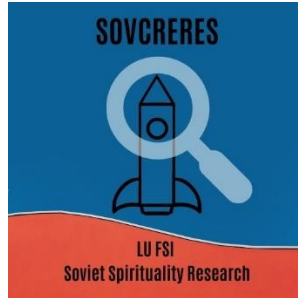




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Call for papers

International Conference

**“SOVIET SPIRITUALITY”: THE PHENOMENON AND ITS RESEARCH
POSSIBILITIES**

June 10-11, 2021

Riga, Latvia

Dear colleagues,

You are kindly invited to participate in the international conference **“Soviet Spirituality”: The Phenomenon and Its Research Possibilities** which will be held in **Riga, Latvia on June 10–11, 2021**.

The conference will focus on the influence and consequences of totalitarian regimes’ ideology in intellectual, cultural and religious practices.

You will be welcome in a discussion on ‘Soviet spirituality’ (or Socialist spirituality) as a process and a result of implementing Soviet/Socialist ideology via quasi-spiritual and quasi-religious discourse and practices like new traditions to replace the traditions rooted in Christianity.

The conference aims to attract scholars interested in presenting their investigations concerning the topic of the discussion. Recent PhDs and other young researchers are also encouraged to participate. The themes of the presentations may vary, without being limited to:

- History of anti-religious propaganda and development of scientific atheism in the former USSR and “Soviet bloc” countries;
- History of the shift from the “struggle against religion” to the “struggle for Soviet spiritual life”;
- The concept of ‘Soviet/ Socialist spirituality’ and its research methodology;

- Formation of New Man or “Homo Sovieticus”, and its representations in socialist culture;
- New ritual year of “Soviet spirituality” and its practices;
- Interaction between ‘Soviet spirituality’ and Christianity or other religions;
- Legacy of ‘Soviet spirituality’ nowadays.

The conference is currently scheduled in a remote format using ZOOM.

The working languages of the conference will be **English** and **Russian**.

We intend to publish the conference papers (after editing and peer review) in a special publication of our journal *Reliģiski-filozofiski raksti* (Religious-Philosophical Articles), indexed by SCOPUS.

Conference venue: ZOOM

Organising Committee:

Dr Solveiga Krūmiņa-Koņkova (head)

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Deadline:

The deadline for proposals is **March 15, 2021**.

If you want to participate in the conference, please fill in the form, which you will find here:
<https://forms.gle/feM1DuYCeqrzuRkD8>

If you have any questions, please write to the conference e-mail address:
conference.riga.2021@gmail.com

Response with acceptance of papers: **April 1, 2021**.

Please note that only selected participants will receive an e-mail with confirmation of their abstracts.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

The Organising Committee



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