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Philosophy outside Academy in the Epoch of Enlightenment

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At the conference it is planned to discuss the formation and forms of expression of philosophical discourses outside of academic institutions, the philosophical heritage of thinkers whose learned activities took place far from university departments. They did not always use the form of a systematic treatise to express their thoughts, stayed in the space of interdisciplinary intersections of various research trajectories and did not consider pursuing philosophy as their profession. Nevertheless, all the main philosophical issues — the problem of man, cognition, the structure of society and its ideal embodiment in the past and the future — were in the field of their interest. Many thinkers, such as G. Leibniz, D. Hume, C. Montesquieu, D. Diderot, J.-J. Rousseau or Voltaire, many representatives of the Russian philosophical tradition — A. N. Radishchev, M. M. Shcherbatov, A. T. Bolotov, A. M. Beloselsky-Belozersky and others — were not university professors. This fact did not prevent them from creating original philosophical systems and expressing bold and interesting ideas.

Proposals for discussions:

- What is philosophical text? Forms and ways to express philosophical reflection
- «Non-treatise» sources for studying and conceiving philosophical ideas of the epoch: correspondence, memoirs, essays, autobiographical notes, etc.
- The problem of human being in educational literature
- «Metaphysical rhymes»: philosophical themes in eighteenth-century poetry
- Philosopher as a social type
- Intellectual elites of the Enlightenment
- Philosophical communities of the epoch: clubs, salons, coteries, lodges
- Periodicals and publishing houses as agents of intellectual communications
- Encyclopedia as a philosophical project
- «Nobleman-philosopher» and «noblewoman-philosopher» in the intellectual tradition of the Enlightenment
- Philosophers on thrones
- Philosophy as a social lift
- Enlightenment ideas outside educational institutions

The list of topics for discussions is open for intellectual cooperation

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The working languages are Russian & English

The link to enter the conference will be sent attached to the invitation.
Conference materials are planned to turn into an electronic collection of papers
registered in the Russian Science Citation Index

