the Sorbonne Nouvelle University; invited lecturer of the Department of World History, Historiography and Source Studies, faculty of history, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Alexei Vasilyev, associate professor of the Centre for Eastern European Studies of University of Warsaw; Visiting Lecturer of the Department of Intercultural Studies for Central and Eastern Europe, faculty of applied linguistics, University of Warsaw

How to study uncertainty: three possible approaches

Irina Prokhorova, chief editor, "New Literary Observer" publishing house

Uncertain historicity: does the distinction between past and present retain its normative role for historical thinking?

Andrey Oleynikov, visiting researcher of Bielefeld University

'Uncertainty'/'Freedom': Adventures of the Conceptual Pair (online)

Kirill Postoutenko, Senior Researcher, Department of Political History, Bielefeld University; Adjunct Associate Professor (Docent), Department of Languages, University of Helsinki

11:30 - 14:00

Carpet Hall

Section 1.2. Personal Narratives in an Age of Uncertainty

Moderator - Jeanne Kormina

'Conversations about the Terrible: Mechanisms of Folklorization of War Narratives from the Second World War to the Present

Sergey Belyanin, Researcher at the Laboratory of Theoretical Folklore Studies SHAGI ION of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Ekaterina Zakrevskaya, Junior Research Fellow at the Department of Cultural Studies, INION RAS

"Hurrah Didn't Work Out": Uncertainty in Labor Biographies and Handwritten Histories of Industrial Enterprises (1970s – 2000)

Natalia Gramatchikova, Candidate of Philological Sciences, Senior Researcher, Center for History and Archaeology, Institute of History and Archaeology, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

A Protracted Choice: The Creative Intelligentsia of Occupied Odessa in the Sphere of Uncertainty

Ivan Gribkov, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Associate Professor of the Center for the Preparation of Foreign Students, Institute of Social Sciences, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Concepts of Fate and Providence in Holocaust Narratives

Svetlana Amosova, researcher, Institute for Slavic Studies

"And the Past Is Seen as a Dream...": Student—Historians from Perm 1987 - 1991 on the Fate of Socialism in the USSR (Based on Egodocuments) (online)

Andrei Kabatskov, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Associate Professor, Associate Professor of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Perm State National Research University

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 - 16:30

Vishap Hall


Section 1.3.1. Anthropology of Uncertainty: Concepts, Affects, Narratives

Moderators - Ekaterina Melnikova, Zinaida Vasilyeva

Maintaining and reconfiguring social connections in a situation of uncertainty: compromises, conflicts and trust

Anna Zaytseva, Laboratory LLA-Créatis, University Toulouse Jean Jaurès

Sofia Tchouikina, associate professor, University of Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis



Echo of the current media agenda in Telegram channels of a small town in the Urals

Lidiya Enina, PhD in Philology, Associate Professor, Ural Federal University (UrFU), Ural Humanitarian Institute, Department of Russian Language and Stylistics

"We live in a state of a stuck elevator": narratives of crisis temporality

Elena Korkina, independent researcher

Practices of hope for Russians in emigration (online)

Nikita Mishakov, PhD student at Nazarbayev University, member of the research team "Crossing borders, building walls. Towards ethnography of Russian war mobilisation"

Kares Shenk, Professor at Nazarbayev University, member of the research team "Crossing borders, building walls. Towards ethnography of Russian war mobilisation"

Alexander Motin, PhD student at Nazarbayev University

15:00 - 16:30 **Section 1.4.1. Artistic Reflections on Uncertainty**

Carpet Hall **Moderator - Natalia Mazur**

Fiction and the Experience of Uncertainty

Sergey Zenkine, member of the Academy of Europe

"Yuri Tynianov's "Interlude" (1924): in search of the lost rhythm

Tatiana Smoliarova, Université de Genève, Professor, University of Toronto

The Category of "Uncertainty" and Its Contexts in the Works of Yu. M. Lotman

Tünde Szabó, associate professor, University of Pécs

16:30 - 17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00 - 19:00 **Section 1.3.2. Anthropology of Uncertainty: Concepts, Affects, Narratives**

