Mapping diseases - monitoring health

Geographies of medicine in the Tsarist Empire and the Soviet Union

The workshop is organised by the German Historical Institute Moscow, the National Research University Higher School of Economics, and the Ludwig Maximilians University Munich.

September 19-20, 2019
German Historical Institute Moscow (Vorontsovskaya Ulitsa 8/7)
Thursday, 19 September

09:30  Breakfast
10:00 – 10:15  Welcome

10:15 - 11:00 Project Presentation

Anna Afanasyeva (Higher School of Economics Moscow) / Andreas Renner (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich) / Elena Vishlenkova (Higher School of Economics Moscow)

- DFG/RNF project “On Land and Sea: Medical Geography in the Russian Empire (1770-1870)”

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00 Panel I: Concepts and Languages of Description

Chair: Andreas Renner (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich)

Ruslan Mitrofanov (Higher School of Economics Moscow / Ludwig Maximilians University Munich)
- From Geography of Diversity to Statistics of Unification: Medical and Topographical Reports of Civilian Doctors of the Russian Empire

Lutz Häfner (Georg August University Göttingen)
- Only “Microbes of the Mind“? Migration, Hygiene and the Problem of Public Health in Late Imperial Russia

Elena Vishlenkova (Higher School of Economics Moscow) / Sergey Zatravkin (National Semashko Research Institute for Public Health, Moscow)
- Мониторинг инфекционной заболеваемости в России как аналитика пространства

13:00 - 14:15  Lunch
14:15 - 16:00 Panel II: Narratives

Chair: Elena Vishlenkova (Higher School of Economics Moscow)

Zarina Gatina (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich)
- Зонирование территории Российской империи в медико-топографических описаниях первой половины XIX века

Maria Pirogovskaya (European University St. Petersburg)
- From Medical Topographies to Sanitary Complaints and Vice Versa: Russian Professional and Mass Media of the 1870-1890s on “Sanitary Nuisances”

Vsevolod Bashkuev (Russian Academy of Sciences, Ulan-Ude)
- From medical topography to ideology and geopolitics: the multiple conceptions of syphilis in Northeast Eurasia (the 1850s – 1920s)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.00 Project Presentation

Vsevolod Bashkuev (Russian Academy of Sciences, Ulan-Ude)
Pavel Ratmanov (Far Eastern State Medical University, Khabarovsk)
- "Мягкая сила" советской медицины: трансфер знаний, технологий и идей в международных связях Наркомздрава РСФСР/СССР (1921-1947)

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 20 September

09:30 Breakfast

10.00 – 11.45 Panel III: Local Case Studies

Chair: Birte Kohtz (German Historical Institute Moscow)

Kateryna Pasichnyk (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)
- Local disease outbreaks: reporting epidemics and medical intervention in the eighteenth-century Russian empire

Elena Lisitsyna (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich)
- Судовая гигиена и географическая патология в опыте российского мореплавания второй четверти XVIII – второй половины XIX в.

Rania Khaziakhmetova (Kazan Federal University)
- Трахома – глазная чума туземных народов Поволжья

11:45 - 12:15 Coffee Break
Chair: Anna Afanasyeva (Higher School of Economics Moscow)

Anna Mazanik (Rachel Carson Center, Munich)
- From the Steppe to the Laboratory: Topographies of Livestock Disease in Late Imperial Russia

Pavel Ratmanov (Far Eastern State Medical University, Khabarovsk)
- Visual Representation of Manchurian plague epidemic in 1910-1911 (newspaper cartoons and maps)

Maya Peterson (University of California, Santa Cruz)
- Making “Russian Switzerland”: Marketing the Steppes through the Climate-Kumys Cure

14:00 - 15:15 Lunch

15:15 – 16:15 Concluding Discussion

From 16.15: Time for individual consultations