



MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CULTURAL AND ACTIVITY RESEARCH



INFORMATION LETTER

Second International ISCAR Summer University 2011

**Theoretical Problems
of Cultural-historical Psychology
in the Context of Emerging Social Practices**

August 26 – September 1, 2011

Dear PhD students!

In accordance to the ISCAR executive order No 15¹ and following the First ISCAR Summer School of 2010² we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Second International ISCAR Summer University (II ISCAR SU 2011) on cultural-historical psychology and activity theory! The scientific school of cultural-historical psychology is associated with the names of L.S. Vygotsky, A.N. Leontiev, A.R. Luriya, M.M. Bahtin, D.B. Elkonin, V.V. Davydov and many others, and is presently the center of attention in the international scientific and educational community. The ongoing integration processes confront the leading and up-and-coming scholars with a number of tasks, such as development and correlation of the key theoretical concepts of cultural-historical and activity theory in the works of Russian and foreign scholars, developing a unified conceptual framework, supporting collaborative projects and research.

II ISCAR SU Organizing Committee

Leading scholars in the area of cultural-historical psychology from Russia, Germany, Great Britain, Finland will take part in the work of ISCAR SU 2011.

Georg Rückriem (Germany)

Vitaly Rubtsov (Russia)

Arcady Margolis (Russia)

Liudmila Obukhova (Russia)

Fedor Vasijuk (Russia)

Pentti Hakkarainen (Finland)

Milda Bredikyte (Finland)

and others

¹ http://en.new.myiscar.org/Executive_Order_No_15_Summer_Events_for_PhD_Students_and_Early_Career_Researchers

² <http://iscarschool.ru>

The Topics of ISCAR SU 2011

1. General conceptual layout of cultural-historical psychology
2. Cultural-historical psychology in education
3. Cultural-historical psychology in special education
4. Cultural-historical psychology in social practice

Basic Forms of Work in ISCAR SU 2011

- lectures by leading scholars;
- presentations of one's own research;
- open discussions;
- small group and individual consultations.

Language of the Event

English

Venue

The main events of **ISCAR SU 2011** will take place in Moscow State University of Psychology and Education (Moscow, Russia) in a picturesque suburban vacation house "Povedniki" (Russia, Moscow region). Upon request from participants we will organize various Moscow city tours and a trip to St. Petersburg at extra cost.

Application Process

An application in English should be submitted **individually** and should incorporate **one topic** of ISCAR SU 2011.

Please submit your documents to vygotsky@mgppu.ru.

Documents

1. Description of research (thesis, essay). We will accept for review both ongoing research and detailed description of an IDEA for a theoretical and/or applied research (as separate attachment).

2. CV (Full name, gender, place of residence, university, research supervisor, title of Candidate's dissertation and it's current status, place of work - if any, any other related information). Please provide also information about scholarships and/or about the funding of your research project/PhD Dissertation as well as information about participation in other PhD Events/Conferences/ Workshops.

3. Motivational letter, describing your experience in acquaintance with cultural-historical psychology, your interests and expectations with regard

to participating in SU, your desire to take part in the work of ISCAR SU 2011 (as attachment together with CV, not more than 1 page).

Requirements to Format of the Research Description

- font: Times New Roman; 12 pt.; interval 1,5;
- text volume: 2–3 pages;
- the cover page should indicate: **topic of ISCAR SU 2011**, full name, title, full name of research supervisor and his/her academic degree;
- list of sources and literature should be given in the end of the text.

The participant selection will be based on a combination of the following criteria:

- 1) Quality and Relevance of PhD project
- 2) Geographical Origin/Disability/ Gender/ Socio-economic Resources (we will ensure a reasonable distribution of participants regarding gender/ geographic origin/ socio-economic resources)
- 3) First come - first served!

Possible number of participants – 24

**Applications which do not conform to the above requirements
and are submitted after the deadline
will not be accepted for review!**

Deadline for proposal submission – April 3, 2011

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