

Kryachkov Novosibirsk State University of Architecture, Design and Arts
National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences
Novosibirsk Regional Government Inspection of Heritage Preservation
The project "Novo-Sibirsk. Constructivism!"

invites you to participate in an international scientific conference dedicated to the study, restoration, and reuse of architectural monuments, architectural traditions, theories, and practices as a key component of regional and global cultural heritage.



**International Scientific Conference
XX Balandin Readings
April 16–18, 2026, Novosibirsk, Russia**

Information letter No. 1

The Balandin Readings were established in 2006 in memory of the scholarly legacy of Sergei Nikolaevich Balandin (1930–2004)—Doctor of Architecture, Honored Architect of Russia, Honorary Member of the Russian Academy of Architecture and Construction Sciences, and founder of the Museum of the History of Siberian Architecture in Novosibirsk.

Conference venue: Kryachkov Novosibirsk State University of Architecture, Design, and Arts (38 Krasny Prospekt, Novosibirsk).
Conference format: hybrid (in-person and remote).
Conference languages: Russian, English.
[Conference website](#)

We invite specialists from various fields to participate: architects, historians, art historians, ethnographers, archaeologists, cultural scientists, specialists in the fields of monument conservation, architectural restoration, museum, archival, and library science, community heritage activists, local history specialists, as well as graduate and master's students.

The following topics are traditionally planned for consideration:

1. Traditional settlements and dwellings. Theory and practice of preserving architectural traditions.
2. Open-air architectural museums as transmitters of traditional culture. History of development and growth points.
3. Architecture, sculpture, and painting: problems of art synthesis in the cultures of the world.
4. Cross-cultural and cross-regional connections in architecture and urban planning.
5. Preservation and new uses of historic buildings, complexes, and landmarks. Ways to integrate historical sites into 21st-century settlements.
6. The legacy of architects and environmental designers in museum collections: study and potential of collections.
7. Architectural and urban planning monuments of Siberia and adjacent territories. New information, experience of revitalization and museification.
8. Symbols and signs in the historical and architectural heritage of Siberia and adjacent territories (cultural and ethnographic aspects).

2026 is the Year of Unity of the Peoples of Russia. This year also marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Siberian architect and civil engineer Andrei Dmitrievich Kryachkov (1876–1950).

Special topics for 2026:

1. The creative legacy of Andrei Dmitrievich Kryachkov. Kryachkov's projects and buildings in Siberian cities. New facts and interpretations.
2. Architectural modernism in Siberia and the former USSR. The first and second waves of modernism. The phenomenon of "national" modernism.

The Balandin Readings will feature:

- Plenary session
- Scientific conference
- Interregional scientific and practical session "Heritage in Focus": modern tools and practices for cultural communications (in case of grant support)

You can register for the conference on the [Lomonosov](#) platform.

We offer the following **forms of conference participation**:

- oral in-person or remote presentation.
- oral presentation and publication of conference proceedings in the form of a scientific article (after review and editorial approval). The proceedings will be published in the annual Balandin Readings ([Russian Science Citation Index](#)). All articles will be assigned a DOI).
- participation as a listener (without a participant certificate).

We will publish article requirements in a separate newsletter.

Participation in the Balandin Readings events and publication of articles are **free of charge**.

Key Dates

April 3, 2026	Application Deadline
April 16–18, 2026	Conference Dates
Until June 1, 2026	Article submissions are accepted to balandin@nsuada.ru
Until January 31, 2027	Publication of the conference proceedings

For further information, please contact the Novosibirsk conference coordinator, Anton Evgenievich Gashenko, Associate Professor of the Department of Urban Development and Environmental Design at Kryachkov University, by writing to balandin@nsuada.ru.

We are looking forward to the conference!



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