

## Fellows



**Victor Shnirelman**  
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## **PROJECT-TITLE**

Cultural incompatibility: Contemporary racism in Russia and its origins

## **PROJECT-DESCRIPTION**

The project focuses on the ideology and practice of "cultural incompatibility" which make up a core of the modern racism. Cultural racism is a new variety of racism, which is the key manifestation of racism in Russia. It emerged under a special social and political environment in Russia, and was rooted in the Soviet political practices based on essentialization of ethnicity. The Soviet political and intellectual heritage has built up a bridge between the Soviet latent and post-Soviet open racism, which was and is manifested by appeals to "pure cultural tradition" rather than "pure blood".

## **CV**

Chief Researcher at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences

## **Publications**

Among others: Who gets the past? Competition for Ancestors among non-Russian Intellectuals in Russia. Washington/Baltimore/Maryland 1996; The Value of the Past. Myths, Identity and Politics in Transcaucasia, Osaka 2001; The Myth of the Khazars and Intellectual Antisemitism in Russia, 1970s–1990s, Jerusalem 2002. In Russian: Wars of Memory. Myths, Identity and Politics in Transcaucasia, Moscow 2003; Intellectual Labyrinths. Essays on Ideologies in Contemporary Russia, Moscow 2004; To Be the Alans: Intellectuals and Politics in the Northern Caucasus in the 20th Century, Moscow 2006; Essays on Modern Racism, Petrozavodsk 2006; "Cleaners of the Moscow streets": Skinheads, Media, and Public Opinion, Moscow 2007.