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 Branch of the Russian Geographical Society in the Altai Republic

## International Conference

# TRANSBOUNDARY REGIONS UNDER GLOBAL CHANGE: CURRENT CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORIES



devoted to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gorno-Altai State University and the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Branch of the Russian Geographical Society in the Altai Republic,



and organized under the Erasmus+ project “SUNRAISE: Sustainable Natural Resource Use in Arctic and High Mountainous Areas”



**November 26-28, 2019**  
**Gorno-Altai State University,**  
**Gorno-Altai, Russian Federation**

Teaching and research staff, young scientists, students, representatives of protected areas, administrative bodies, and NGOs are invited to participate in the conference.

## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Many countries attach significant importance to transborder cooperation initiatives, with transboundary regions seen as a key policy instrument for supporting sustainable development along their frontier. As such, transboundary regions entail a lot more than just a policy tool. Policies may act as an important driver of regionalization, however the regions themselves result from longer historical processes and from top-down dynamics. Fit and interplays between these drivers and existing international, national and subnational policies and governance frameworks represent an important dimension of the success of neighbourhood policies, and are important for achieving sustainable development goals nationally and beyond. To make it more complex, cross-border regions are also often homes to challenging biophysical, ethnic and cultural contexts, as well as uneasy socio-economic situations. International scholarly literature and policy

documents do not offer plausible solutions to these problems and challenges. Organizing this conference, we have an ambition to fill some of knowledge gaps, or at least to contribute towards this. The geographical focus is on mountain regions and Arctic, in recognition of frontier nature of such areas, and due to high vulnerability of their ecological and socio-ecological systems. Relevant contributions from other areas are welcome as well, especially where methodology or lessons learned are relevant for our core geographical focus.

### **CONFERENCE KEY TOPICS:**

We are calling for paper and session proposals addressing the conference theme, where relevant, in a broader international context, or based on local case studies. Priority will be given to the presentations and papers related to high mountainous and arctic regions.

- 1. Natural and ethnic-cultural values of transboundary regions; issues of conservation of biodiversity, ecosystems, and self-identity under the global changes.**
- 2. Dynamics of natural characteristics in relation to global changes.**
- 3. Socio-economic and geopolitical aspects of transboundary regions.**
- 4. Influence of natural transformations on socio-economic and ethnic-cultural processes in the transboundary context.**
- 5. Models of transboundary regional development under the global changes.**

The work of the conference will be organized in the form of a plenary session, breakout sessions, round tables, and discussion platforms.

### **THEMATIC ROUND TABLES:**

- Transboundary interactions of countries and regions: models, opportunities, and prospects.
- Potential for the development of transboundary cooperation in the Great Altai region.
- Areas of high conservation importance in the transboundary regions.

We welcome proposals for individual and group paper presentations which will be clustered in sessions of related research questions by the conference organizers. The papers should be limited to 5 pages (Times New Roman, 12 pt, single space) and include name of the author(s), affiliated institution, summary and key words. Submissions are accepted in English or Russian. Papers should be sent at the following e-mail address: [dipgasu@mail.ru](mailto:dipgasu@mail.ru) . The call for papers is open until **October 15, 2019**.

Conference procedure: 20 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.  
Languages of the Conference: Russian, English.

During the conference there will be organized trainings for students and young scientists on the tools for analysis of ecological and socio-economic problems of transboundary regions held by leading international specialists.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEE:

The conference participation fee is 1500 RUB. It should be paid in cash at the registration desk.

To participate in the Conference please fill in the registration form below and send it to Natalia Iurkova [dipgasu@mail.ru](mailto:dipgasu@mail.ru). The registration is open till **October 15, 2019**.

Last name:	
First name:	
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Affiliated institution:	
Position:	
Academic degree:	
Presentation title (oral):	
Paper title:	
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Do you need invitation to get Russian visa?	

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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**Valeriy Babin**, Rector of Gorno-Altai State University, Head of the Altai Republican Branch of the Russian Geographical Society, Russia.

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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

Date	Time	Activities
November 25	Arrival of participants	
November 26	9:00 – 10:00	Registration
	10:00 – 10:20	Opening session
	10:20 – 11:10	Plenary session
	11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break
	11:30 – 13:00	Plenary session
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 – 16:00	Plenary session
	16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
	16:20 – 18:00	Discussion
November 27	09:00 – 11:30	Breakout sessions
	11:30 – 11:50	Coffee break
	11:50 – 13:00	Breakout sessions
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 – 16:00	Round tables
	16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
	16:20 – 20:00	Round tables
November 28	Excursions* / Departure	

\* Participation in the excursions is a subject to additional fees.

**EXCURSIONS**

**Trip to the village of Chemal and the scenic viewpoint at Mount Sinyukha**

The village of Chemal is located 100 km from Gorno-Altai. It is famous for its healing air thanks to relict pine forest. You will learn about a female skete (a monastic community), visit the rocky island of Patmos and the Church of St. John the Theologian, walk along the "Goat trail" over the Katun river.

On the way back to Gorno-Altai you will visit Manzherol Mountain Resort complex and take the gondola lift up the scenic viewpoint at Mount Sinyukha (a new lift opened to the public on September 7, 2019).

Cost: 1000 RUB including a ticket to the gondola lift.



### **3-day technical excursion to Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve**

Participants will visit Ust-Koksa area, located at altitude of 1000 m a s l (330 km far from Gorno-Altai). On the way to Ust-Koksa major ecosystems of the Altai Mountains will be discovered. Upon arrival there will be excursion to the central office of Katunskiy BR, where you will learn about management of the Russian-Kazakhstan Transboundary Biosphere Reserve “Great Altai”. On the next day there will be a day trip on snowmobiles to the ranger station of the reserve at the Lake Srednemultinskoe (1650 m a s l). Participants will explore winter life in mountains, learn about nature protection activities and development of ecotourism, meet and communicate with the rangers of the BR.

During the third day there will be an excursion to the local museums of Russian Old-Believers and Roerich’s expedition to Central Asia. You will learn about BR’s projects on conservation of cultural heritage and on sustainable development of local communities.

After the lanch – departure to Gorno-Altai.

Accommodation: double rooms at 3\* hotel “Argut”.

Cost: 200 EUR.