Vishap Hall

Moderators - Ekaterina Melnikova, Zinaida Vasilyeva

Emotional Regimes of Social Media in a Situation of Uncertainty

Daria Radchenko, senior research fellow, RANEPА

Dynamics of Uncertainty and Narratives of Fear among recent Russian Migrants

Alieva Alisa, Sociologist. Migration scholar, EUSP and CEU (Vienna) Graduate, Non-Resident Fellow at the Global Academy, George Washington University

Veselov Fedor, Sociologist, social anthropologist, urban scholar, non-Resident Fellow at the Global Academy, George Washington University

Russian Migrants: Reassembling a Sense of Home and Life Plans
in the Context of Adaptation to Uncertainty

Dana Stepanova, independent researcher

Round table: Anthropology of Uncertainty: Concepts,
Affects, Narratives

17:00 - 19:00 **Section 1.4.2. Artistic Reflections on Uncertainty**

Carpet Hall **Moderator - Natalia Mazur**

**Modeling of Possible Options for the Future in a Situation of
Uncertainty (Based on Material of Modern Russian Literature)**

Tatyana Autukhovich, Doctor of Philology, Professor, Professor
of the Department of Russian Philology, Yanka Kupala State
University of Grodno (Republic of Belarus)

**Construction of Generational Identity in a Situation of
Uncertainty (using material from the "Unnoticed Generation" in
Russian Emigre Literature)**

Ekaterina Rozova, Paris IV Sorbonne, visiting researcher

**Young Heroes of Post-Memory Between Social Criticism, National
Politics and the Entertainment Genre: Sovietzka (Israel, 2023)
and The Boy's Word (Russia, 2023)**

Anna Novikova, Doctor of Sciences in Theory and History of
Culture, Professor, School of Media, National Research University
Higher School of Economics

Yulia Lerner, PhD, anthropologist, lecturer at the Department of
Sociology and Anthropology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev,
Israel

**Uncertainty of the 90s in the Kazakh Practice of
CONTEMPORARY ART: Prevention of Trauma and Aesthetic
Projection (online)**

Gazinur Gizdatov, Professor of international communications of the
Kazakh University of International Relations and World Languages



Programme: Day 2

October 25, 2024 (Friday)

10:00 - 10:45 **Key-note speaker session:**

Vishap Hall **"Whirlwinds of danger are raging around us"**

Alexander Iskandaryan,

Director of the Caucasus Institute (Yerevan)

10:45 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 - 13:30 **Section 2.1. Anthropology of Emotions in Times of**

Uncertainty

Vishap Hall **Moderator - Nilolay Vakhtin**

Temporal Models of Thinking in the Era of Uncertainty of 1914–1922: "Postponed Future", "Coming Past" and "Eternal Present"

Vladislav Aksyonov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Leading Researcher at the Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Elimination in the Name of Overcoming Uncertainty (on the Destruction of Wine Warehouses in Provincial Russia in the Autumn of 1917) (online)

Igor Narsky, professor, Perm State University

"Envy those who have gone from this volcano to the reposed haven of our Holy Russia": Nicholas I's Sense of Uncertainty in 1848 and Its Consequences

Svetlana Voloshina, Senior Researcher, PhD in Philology, Senior Researcher at the Research Laboratory of Historical and Literary Research at the Institute of Social Sciences of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Normative Emotions and Symbolic Resistance in the Reactions of Soviet Citizens to the Death of V.I. Lenin and I.V. Stalin

Tatyana Petrova, School of Historical Sciences, HSE, Senior Lecturer; HSE Lyceum, History Teacher

11:00 - 13:30 **Section 2.2. Society and Law in Turbulent Times**

Carpet Hall **Moderator - Olga Bychkova**

The Idea of Justice Is the Search for a Norm in a Situation of Uncertainty

Nikolay Plotnikov, Ruhr University Bochum ([online](#))

Revolutionary Legality Without Law: Soviet Criminal Justice and Uncertainty (1917-1922): Based on Materials from Northern Soviet Provinces (Vologda and Cherepovets) (online)

Anton Lyutynsky, PhD in Law, Master's student, Department of Philosophy and History, Cherepovets State University

Something found is theft; correspondence in "V Kontakte" sexual assault; anything at all is fraud: how lawyers work and feel in conditions of "opaque" criminal law and unpredictable law enforcement practice

