

December 8-9, 2016

“Social Studies of Live Action Role-Playing Games”

Academic conference to be held in European University at St. Petersburg

In December 8-9, 2016 Faculty of Anthropology of European university at St. Petersburg holds International academic conference “Social Studies of Live Action Role-Playing Games”. In order to promote game studies in Russia and to provide a site for academic discussion about larps for international scholars, we expect that the participants' contributions will concentrate around topics broadly formulated as follows:

- Larp as an object for social sciences
- Larp communities and their practices
- Larp researcher: on the border between participation and investigation
- Larp as a type of performance
- Larp as a case of human communication
- Larp in education
- Larp and related phenomena

Other larp-related topics that fit into social studies will also be welcomed.

The conference is followed by non-academic annual larp convention at St. Petersburg “*Blincom*” (December 10-11) that will give the participants an opportunity to get acquainted with Russian larp community.

For participation in the conference, **abstract of 250 words** should be provided until **November, 10**. Also we require contact information (name, surname, affiliation, field of studies, e-mail).

Abstracts are received via the following e-mail: helga.sparrow@gmail.com

Speakers from abroad will be provided with visa support.

Language of the conference: English

Organizers:

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