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## Special on-line ISCAR Summer seminar for PhD students

**“Cultural-historical psychology today: research challenges & practical perspectives”**

**6-8 July, 2020**

**Application deadline: June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Despite more and more Russian and foreign scholars applying the ideas of L.S.Vygotsky, A.N.Leontyev, A.R.Luria, A.V.Zaporozhets, D.B.Elkonin, V.V.Davydov in their research, interpretation and understanding of the theoretical and methodological basis of this scientific approach often remains incomplete. Thus, turning to the original texts of L.S. Vygotsky and his followers represents one of the priorities in international psychological studies. This trend determines the common interests of Russian and foreign researchers and creates the necessary basis for joint discussions as well as research & practice projects.

We invite the international community of CHAT young researchers to join the special on-line seminar “Cultural-historical psychology today: research challenges & practical perspectives” to be held on July 6-8, 2020 by Moscow State University of Psychology & Education.

The program of the seminar is aimed at providing a broad introduction into the theory and practice of research in the field of development and education with a focus on the cultural-historical psychology and activity approach (L.S. Vygotsky, A.N. Leont'ev, A.R. Luriya). The on-line seminar will cover the following subject areas:

- theoretical and methodological foundations of the cultural-historical theory and activity approach in the research of various aspects of education and development, research on modern childhood; philosophy of education and science; examples of research projects in the field of psychological science and education);
- solving pedagogical problems in education; activity approach in investigating problems of communication in the social sphere;
- theoretical and experimental research of learning and development.

The on-line ISCAR Summer seminar is created to give participants from different countries the opportunity to:

- ✚ broaden their knowledge in theory & methodology of CHAT
- ✚ discuss the best examples of applying CHAT to creating social practices
- ✚ get the research design review

All participants of the seminar can submit the abstract of research design for the international scientific journal “Cultural-historical psychology”.\*

The initiative is aimed at scholars interested in scientific reflection of their research idea, the ways of its` implementation, the relevance and scientific perspective of the research, as well as the discussion of the issues of constructing the research design.

The research design will be reviewed by the leading worlds` experts in the field of cultural-historical psychology. The review is based on the assessment of how the research design conforms to general principles of cultural-historical theory and activity approach.

*The Special on-line ISCAR Summer seminar is aimed at future professionals in the field – academics, researchers, educational specialists, teachers, psychologists, who are interested in psychological and pedagogical research of childhood development and education.*

**Key program activities:**

- lectures by leading scholars;
- focus groups and individual consultations (*optional*);
- problem-oriented workshops (especially on methodology & data analysis on the basis of participants' research materials)

**Abstract publication**

The participants' research abstracts will be published in a "Collection of abstracts" digest. Authors of the best presentations will be given the possibility to publish their work in the journal "Cultural-Historical Psychology".

**Language of the seminar:** English

**Application**

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

- **Motivation letter** (should include information concerning the basic research problem that you are struggling with and why you want to deal with this in the framework of the Summer University)
- **Abstract of research project** (should include research title, brief description and references)
- **CV** (Full name, gender, place of residence, university, research supervisor, title of dissertation and year of study, place of work and any other related information, a portrait photo from 800kb to 3000kb). Please, provide 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. Applications, which do not conform to the above requirements, or are submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for review!

**Application deadline:** *June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**Requirements of the Research Description**

- font: Times New Roman; 12 pt.; interval 1,5;
- text volume: not more than 3 pages for each item;
- the abstract headline should indicate: topic of ISCAR SU 2019, full name, title, full name of research supervisor and his/her academic degree;
- list of references should be given in the end of the abstract and should not exceed 15 items.

**Participation fees – free.**

*Considering the global situation today MSUPE would like to suggest organizing the special online summer seminar free of any charges for the participants as a gesture of support for the research community.*

**Contact information**

The application materials (motivation letter, abstract of research project, CV) as well as all participation-related issues should be sent to [summer.university.msupe@gmail.com](mailto:summer.university.msupe@gmail.com)

A confirmation will be sent to your e-mail.

[www.iscarschool.com](http://www.iscarschool.com)

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[Cultural-Historical Psychology Journal](#) is a peer reviewed International Journal founded by Moscow State University of Psychology and Education. Published since 2005. From 2017 published both in Russian and in English.

**“Cultural-Historical Psychology”** is an international journal that is dedicated to the history, current advances and future perspectives of cultural-historical psychology of L.S. Vygotsky. The journal is aimed at publishing original works on methodological, theoretical and practical issues of cultural-historical psychology, activity theory and their contemporary modifications alongside with concordant approaches.

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