

**3rd ISCAR Summer University at
Moscow State University of Psychology and Education**

Moving with and beyond Vygotsky

**Monday 2nd – Saturday 7th of July 2012
Call for Applications**

Concept & Aims:

In recent years a growing interest in socio-cultural-historical approaches is observed. While more and more scholars refer to single ideas of Vygotsky in their research, one could argue that there is less and less understanding of the broader theoretical, epistemological and methodological frame of Vygotsky's work. It is also quite evident that most scholars refer only to Vygotsky and not to the broader socio-cultural-historical research tradition (that could include many authors such as Bakhtin, Leont'ev, Lisina, Luria, Rubinstein, Bozhovich, Gutkina, Venger, Gal'perin, El'konin, Davydov, Zinchenko – to refer only to the Russian ones). What is more: diverse methodologies (genetic-experimental research, ethnography, qualitative data analysis etc.) are used in the different contexts and disciplines; however, only little discussion takes place on the limits, the possibilities, and eventually, the complementarities of those methodologies.

The 3rd ISCAR Summer University aims at an in-depth and intensive investigation of basic socio-cultural-historical concepts and works. It also aims to discuss the connection between theory and the various methodologies as well as to reflect on emerging practical problems that concern education, psychotherapy, social policy, social work, urban planning, new information and communication technologies etc. Following the tradition of the previous summer universities, highly respected professors of socio-cultural-historical approaches will be invited to participate and a range of activities will be scheduled. The university aims also to address problems concerning the future career of PhD students (post-doc positions, research funding etc.).

Further Information: The webpage <http://iscarschool.ru/> provides detailed information and videotapes from the previous summer universities. You will also find here all updated information about the 3rd ISCAR Summer University in Moscow.

Grants & Financial Information:

Grants for 24 PhD students from all different regions, disciplines, socio-cultural contexts and age groups will be given so that accommodation will be for free and no fees are requested. Travel costs should however be covered by the participants. Participants are welcome to contact the organizers in case they need an invitation letter to apply for extra funding by their national agencies.

Evaluation Process:

A border of international reviewers will evaluate the applications according to 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!

Preparation Materials:

A reader with basic socio-cultural-historical texts in English and Russian will be distributed in advance and research materials will be circulated among the selected participants.

Basic Forms of Work:

- lectures by leading scholars;
- presentations of one's own research;
- open discussions;
- small group and individual consultations
- problem-oriented workshops (especially on methodology & data analysis on the basis of participants' research materials)

Concluding Publication: Best participants will be given the possibility to publish their work in English in the *Cultural-Historical Psychology Journal*.

Language of the Event: English

Venue: The main events of the ISCAR SU 2012 will take place at a picturesque suburban vacation house in "Povedniki" (Russia, Moscow area). Hosting institution is the Moscow State University of Psychology and Education.

Application

The application should consist of 3 separate attachments in English (.pdf or .doc) with:

1. Description of research (i.e. either ongoing research or research proposal - about 2 A4 pages).
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. Letter of motivation, describing your experience in acquaintance with socio-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 (not longer than 1 A4 page).

Applications which do not conform with the above requirements or are submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for review!

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.

Number of participants:

The Summer University can only host a limited number of 24 participants.

Deadlines for Application:

Participants are advised to apply as soon as possible. The first deadline for applications is November 30th. In case free places are still available an extended deadline for participants from the majority world who could not apply so quickly will be announced soon after. Applications are due to: vygotsky@mgppu.ru