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**XIXth International Conference for Young Researchers
“ACTUAL PROBLEMS OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES”**

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Novosibirsk, Akademgorodok

Dear colleagues!

We invite you to take part in the XIXth International Conference for Young Researchers “Actual Problems of Human and Social Studies”. The conference is organized by the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Novosibirsk State University. This year’s conference partner is The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at The University of Texas at Austin. The conference will be attended by scientists and philosophers from different cities of Russia and foreign countries.

The conference topic areas:

- History of Western philosophy;
- Analytical philosophy;
- Philosophy of science and artificial intelligence;
- Social philosophy; philosophy of education;
- Philosophy of law;
- Bioethics.

The Conference theme of this year is

«Tradition and Neo-Tradition under uncertainty»

The modern world is developing through large-scale transformations, which entails the need for comprehension and theoretical generalization of socio-cultural experience, namely, the tradition, its potential in a situation of choice. Comprehension of tradition as a complex and multifaceted social phenomenon acquires special significance for the analysis of a number of theoretical issues and practical tasks. Both tradition and neo-tradition can be examined both at the epistemological and ontological levels. The approaches to solving the problems of choosing a tradition, reinterpreting traditions, updating or preventing breaks in socio-cultural continuity determine the prospects for social development.

The following issues are proposed for discussion:

- The concept of tradition in science and philosophy;
- Subject, object, and functions of tradition;
- Ethical problems of the reproduction of traditions;
- Political, social, family and other types of traditions;
- Ethnocultural traditions and identity;
- The problem of the relationship between the traditional and the modern. The phenomenon of neo-tradition;
- Myth and logos of neo-tradition. New meanings, functions, and content of traditions in a situation of uncertainty.

We invite students, postgraduate students, and postdocs to take part in the conference.

There are two types of participation: plenary reports (up to 40 minutes) and section reports (up to 15 minutes). After each presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Possible full-time, as well as online report. The organizing committee has the right to select the abstracts of the talks, as well as the distribution of talks in sections. Preference will be given to the application of the full-time participant.

We accept the results of original studies, which should be presented in the form of abstracts with a clear author contribution (the originality of the texts must be at least 70%). The compilation works are not accepted. The languages of publication are Russian and English (at the choice of the author). The conference proceeding will be published and indexed in the RSCI (Russian Science Citation Index). Travel and accommodation are paid by participants.

The abstracts of the talks must be 5000–6000 characters with spaces long, Times New Roman, font size 10 with single line spacing. Footnotes must be inside the text in square brackets. Automatic formatting of footnotes is not allowed. Materials are published in the author version.

Dates:

August 1 – abstract submission deadline

September 10 – notification of acceptance

October 10–11 – arrival of participants

October 11 – conference work (plenary reports)

October 12–13 – conference work (section reports)

October 14 – departure of participants

Abstract example:

**APPLICABILITY OF NEWCOMB'S PARADOX
FOR RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ROKO'S BASILISK**

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This thought experiment considers a hypothetical society, ordered by the efforts of a post-singular AI. It is assumed that such AI is rational and adheres to the values of utilitarianism. In conditions of complete control over the social environment, the main existential threat of AI is not future, but the provision of one's own creation in the past. The author refers to the acausal decision theory, which the LessWrong community often appeals to [1. P. 152]. Controlling completely the present and the future (it is assumed that the super-powerful AI is sufficiently developed for high-precision forecasting [2]), mathematically the greatest threats remain in the past, where the AI did not exist and did not have control [Ibid]. Further, using prognostic abilities, AI will try to calculate how its way of thinking will be interpreted by people of the XXI (or any other) century and what motivation can force it to create this AI, thus minimizing the possibility of not creating it (not so much for reasons of quantum physics as for mathematical reasons). The point is that if people who can provide significant support to the development of AI will fear a possible punishment for incomplete returns or resistance to the creation of AI, they will make every effort to successfully implement such a project. In order for such fears to be grounded, the future AI will expose the "guilty" punishments, which they can be convinced of without waiting for the future, but by calculating the thinking algorithms of rational AI. To interpret this problem, an analogy with the Newcom paradox is often used [3. P. 1640].

References:

1. Chase C. Surviving AI: The promise and peril of artificial intelligence. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2015.
2. Vinge V. Technological singularity [Web]. URL: <http://www.alt-future.narod.ru/Future/vinge.htm> (accessed: 12.31.2019).
3. Wolpert D.H., Benford G. The lesson of Newcomb's paradox // Synthese. 2013. Vol. 190. № 9. P. 1637–1646.

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Please use French quotation marks – «...»

Inside the quote use German quotation marks – "..."

Dashes (–) and hyphens (-) should not be mixed up.

References is listed in alphabetical order.

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