

Literary Life in Totalitarian Society: Russia, Then and Now

Ivan Akhmetev and Tatiana Neshumova, two leading voices in Russian literature, will make public presentations on topics related to Russia's literary landscape, past and present.



Friday, October 3, at 4 p.m. in Knight Library Browsing Room

Ivan Akhmetev, a renowned Russian poet and laureate of the Andrei Bely Prize for Outstanding Contributions to Russian Literature, will present a lecture on the government suppression of Soviet-era literature. In his talk, entitled **“Russian Poetry at the End of the Soviet Empire,”** Akhmetev will explore the phenomenon of “deep underground” authors whose work was suppressed by the government because of the nontraditional nature of the form and ideas of their poetry.

Wednesday, October 8, at 4 p.m. in Knight Library Browsing Room

Literary critic and poet Tatiana Neshumova, who has devoted much of her research to Russian Silver Age literature, will discuss **“‘Inner’ Emigration: Emigrating without Crossing Borders.”** Her talk will focus on the life and works of Russian writers V. Malakhieva-Mirovich, D. Usov, and E. Arkhipov.

Friday, October 10, at 4 p.m. in Knight Library Browsing Room

Akhmetev and Neshumova will make a joint presentation entitled **“The Life and Work of the Russian Poets of the 21st Century.”** The two will present a poetry reading following the talk, and a reception will close the event.

All lectures are free and open to the public. The talks are sponsored by the University of Oregon Libraries, Oregon Humanities Center, Office of International Affairs Global Studies Institute, and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

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