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"SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY: GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL TRADITIONS" AND  
"NATURE-CULTURE" PHD PROGRAMS

*Seminar*

July 1, 2019; Dobra 72, conference hall

**NATURE AND CULTURE IN INNER AND NORTH ASIAN PERSPECTIVES**

The idea of nature is, perhaps, one of the most controversial topics in social sciences. The term can denote a line of various, sometimes quite distant ideas. The same kind of ambiguity regards the concept of culture, a *grande idée* around which the whole discipline of social sciences arose. Our seminar aims to present these ideas as contextualized in Inner and North Asian perspectives and introduce specific understandings and practical usage of these concepts in the region.

This seminar is an outcome of cooperation within the PhD Program "Searching for Identity: Global Challenges, Local Traditions" that was run at the Faculty of "Artes Liberales" between 2013-2018. Works of the members of the Program demonstrated that the definitions of identity often float between the ideas of nature and culture, and this builds a bridge to the next PhD Program at the Faculty, the ongoing "Nature-Culture Program. In the seminar, scholars who specialize in the Sakha, Buryat and Buddhist issues will deliver their contributions to the topic of nature-culture relations.

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12.00-12.15 Seminar opening. Jan Kieniewicz

12.15-13.15 Opening lecture. Uliana Vinokurova, *Экософия: ответ на вызовы глобального изменения климата* [in Russian]

13.15-13.30 Coffee break

13.30-14.00 Bato Dondukov, *Argumentation in Ecological Rhetoric of Buddhist Leaders* (presentation is a part of the research funded by RSF, project №19-18-00412)

14.00-14.30 Daria Burnasheva, *Society and Water: Decolonizing Hydrosocial Relations*

14.30-15:00 Discussion

15.00-15.45 Lunch break

15.45-16.15 Galina Dondukova, *Vertical Map of the World: Sky Toponyms in the Poetry of Bair Dugarov* (presentation is a part of the research funded by RSF, project №19-18-00412)

16.15-16.45 Wojciech Cendrowski, *Between Nature and Culture in Inner Asia: the role of ethnic and political factors on shaping landscape in the Baikal area.*

16.45-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-17.15 Tomasz Wiśniewski, *Non-human Agency in Contemporary Theory of History*

17.15-17.45 Ayur Zhanaev, *Definitions of Nature (A Buryat-Mongol case)* (presentation is a part of the research funded by RSF, project №19-18-00412)

17.45-18.15 Discussion and closing the seminar