On May 19 2017 a round table on the “History of Anarchist Emigration: Prospects for New Research” will be held at the Solzhenitsyn Centre of Russian Emigré Studies in Moscow.

The history of anarchist emigration is a special area of historical and social-philosophical research. Some of the names and events connected with the emigration of anarchists after the onset of Bolshevik terror are known to contemporary scholars, but it’s impossible to speak of an integral understanding of this phenomenon. At the moment, the anarchist emigration is woven into the general history of anarchism, rather than recognized as an independent field of knowledge. The reason for this is connected with numerous problems with the publications, translations, and reprints of the works of the anarchist-emigrants.

The task of the round table is to identify the problem points in contemporary research: the absence of a clear understanding of who the anarchist emigrants were, what goals they pursued, and how anarchist theory evolved in the anarchist milieu. The prospects for future investigations will be envisaged by the participants of the found table.

Reports are expected on the life and work of G. P. Maximoff, about the publishing of “Delo truda – Probuzhenie” (the most influential Russian-language anarchist journal of the mid-20th century), about the revolutionary activity of V. M. Voline and his theory of “synthetic anarchism,” and about the Argentinian newspaper “Golos truda” and its editor-in-chief A. Gorelik. Better known aspects of the emigration, namely the debates around “platformism,” the ideas around creating a “unified anarchist organization,” and the activity of N. I. Makhno relating to emigrant propaganda formations, will be presented in a new light.

Speakers:

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