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**Sixth International Scientific Conference**  
**Byzantium, Europe, Russia:**  
**Social practices and Interrelations of spiritual traditions**

June 25–27, 2026, St. Petersburg

The conference is devoted to the intellectual history of three basic complexes of practices of civilizational development in the European, Mediterranean, and Euro-Asian regions through the historical sources of their emergence and existence – Byzantine, Western European, and Russian civilizations, as well as civilizations included in the areas of their influence and interaction. The main attention is supposed to be paid to studies that bring to light the relationship of various types of intellectual discourse and social practices in a historical perspective, from the ancient roots of the mentioned civilizations to the modern times, the interaction and conflict of the traditions of thought and social creativity, theological-religious, secular and post-secular models of comprehending the reality of the world, society, and human. The interdisciplinary formation of the conference provides for the participation of philosophers, sociologists, philologists, theologians, historians, and art critics in its work.

**Key dates:**

June 10, 2026 – Deadline for submission of applications and abstracts of papers

June 15, 2026 – Announcement of the results of the selection of participants

June 25–27, 2026 – Conference days

August 31, 2026 – Deadline for submission of the articles

**Conference Format:** Face-to-Face and Virtual Meetings

**Registration of the applications** for participation in the conference is carried out by following the link: <https://forms.socinst.ru/form/view?slug=bzeuru2026>

Upon the results of the conference, a collection of articles will be published under the title **“Byzantium, Europe, Russia: Social practices and interrelations of spiritual traditions. Issue 5”** (the articles will be assigned DOI, the collection will be indexed in the RSCI). The articles shall be submitted until August 31, 2026 via email: [byzantium-europe-russia@yandex.ru](mailto:byzantium-europe-russia@yandex.ru)

The volume of articles for the collection shall be from 20,000 to 40,000 characters (но не менее 15 000 знаков), including an annotation in Russian and English with a volume of 1,000–1200 characters, from 5 to 8 keywords in Russian and English, and a list of references. The publications shall be designed compliant to the layout of publications in the 5<sup>th</sup> issue: <https://socinst.ru/publications/socpractices2025/>

Travel, booking, accommodation, and meals are at the expense of the participants.

Conference website: <https://socinst.ru/conferences/bzeuru2026/>

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