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## **Abstracts**

# Stepan Vaneyan, Elena Vaneyan The Vienna School of Art History: *Orient oder Wien?*

The recent conference in Prague on the influence of Viennese art on the former territories of the Austria-Hungarian Empire after the Empire's collapse leads naturally to a discussion of the Viennese school itself, its representatives, its logic, how its methodological experience was transformed, and, most importantly, the relevance today of the reputed interdisciplinary and international nature of this highly important movement in 20th century art. What were the resources of the methodology, which, from the very beginnings of the School, combined rigour in the study of sources with conceptual courage? How far did its influence extend, both to East and to West? What are the criteria for belonging to the Viennese methodological experience and what value should we ascribe to the experience of overcoming the totalitarian ideology that struck at the most prominent scholars in this tradition? What place is there for Russian art studies in this tradition?

**Key words:** Vienna School of Art History, Austria-Hungary, New Viennese School, study of sources, formalism, structuralism, phenomenology, gestalt-psychology.

# Sharif Shukurov The Significance of the Point. The Conceptual Foundations of Art and Architecture in Iran

The article deals with the system of the visual sphere in medieval Iran, from ceramics to architecture. Pottery and architecture share calligraphic styles. The philosopher Ibn Sina (Avicenna) and the calligrapher Ibn Muqla emphasised the role of the point in

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calligraphy. The point is the driving force of writing and calligraphic inscriptions in art and architecture. In many instances the point gains autonomy as a distinct conceptual image, and this development is crucial to many aspects of Iranian theology and philosophy and to the aesthetics of Iranian art and architecture.

**Key words:** medieval art and architecture of Iran, point, Avicenna, Ibn Muqla, the unclear meaning of emptiness, the empty page, calligraphy, prayer, chronotype.

#### Ekaterina Mikhailova-Smolnyakova Choir, Carole and Roundelay: the Origins and Semantics of Ancient Round Dance in European Painting of the 14th-16th Centuries

The article considers possible origins of the canonical image of round dance in the representation of scenes from the ancient world in the art of the 14th-16th centuries and the significance of this image, based on the medallion fresco by Giulio Romano from the Camera dei Venti in the Palazzo del Te. The emergence and development of this visual topos is associated with the idea of the celestial dance as an allegory of divine harmony, which medieval theology inherited from the ancient world, with French carole dance iconography and with neo-attic reliefs showing the performance of Bacchic dances by the retinue of Dionysus.

**Key words:** Giulio Romano, Palazzo del Te, visual studies, round dance, antique dance, dance iconography.

#### **Anna Vinogradova**

# The Theme of the Transfiguration in the works of Giovanni Bellini and the Evolution of Bellini's Style

The article considers the development of the artistic style of Giovanni Bellini, one of the most important painters of the Venetian Quattrocento. Bellini was an artist who came under many and varied influences in the course of a long artistic career, while always remaining faithful to himself, culminating in the specific and unique style of painting, which we see in his mature works. The article focuses on two of Bellini's works (one early and one late) devoted to Christ's Transfiguration, as well as other works by the master.

**Key words:** Venetian painting of the Quattrocento, Giovanni Bellini, Andrea Mantegna, Donatello, perspective, Piero della Francesca, medieval aesthetics of light, Neoplatonism, optics, style, the principle of harmony in painting, Leonardo da Vinci, Giorgione.

#### Elena Vasilieva

# "Didone non abbandonata": New Research on Tiepolo's *Death* of *Dido* (Pushkin Museum)

The article offers a new interpretation of Giambattista Tiepolo's *Death of Dido* from the Pushkin Museum, tracing a literary source and the probable client, for whom

the 18<sup>th</sup> century Venetian artist created the picture. A connection is suggested with the opera *Didone abbandonata* (libretto by Pietro Metastasio), which was premiered in 1724 and staged at the court of Catherine II in the 1760s. It is shown how the painting came to Russia and to the collection of Prince Nikolai Yusupov by the offices of Venetian architects (Gian Antonio Selva and Giacomo Quarenghi) and that the treatment of the theme probably originates in the literary treatise on famous women, *De mulieribus chiaris*, by Boccaccio. New arguments are presented for correctness of the attribution to Tiepolo, who may have created the work for the Venetian Doge, writer and bibliophile, Marco Foscarini.

