

“Technology and Its Representation as a Source of Religious Experience for Old Believers of Yenisei Region”

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This presentation addresses issues of perception of digital technologies in religious communities. It regards technology as a means of semiotic ideologies, i.e., social conventions about signs and their representations. In particular, I am interested in how Russian Old Believers that live in settlements along the Yenisei river imagine an interaction and actually interact with personal computers and mobile phones. In this regard, phones and computers serve as material mediators of religious experience, shared by community members.