Anna Razogreeva, Southern Federal University

Legalist Millenarianism in the "Citizens of the USSR" movement:

New Versions of Post-Soviet Resentment

Sergei Shtyrkov, Yerevan Center for International Education (YCIE)

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 **Section 2.3.1. Towards an Anthropological Understanding of Uncertainty: A View from the Arctic**

Vishap Hall

Moderator - Nikolay Vakhtin

On the Possibility of Getting to Uncertainty in an "External" Way*

Kirill Istomin, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Social Research of the North, European University at St. Petersburg (CESIS EU SPb); Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Language, Literature and History, Federal Research Center "Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences"

What Is Uncertainty in the Minds of Informants? *

Elena Liarskaya, PhD in History, European University at St. Petersburg, Faculty of Anthropology (Associate Professor), Center for Social Research of the North (Senior Research Fellow)

Synthesis of External and Internal Positions in the Study of Uncertainty*

Valeria Vasilyeva, PhD ('Candidate of Sciences'), Social Anthropology, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Arctic Social Studies, EUSP

14:30 - 16:00 **Section 2.4.1. Problems of Management in Pivotal Times**

Carpet Hall

Moderator - Irina Kaminker

Anthropology of the Gray Zone. The Theresienstadt Ghetto.

Marina Koretskaya, D.Sc. in Philosophy, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, Samara State Medical University of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Russian Federation

Vision of «Catastrophe»: Construction of Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster

Stepan Kozlov, MSSSES, Lecturer: Social Sciences Department; Head: Laboratory of Sociology of Social Change

The Cost of Uncertainty: Negotiating the Transmission of Historical and Cultural Heritage in an Era of Change

Ekaterina Melnikova, Associate Professor, Department of History; Senior Researcher, Center for Applied Research, EUSP

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break



16:30 - 18:30 **Section 2.3.2. Towards an Anthropological Understanding of
Uncertainty: A View from the Arctic**

Vishap Hall

Moderator - Kirill Istomin

**Uncertainty Beyond the "Heads of Informants": The Role
of Language Register**

Asya Karaseva, PhD student, University of Tartu &
University of Hamburg

**Uncertainty as a Strategy, Danger and Resource in Migration from
Dagestan to the Arctic ***

Ekaterina Kapustina, senior researcher, Centre for Arctic Research
Studies, EUSP

**Managing Uncertainties: The Work of Active Waiting while
Moving in Chukotka**

Davydova Elena, Post graduate student at the Department of
Social and Cultural Anthropology of the University of Vienna

16:30 - 18:30 **Section 2.4.2. Problems of Management in Pivotal Times**

Carpet Hall

Moderator - Irina Kaminker

**Managing Uncertainty: Ethnographic Observations in Business
and Social Sectors**

Evelina Sander, Tandem-Professor of Organisational and Personnel
Development in the social Economy, Koblenz University of Applied
Sciences, Germany

**Family businesses and their risks: at the intersection of market,
household, and emotions****

Daria Tereshina, researcher, Higher School of Economics,
St Petersburg

**For our Better Ordering and Preservation : The Development of
Self-Government and Representative Government in the New
England Colonies in the Seventeenth Century in the Context of
Political and Social Uncertainty**

Gleb Alexandrov, Ph.D., deputy director, senior research fellow,
International center of anthropology, National Research University
Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Programme: Day 3

October 26, 2024 (Saturday)

10:00 - 10:45 Key-note speaker session:

Vishap Hall **Indistinction and Arbitrage in the Era of Three Worlds**
Kevin M.F.Platt,
Professor of Russian and East European Studies
Graduate Chair, University of Pennsylvania

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 **Section 3.1. Anthropology of the city in an era of change**

Vishap Hall **Moderator - Irina Prokhorova**

Architecture in an Unstable System

Tigran Harutyunyan, architect, independent researcher (Moscow)

The Seismic Passport of the 90s: Real Estate, Engineering

Citizenship and Expertise in Kamchatka in an Era of Tectonic Shifts

Galina Orlova, school of history at HSE University

The Birth of Community from a Spirit of Uncertainty:

Petrograd/Leningrad Residential Buildings from the February Revolution to the Victory of Socialism

Alexandra Piir, European University at St. Petersburg, the journal "Forum for Anthropology and Culture"

