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Application deadline: 12 June 2013. The application form can be downloaded here
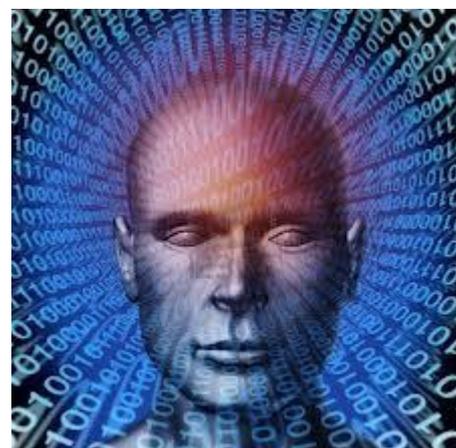Further information about **how to participate** can be found below and at **http://global.crimea.edu/ru/node/870** and **http://www.al.uw.edu.pl/eng.php**

Teleconference – Towards an Integrated Understanding of the User's Identity in the Cyberspace of the Internet: A Multidisciplinary Dialogue

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Aims & scope

At present the Internet is used by two and a half billion of people. The Internet plays a key role in many of the processes taking place on the planet at all levels, from the individual to the transnational. The welfare of the modern society and the direction of the further development of mankind depend in a great measure on full understanding and proper use of the possibilities provided by the Internet.

The range of the issues concerning identity of man in cyberspace of the Internet is among the most important subject matters which should be explored for an optimal use of the power of the Internet in contemporary society. First of all, it is a clarification of the specific character of the manifestations of identity in the cyberspace and of the *impact* of cyberspace on the identity of a user or a group of users, as well as the study of those *consequences* of cyberspace influence on the identity of man, which are manifested in the offline environment.

Numerous studies of identity on the Internet are for the most part monodisciplinary. That is, as a rule, a researcher takes into account only data produced by the discipline within which s/he operates and, in turn, sets him/herself the task to limit his/her study only to the context of this discipline. In addition to the habitual intention of monodisciplinarity, the researcher is faced with objective difficulties in overcoming interdisciplinary barriers. For example, the difference of the conceptual and methodological frameworks in each discipline hinders comprehension and adequate "conversion" of the data, with the purpose of applying the achievements of one discipline for investigation in the framework of another. As a result there is no comprehensive coverage and, hence, an integral, adequate vision of the studied object, reflecting this object in all its multidimensionality; the boundaries between disciplines, which are invisible, but no less real, hamper scholarly progress, especially in the new fields of study.

It is obvious, that because of the large amount of accumulated knowledge in each of the disciplines, for one person it is very difficult and sometimes impossible for one person to master all that is necessary for acquisition of an integral vision of the studied object, and the way out from such a situation requires cooperation between specialists of different profiles. **The objective** of the teleconference is to gather an international multidisciplinary scientific community of specialists in the Humanities for a comprehensive discussion of problems concerning identity on the Internet, and for a joint search for a solution. It could be that a cross-fertilization of ideas and obtained results would open new perspectives for the study of the spectrum of these issues and inspire the creation of innovative methods for their study.

In the framework of the teleconference a wide range of issues on the identity of an individual in the cyberspace of the Internet is proposed for the discussion, including the following: What is the identity of an individual in the cyberspace of the Internet, what are its specific qualities and ways of manifestation? How are the different aspects of the user's identity (social, cultural, political, religious, etc.) manifested in the cyberspace of the Internet? How does the Internet impact the identity of a user? What

are the advantages provided by the Internet for the development of identity? What are the dangers and threats of the Internet for the user's identity? What are the possibilities of the cyberspace to strengthen or destroy the user's awareness of belonging to one group or another? How do various activities in cyberspace influence the identity of the user in the online and offline environments? What makes the user more affected by the positive or negative content of the Internet? These and many other questions are in the focus of attention at this teleconference, the first of a series of teleconferences on the problems of identity in the cyberspace of the Internet.

In the first teleconference the participation of scholars from Ukraine, Russia, Poland, Germany and other countries is planned.

How to participate

Those who wish to take part in the conference should fill in the application form (see the file "Application Form") and send to the address: **nadiya.z17@gmail.com** not later than **June 12, 2013**.

There are two types of participation: as a contributor and as an attendee. A contributor is a participant who presents a report. An attendee is a participant who may take part in discussions of the reports and in the final discussion.

Participation as a contributor is possible only after a successful application (selection of the reports on the basis of the submitted abstracts will be held by the Scientific Committee). **Please place the abstracts of the reports in the space provided on the application form; the abstracts may be in Ukrainian, Russian, Polish or English**.

By **17 June 2013**, all who have submitted applications will be informed about the results. Before **7 July 2013** the participants selected and confirmed by the Scientific Committee should send their reports to the address: **nadiya.z17@gmail.com**

The preferable languages for the reports are Ukrainian or Russian; in exceptional cases Polish or English will be allowed.

The reports (in the form of articles) **and abstracts, the programme of the teleconference and full list of the participants** (including attendees) **will be published on the website of the University of Warsaw**. Articles for publication on the website of the University of Warsaw can be submitted in Ukrainian, Russian, Polish or English language. The program of the teleconference and the full list of the participants will be published on the website of the University of Warsaw in Ukrainian, Russian, Polish and English languages. A contributor may decide to supplement the text of the report by a presentation in PowerPoint. **Abstracts of the accepted reports will be available to participants on the web site of the University of Warsaw one week prior to the teleconference**.

Participation in the conference as an attendee is open to all, who are interested in the subject matter of the teleconference. The attendees can participate in the discussion of reports and in the final discussion. **In order to participate as an attendee it is required to fill in the application form without providing an abstract of the report**.

Since the number of simultaneous telecommunication channels for the teleconference is limited technically to twelve, the attendees must be present either at Taurida National University, or at the University of Warsaw (or at the university of one of the contributors, if the contributor involves his/her Department/Faculty in a cooperation with the organizers and provides a place for the attendees).

The initiative of the participants in seeking involvement of their Departments/Faculties is encouraged.

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