



# The Irrational in Russian History and Culture Conference Programme

Moscow, Nakhimovskii prospekt 51/21 (INION), German Historical Institute, conference room

Thursday 14 April 2011

10.00-10.30 Welcome

**10.30-13.00 Panel 1: The Irrational and Religious Experience**

10.30-10.50 Михаил Дмитриев (МГУ) Об иррациональном в традиционной православной культуре Московской Руси и России

10.50-11.10 Ekaterina Emeliantseva (Bangor) Emotional Styles within Ekaterinova Tatarinova's Spiritual Brotherhood (1817-37)

11.10-11.30 Irina Paert (Tallin) Preternatural, Irrational, Bizarre and the Russian spiritual elders (startsy)

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-12.20 Page Herrlinger (Bowdoin College) Healing Russia: Religious and Secular Perspectives on the "Miraculous" powers of brother Ioann Churikov in St. Petersburg, 1894-1917

12.20-13.00 Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch

**14.30-16.15 Panel 2: Anthropology/Narodnaia kul'tura**

14.30-14.50 Jule Herzberg (Munich) On the Rationality of Dreams: Visions, Nightmares, and Dreams in Peasant Writing from Tsarist and Soviet Russia

14.50-15.10 Антон Салмин (СПб.) Знахарство у чувашей как иррациональное явление

15.10-15.30 Екатерина Ходжаева (Казань) «Сумасшедшие» и милиционеры

15.30-16.15 Discussion

16.15-16.45 Coffee Break

**16.45-18.00 Panel 3: Literature**

16.45-17.05 Мария Майофис (РГГУ) Сумасшествие, слабоумие или социальный невроз? Поэт Александр Квашнин-Смарин

17.05-17.25 Ilya Vinitsky (Pennsylvania) Mystical Undercurrents of Russian Realism

17.25-18.00 Discussion

**18.00 Conference Dinner**

## Friday 15 April 2011

### 10.00-11.45 Panel 4: Psychology

- 10.00-10.20 Михаил Велижев (АНХ Москва) Чаадаевское дело 1836г. и история безумия в России  
10.20-10.40 Sabina Maier (Moscow) Analyzing Dostoevsky: Concepts of the Irrational in Early Russian Psychoanalysis  
10.40-11.00 Грегори Дюфо (Париж) Рациональная организация для больных умов? Психиатрические учреждения в Советском Союзе 1920-х годов  
11.00-11.45 Discussion  
11.45-12.15 Coffee Break

### 12.15-14.00 Panel 5: The Irrational Self

- 12.15-12.35 Lynn Patyk (Florida) The Terrorist State of Mind: I. Kaliaev  
12.35-12.55 Julia Mannherz (Oxford) Occultism and Irrational Insight  
12.55-13.15 Polina Barskova (Hampshire College) The Super-Fantastic Reality of Historical Disaster: The Siege Self in Contact with the Irrational (1941-1944)  
13.15-14.00 Discussion  
14.00-15.30 Lunch

### Trip to Museum

## Saturday 16 April 2011

### 10.00-11.10 Panel 6: The Irrational in Music

- 10.00-10.20 Rebecca Mitchell (Urbana-Champaign) In Search of Orpheus: Music and Irrationality in Late imperial Russia  
10.20-10.40 Amrei Flechsig (Hannover) The multi-faceted Russian irrational in Music: Alfred Schnittke's opera *Life with an Idiot*  
10.40-11.10 Discussion  
11.10-11.45 Coffee Break

### 11.45-13.30 Panel 7: Late Soviet Experiences of the Irrational

- 11.45-12.05 Николай Митрохин (Бремен) Советская интеллигенция в поисках чуда: религиозность и паранаука в СССР в 1953-1985 годах  
12.05-12.25 Yelena Kalinsky (Rutgers) Performance Vision: Psychic Break and Aesthetic experience In Andrei Monastyrskii's *Kashirskoe shosse*

### 12.25-13.30 Concluding Discussion

### 13.30 Lunch