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Dear colleagues,

You are invited to take part in the
7th Alexey Zverev International conference on American Studies

**Colonial and postcolonial discourses in American literature, culture, and politics:
pro et contra**

Organized by: Russian State University for the Humanities (Department of Comparative Literature, Institute for Philology and History; Department of American Studies, Division for International Relations and Area Studies)

Date and venue: May 13-14, 2021, the Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

Colonial and postcolonial discourses, their intervention and interpretation are still simultaneously extraordinarily enabling and theoretically problematic. The question is how literary and historical texts as well as cultural and political representations could be analyzed from colonial and postcolonial point of view.

This conference will aim to integrate colonial and postcolonial discourses into a wide range of humanitarian fields in order to understand their common elements, which make a contribution to an identifiable American national outlook. The conference also asks whether, or to what degree, colonial and postcolonial discourses stand to be recuperated and revised in the 21st-century literature, history, culture, and political thought.

Themes of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- colonialism as a discourse of domination;
- hybrid modalities of identity and their difference;
- ethnographic translations of radical alterity;
- postcolonialism and feminism as critical discourses;
- the relationship between race, language, and culture;
- global history and postcolonialism;
- postcolonial discourse in the US foreign policy.

Additionally, 2021 is a significant year because it marks the 150th anniversary of Theodore Dreiser birth. Special round-table discussion will be arranged at the conference commemorating the anniversary.

Discussions will take the form of plenary and topic panels, and round-table as well in offline and online formats.

Working languages: Russian, English.

Deadline for paper submissions: March, 10, 2021. Please send the filled-in submission form (see attachment) by email. Participation confirmations and official invitations will be sent by **April 15, 2021** after the selection procedure. The proceedings of the conference will be published.

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Application form

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Abstract in English (5-7 sentences)	