Research

Subjects of interest to our faculty include literature and cinema of former Yugoslavia and Yugoslav successor states; Slavic linguistics; Slavic minority languages; bilingualism; the literature and culture of Siberia; the role of visual art in Russian culture; Vladimir Nabokov; Russian Jewish literature and film; Russian intellectual history; Russian art and architecture; regional identity and sacred landscapes in early modern Russia; theories of literary translation, cultural representations and perceptions of disability, death, and dying in late/post-Soviet Russia; language pedagogy; and literary theory.

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