**Russian State University for the Humanities**

Dear colleagues,

You are invited to take part in the 9th

Alexey Zverev International biennial conference on American Studies

**Religious narrative in US literature, history and culture**

**Organizers:** The Russian State University for the Humanities (Comparative Literature Department of the Institute of Philology and History, and the Department of American Studies, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences)

**Date and venue: April 28-29, 2025**, the Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

Religion has always been a defining feature of American culture since the first British colonists arrived in the territory of the future United States. The contribution of religion and theology to the development of American culture and social institutions cannot be overemphasized, and it is only natural that historians and philologists, cultural and political scientists pay special attention to religious issues of American life, both past and present. The conference organizers propose to incorporate religious narrative into an interdisciplinary humanities space in order to specify those elements that shape American society's characteristic, its vision of the Self and the Other in their various dimensions.

**Suggested topics for discussion:**

* The impact of Protestantism on American culture and society;
* Christianity vs non-Christian religions and beliefs;
* Religion as an element of national, racial-ethnic, and gender identity;
* The Church as a Social Institution;
* God in the Service of Politics and Propaganda;
* Religion and the Environment;
* Religious Narrative in the US Foreign Policy;
* The Religious Dimension of U.S.-Russia Relations.

Additionally**,** 2025 marks **100th anniversary of the publication of F.S. Fitzgerald's novel “The Great Gatsby**”. In connection with this anniversary, a round table devoted to the novel is planned within the framework of the conference.

**Discussions** will take the form of plenary and topic panels as well as round-tabletalks. The conference is planned to be held in online and offline format.

**Working languages:** Russian, English.

**Participation fee**: full-time participants 800 rubles (master's and postgraduate students - 200 rubles). Travel and accommodation at the expense of participants. Distance participation is free of charge.

**Deadline for paper submissions: March 15,** 2025**.** Please send the filled-in submission form (see attachment) by email. Participation confirmations and official invitations will be sent by **March 30**, 2025 after the selection procedure. The proceedings of the conference will be published.

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**Application form**

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