The 7th International “Cultural–Historical Theory: Prospects of Development” Memorial Vygotsky Conference dedicated to the 110th Anniversary of L.S. Vygotsky will take place on 15 – 17 November, 2006. This will be organised by the Russian State University for the Humanities, the L. S. Vygotsky Institute of Psychology, the International L.S. Vygotsky Society and the L.S. Vygotsky Fund.

The main themes of the conference

- Development of L.S. Vygotsky’s ideas in the new century
- Dialectics: non-developed philosophical and methodological quintessence of cultural-historical theory
- Two approaches in psychology: an activity-based and/or cultural-historical one?
- Psychology as an objective science
- From the chronological stages of childhood to its theory
- The world of meaning of the developing consciousness
- Education as a general form of individual and societal development
- Vygotskian approach as an international phenomenon
- The natural scientific basis of cultural-historical psychology

The questions above as well as other ones are intended for discussion within the work of symposia according to the following topics:

1. Zone of Proximal Development and what lies beyond.
2. Socialisation, social situation of development and “growing into culture.”
3. The indisputable and disputable in the mediation of psychic functions.
4. The correlation between the ideas of the psychic dimension and the “individual” self.
5. Human age as a problem of science devoted to the study of man.
6. Theoretical psychology as “the stone rejected by the builders.”
7. Psychology of art as the key to understanding man.
8. The picture of the world through the prism of language: psycholinguistics and related concepts.
9. The problem of the mental state considered normal for psychic health and psychological well-being.
10. Forming and projecting spontaneous and purpose-oriented development.

Call For Proposals
The Programme Committee invites researchers to send proposals that correspond to one of the above-mentioned themes. A proposal can be submitted as:

- an abstract of the paper corresponding to one of the conference themes (1000 – 1200 words);
- an abstract of the poster paper presentation corresponding to one of the conference themes (maximum 2500 words);
- a symposium programme that corresponds to one of the conference themes.

Working Languages are Russian and English. All abstracts shall be included in the symposium programme.

Proposals will need to be submitted by e-mail, regular mail or fax to:

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All paper proposals must include:
1. The title of the paper (symposium)
2. The author's name and academic degree
3. The author's affiliation
4. Mailing address and e-mail
5. Reference to one of the conference themes

Please inform us if you might be interested in other kinds of participation in the conference, e.g. as a discussant, in book exhibition, etc.
The speaking time will be thirty minutes for the plenary session and fifteen minutes for a symposium presentation [please remember that time will be needed for translations]. Please let us know beforehand what kind(s) of equipment you may need. Please remember that it is difficult for us to supply power point support.
**Deadlines**
– submission of proposals: June 10\textsuperscript{th}
-- notification of proposals acceptance: July 10\textsuperscript{th}

**Registration Fees**

Regular:
- $300 for overseas participants
- $200 for those from CIS
- $150 for Russian participants

Student:
- $100 for foreign students
- $50 for those from CIS
- $20 for Russian ones

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