

Lev Vygostky between psychology, linguistics and semiotics

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Even if L.S. Vygotsky (1896-1934) is known first of all for his research in the domain of developmental and cultural-historical psychology, his rich intellectual heritage allows his works to be studied from different points of view by specialists in various fields of knowledge (psychologists and philosophers, semioticians, linguists and anthropologists...). The many conferences about Vygotsky organized all over the world and increasing research on various aspects of his works bear witness to the growing interest in his theories. They contribute to the development of «vygotskology» [*vygotskovedenie*] as a particular branch of the humanities which is situated at the intersection of several domains of knowledge.

The conference «Lev Vygotski entre psychologie, linguistique et sémiotique / Lev Vygotsky between psychology, linguistics and semiotics» was held at the University of Lausanne on 28 March 2012. It featured a lecture by Jaan Valsiner (Clark University, Department of Psychology): «Vygotsky as a sign: the role of projective reconstructions in science». Other researchers – linguists, psychologists, semioticians, historians of ideas from Estonia (University of Tartu) and from Switzerland (Universities of Lausanne and Geneva) – presented their own research and ideas about Vygotsky, about his experiments and discoveries, which were connected with their own research (cf. a review of this conference by M. Regamey). This interdisciplinary approach aimed to extend our knowledge of Vygotsky's works analyzed from various points of view and to enable a better understanding of their theoretical significance in the intellectual context of the 1920s-1930s.

In this part of the review contributions from several conference participants who represent various schools and trends of modern social sciences are published (in English, French and Russian – three working languages of the conference): Universities of Geneva and Lausanne / psychology and history of psychology (articles by J. Friedrich and C. Moro), University of Tartu / semiotics (contribution by L. Linask), Clark University and University of Lausanne / history of ideas (articles by M. Regamey, J. Valsiner and E. Velmezova).