A City Without a State: Practices, Material Artifacts and Worldview in Sergiev Posad-15

Sabina Balishyan, MSSSES, Laboratory of Sociology of Social Change

Danil Arkhangelsky, MSSSES, Laboratory of Sociology of Social Change

Astakhova Victoria, MSSSES, Laboratory of Sociology of Social Change

11:00 - 13:00 **Section 3.2. Education in an Age of Uncertainty**

Carpet Hall **Moderator - Jeanne Kormina**

Ethnographic Education in an Age of Uncertainty (1920s – 1930s)*

Nikolay Vakhtin, EUSP Founder, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Head of Center for Arctic Social Studies

Elena Lyarskaya, EUSP Research Fellow, Center for Science and Technology Studies

Russian Teachers at Turning Points in the History of the Country: Transformation, Rethinking, Self-Reflection

Denis Ananin, Senior research fellow, Moscow City University

Textbooks on the History of Tatarstan during the Period of Sovereignty (1993–2000). Searching for New Words About the Golden Horde

Ksenia Khairullina, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Kazan Federal University, IMO, Higher School of International Relations and World History

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30 **Section 3.3. Gender Dimensions in an Era of Uncertainty**

Vishap Hall **Moderator - Irina Prokhorova**

"This is so depressing. And What's Next?": Everyday Life in Maria Shkapskaya's Maiden Diary (1907–1912)

Maria Nesterenko, HSE in St. Petersburg, Department of Philology, guest lecturer

"Life Seems So Useless, Ridiculous": Emotional Markers of Temporal Strategies in Women's Auto-Documentary Texts During the First World War

Yulia Zherdeva, "candidate of historical sciences, associate professor, department of general history, international relations and documentation, Samara National Research University named after academician S.P. Korolev, manager of the program "International relations and foreign policy""

Women's Survival Strategies in the Occupation during the Great Patriotic War: From Resistance to Sexual Collaboration

Ksenia Sak, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Research Fellow at the Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Department of Modern and Contemporary History

14:00 - 16:00 **Section 3.4.1. Miscellaneous Uncertainties: The Natural and Social Sciences on Climate, the Anthropocene and Earth**

Carpet Hall

Moderators - Olga Bychkova, Pavel Konstantinov

Uncertainty and climate forecasting

Alexander Kislov, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Geography, Head of Department, professor

Uncertainty in Mountain Hydrology

Irina Fedorova, Institute of Botany named after A. Takhtadzhyan of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia

Climate Modelling: Reliability and New Challenges

Pavel Konstantinov, Shenzhen MSU-BIT University, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, PRC; Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University; Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU)

16:00 - 17:00 **Section 3.4.2. Miscellaneous Uncertainties: The Natural and Social Sciences on Climate, the Anthropocene and Earth**

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Moderators - Olga Bychkova, Pavel Konstantinov

Managing Uncertainty and Risks: Russian Climatologists and Knowledge of the Planet

Olga Bychkova, Dean, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology; Head of the STS Center, EUSP

Climate uncertainty: from the darkness of ecology to the light of publicity

Ivan Naumov, European University at Saint Petersburg

15:40 - 17:00 **Section 3.5. Uncertainty of Soviet Era**

Vishap Hall **Moderator - Nikolay Vakhtin**

“Pioneer” Between Time and Eternity: 1937 in the Publications of a Soviet Children’s Magazine

Olga Skubach, cultural historian, literary scholar. Candidate of Philological Sciences, associate professor, teaches at the Altai State Pedagogical University

The Collective Farm and Perestroika: Paradoxes of Confidence and Uncertainty in the Future

Alexander Nikulin, Director of the Chayanov Research Center of the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Director of the Center for Agrarian Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Krestyanovoedenie"

The Last Crisis of Soviet Agitprop: The Agony of the Discursive Order in the Holiday Appeals of the Central Committee of the CPSU 1985–1990

Alexey Popov, PhD in History, Associate Professor of the Department of Russian History, Tavricheskaya Academy, Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education "V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University" (Simferopol)

17:00 - 18:00 **Closing Session**

Vishap Hall **Results of the Conference and Discussion of Possible Topics for the Next Conference**

18:00 - 19:00 **Farewell wine party**

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