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MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC STAFF

## CONTACTS

Today the Department of Ethnology is a team of highly qualified professionals, who preserve departmental traditions while seeking out new paths for research about and interpretation of dynamic cultural and social processes.

Regular faculty of the department include Professors Dmitrii A. Funk, Lidiia B. Zasedateleva, Olga E. Kazmina, Victor V. Karlov, and Tatiana D. Solovey. Students are also instructed by Docents Elena V. Miskova, Elena I. Larina, Zoia U. Makhmudova, Marina N. Bakhmatova, and Andrei V. Tutorskiy; Scientific Researchers Galina A. Nikitina, Anna E. Soldatova, Daria A. Trynkina; Assistant Professor Dmitrii A. Oparin. Working in the department is Professor G. E. Markov who has been awarded Distinguished Achievement in Science of the Russian Federation. Serving as Department Head is the winner of the Alexander von Humboldt Prize in Ethnology, Dmitrii A. Funk.



In addition to its regular faculty, the Department offers invited lectures from scholars, among whom are such distinguished Russian specialists as Academic RAS-Professor Valerii A. Tishkov, Correspondent Member RAS-Professor Anna V. Dybo, Professor Marina L. Butovskaya, and well-known foreign scholars, such as Professor Andrew Wiget.

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## FACULTY OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY





## DEPARTMENT

The development of ethnology in Russia is closely related to the work of many professors and researchers of the Moscow State University. It was at Moscow State University, in the Department of Geography and Ethnography of the Historical-Philological Faculty, that Dmitrii N. Anuchin in 1884 delivered the first course on the “Ethnography of Russia”.

The Ethnography Department of the Historical Faculty was opened in 1939 at the initiative of Sergei P. Tolstov, the head of the Khwarezmian archaeological-ethnographical expedition. In 1992 the department was renamed the Department of Ethnology.

The department has included among its faculty such outstanding researchers as Sergei P. Tolstov, Nikolai N. Cheboksarov, Sergei A. Tokarev, Vladimir V. Pimenov, Aleksei A. Nikishenkov, Mark O. Kosven, Aleksander M. Zolotarev, Lev P. Lashuk, Iulian V. Bromlei, Evgenii M. Shilling, Mikhail V. Vitov, Gennadii G. Gromov, Klavdiia I. Kozlova, Sergei P. Poliakov, Iulia I. Zvereva, Sergei A. Arutiunov.

The department’s research program addresses important areas in contemporary socio-anthropological studies, including urban anthropology, the anthropology of religion, linguistics, museology, and applied anthropology, as well as developing new approaches to theoretical analysis, to the history of ethnology (socio-cultural anthropology), and to teaching the subject.



## FIELD-TRIPS



Fieldwork trips (“ethnographic practicum”) are one of the main constituents of the educational process in the Department of Ethnology.

During trips of 2–4 weeks, students learn the fundamentals of doing ethnography, how to interview, observe, photograph, and describe various manifestations of culture. At the same time, they have the opportunity to informally engage with local communities, chatting with local youth (often far beyond midnight), playing soccer together, and participating in the shared life of the community— e.g. mowing hay, feeding animals, stocking fuel, or cooking with people their everyday and festive food.

Currently, ethnographic practicums are actively carried out in four regions – Southern Russia and Kazakhstan (Elena I. Larina), Northern Russia (Andrei V. Tuturskii), the Caucasus (Lidiia B. Zasedateleva), and Siberia (Dmitrii A. Funk), and in one topical-methodological area, ethnomusicology (led by Galina A. Nikitina).

## STUDYING

From the time the Department was established, a program for studying and teaching ethnology was set up that reflects all the extensive discussions about the nature and methods of the discipline and how they should be developed. At present, first-year students receive instruction in “Basics of Ethnology”, “History of the Primitive Society” and “Introduction to Social Anthropology”.

Then students in the department receive introductions to various areas of research at the intersection of ethnology and other social and human studies, such as the anthropology of religion, economic and linguistic anthropology, urban anthropology, anthropology of education, applied anthropology, ethnopsychology, as well as courses on the History of Ethnography in Russia and the World and Ethnography of Regions of the World. Students can also choose to enroll in special topical courses.

Students have the opportunity to build a career both in the world of research, in the political arena, or they may find themselves working as consultants, on the staff of a museum, in applied social-oriented projects or in the media.

