



**Indian Association of Teachers of Russian Language & Literature  
and  
International Centre of the Roerichs**

cordially invite you to participate in an

**International Conference**

**THE LEGACY OF THE ROERICHS: A BRIDGE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND INDIA**

**Marking the 100th anniversary of the teaching of 'Living Ethics.'**

**November 27, 2020**

**Online**

*"The heart of India stretches  
towards grand Russia. The hearts of  
Russians are attracted by India."  
- Nicholas Roerich*

The legacy of the Roerich family is rightfully considered a bridge between Russia and India. Nikolai Roerich, an outstanding Russian artist, great humanist and public figure of the 20th century, was convinced that the consciousness of the eternal foundations of being, i.e., common cultural values, are the foundation for the formation of universal human consciousness and thinking. Helena Roerich was a unique philosopher who conducted exhaustive research into the wisdom of the East. She penned several philosophical essays, such as 'Foundations of Buddhism', and the monumental multivolume work 'Living Ethics'.

The year 2020 marks 100 years since the foundation of the corpus of texts of 'Living Ethics', a teaching focused on the formation of a holistic worldview, combining the achievements of Eastern, Western and Russian philosophical thought. It encompasses scientific, philosophical, artistic and religious knowledge of the world. 'Living Ethics' occupies a special place among philosophical systems and has tremendous axiological potential. Ten of the eleven books of 'Living Ethics' were written in India in collaboration with Eastern philosophers. This philosophical teaching affirms the moral foundations of Being, the close relationship and correlation of the cosmos, nature and man and the leading role of culture in the evolutionary development of mankind. Living Ethics is not just a definite scientific and philosophical picture of man and the Cosmos, but also the teaching of everyday life that helps a person on the path of spiritual and moral perfection. Such a broad worldview is reflected in the language of the text, and has no analogue in world philosophical literature.

For India, the philosophy of 'Living Ethics' is a way to rethink its own ancient philosophical systems, one of the possible paths of their representation for Western consciousness.

The conference proposes to discuss the following issues:

- creativity of the Roerich family as the bridge between Indian and Russian culture.
- the images of India in the heritage of the Roerichs;
- the teachings of Living Ethics and the philosophical traditions of India, the connection of the texts of the Living Ethics with Buddhist philosophy and Vedanta, Islamic and Christian mysticism, the ideas of the Russian "metaphysics of total unity" and Russian cosmism;
- the cultural and creative potential of 'Living Ethics';
- social and ethical ideals of 'Living Ethics', their relevance in modern life;
- Helena Roerich's epistolary works as a detailed commentary on the 'Living Ethics' texts;
- paintings of Nicholas and Svyatoslav Roerich as visualization of the philosophical ideas of 'Living Ethics';
- the Roerichs' heritage in the space of Indian culture
- Translation of the 'Living Ethics' texts into Hindi and other languages.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of topics. Participants may feel free to present a paper on a related theme.

Working language of the Conference: Russian and English

Duration of each Presentation: 20 minutes

Registration form and abstract of 200-250 words may be sent by **5<sup>th</sup> November 2020** to:

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| Участие с докладом<br>Paper presentation                                | Да<br>Yes |
| Участие в качестве слушателя<br>Participation as a listener             | Да<br>Yes |
| Название статьи<br>Title of paper                                       |           |
| Аннотация доклада (до 250 знаков)<br>Abstract of paper (upto 250 words) |           |

Анкету и аннотацию объемом 200-250 слов можно прислать до **5 ноября 2020** года на адрес: [olgalavr@mail.ru](mailto:olgalavr@mail.ru) или [indapryal@gmail.com](mailto:indapryal@gmail.com)

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