**Key words:** Giambattista Tiepolo, Venetian painting of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, musical theatre, Italian opera of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Pietro Metastasio, Giovanni Boccaccio, Russian art collecting in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

#### **Anna Egorova**

# Japanese Art at the Exhibition of Artefacts Presented to Tsesarevich Nikolai Alexandrovich...: Presentation and Perception

The article is the first attempt to reconstruct the exhibition of artefacts, brought back by Tsesarevich Nikolai Alexandrovich from his travels in the East in 1890–1891. The exhibition at the Hermitage in 1893–1894 was the first representative show of Japanese art in Russia. Comparison of photographic materials and publications of the time make it possible to reconstruct the exhibition, make attribution of some of the items that were shown and place the exhibition in the broader context of the international reception of Japanese art in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Analysis of press publications reveals much about Russian perceptions of Eastern culture and the ideology, on which the Hermitage exhibition was based. The article reconstructs a significant moment in Russo-Japanese cultural relations and contributes to the search for the items, which were displayed at the exhibition.

**Key words:** Japan, Japanese art, exhibitions, criticism, Nicholas II, travels of Tsesarevich Nikolai Alexandrovitch, the Hermitage, history of collections.

#### Ilia Doronchenkov

# West by Northwest. The *Scandinavian Exhibition* of Serge Diaghilev (1897): Strategy and Selection

The article deals with the exhibition of Scandinavian art organised in St. Petersburg by Serge Diaghilev in October-November, 1897. The exhibition was the first representative show of Nordic artists outside their native countries and represented the discovery of contemporary Scandinavian art by the Russian audience. The Scandinavian national schools had already won acclaim at major European art exhibitions in the previous two decades, as shown by the place accorded to them in Richard Muther's *History of Modern Painting*. Diaghilev's view of Nordic art was heavily influenced by this groundbreaking book. A large part of the works were selected by Diaghilev during the Stockholm Art and Industrial Exhibition (summer 1897) and borrowed from Scandinavian public and private collections. The image of Swedish, Norwegian and Danish art, carefully constructed by Diaghilev, was to become a model for Russian modernism, which was consolidated a few years later in the *Mir iskussta* ("World of Art") group.

**Key words:** Diaghilev, Scandinavian exhibition of 1897, Scandinavian modernism, Zorn, Russian-European art connections.

#### Anastasia Kurlyandtseva Pavel Korin in New York. From the History of Soviet-American Exhibition Exchanges

On April 14, 1965, *The New York Times* reported on the upcoming personal exhibition by Pavel Korin in New York, calling it "the first personal exhibition of an official Soviet artist in the United States, organized as part of a cultural agreement". The article focuses on the pre-history of the exhibition, the visit by Korin and his wife to New York, their impressions of the United States, meetings with Americans and with Russian emigrés, and coverage in the American and Soviet press.

**Key words:** cultural diplomacy, Pavel Korin, Grandma Moses, Armand Hammer, Hammer Galleries, Eric Estorick, David Burlyuk.

#### Elena Klyushina, Roman Sokolov Between Russia and France: the Legacy of Nina Kalitina

The study of French art by Russian art historians was based on both French and Russian research traditions, as can be seen on several levels: practical, educational and (particularly important) methodological. The scientific career of the doctor of art history and honorary professor of St. Petersburg University, Nina Nikolaevna Kalitina (1926–1918), was a fine example of this process. Kalitina always combined an interest in foreign science with a search for specifically Russian approaches. Hence the special interest of her scientific works to readers both in Russia and abroad.

**Key words:** Nina Kalitina, Mikhail Karger, Nikolai Punin, leremija loffe, methodology of art history, Institute of History, History Faculty at St. Petersburg University.

#### Nina Kalitina List of Published Works

The list of published works by Nina Kalitina was initially compiled by Tatyana Sokhor and first published in the collection of scientific articles *Arts Crossroads*. *Russia – the West* (2016). Never tiring of her profession, Kalitina published several more articles in the last two years of her life. The updated list includes these works and makes some amendments to the list published earlier.

**Key words:** Nina Kalitina, French 19<sup>th</sup> century art, political caricature, graphics, landscape, portrait, sculpture, Daumier, Courbet.

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