

**10 Years of *AvtobiografiЯ*. Journal on Life Writing and the Representation of the Self
in Russian Culture. Past, Present, Future**

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«AvtobiografiЯ» is a journal devoted to the works that deal with the representation of the self in Russian culture. The journal analyzes the Russian theoretical and artistic autobiographical production following Western research and approaches. It combines different but, at the same time, rich and complex traditions. The first, that of the Western and above all the French and Anglo-Saxon context, where themes related to autobiography and memoirs writing have been constantly and consistently studied in the last fifty years. The second, the Russian tradition, whose wide corpus has been studied to date in a sometimes successful but overall fragmented way. «AvtobiografiЯ», an international and peer-reviewed online journal, follows the model of similar journals issued in Europe and in the United States that are devoted to national or supranational cultures, such as the journal of the European section of the International Autobiography and Biography Association «European Journal of Life Writing».

The event for which funding is proposed is comprised of two moments. The first is a seminar/laboratory (open to the public and academic audience) with a swift TED format on the future developments of the journal and overall of the research area of Russian a/b studies against the backdrop of the ever-changing research panorama of auto/biographical studies and in view of the current Ukrainian-Russian crisis – it will also represent a moment to draw a balance on the first 10 years of existence of the journal, identifying the most important trends and studies, as well as the critical problems encountered; the second part, only for participants, aims to discuss the journal's future developments in view of its future interaction with the project “LOST”, for which the proponent, Dr Andrea Gullotta, has received funding as PI within the PRIN 2022 PNRR funding scheme.