



**Chelyabinsk State University
Institute of Diaspora and Integration
Russian University of Transport**



are pleased to announce and invite to participate in the

**International conference
"Transport roads of Eurasian integration: policy,
economy, ecology"
(Russia, Chelyabinsk, August 2020)**

The conference is devoted to the most important aspects of the integration processes of the Eurasian continent, including the concept of the silk and tea roads, and is coincided with the BRICS and SCO summits to be held in Chelyabinsk in 2020.

Creation of a new dimension of multilateral cooperation in Eurasia involves search, formation and promotion of a new model of international communications. It includes development of regional economic partnership mechanisms, strategies to stimulate economic growth of the countries involved, cooperation in all areas of science and technology for sustainable development of the territories. This provision has formed the basis for the conference topics:

- The role of transport routes in the history of economic expansion and integration in geopolitical processes. Silk and tea roads in the history of Eurasian civilizations.
- Environmental risks in creation, modernization and operation of transport routes (landscape transformation, biological invasions, resource problems, problem pollutants).
- Civilizational discordance between representatives of nomadic, mixed and settled cultures living locally along transport routes.
- Imbalance between the levels of economic development and the ecological state of particular countries and regions along transport routes.
- The role of transport routes in formation of international recreational processes.
- Modern problems of development of specially protected natural territories of trans-border areas.
- Tea and silk roads as historical, economic, social and environmental factors of territories transformation.

Within conference preparation it is planned to conduct field research in various regions of Eurasia:

- 2019: field research in the region (Chelyabinsk region) connected with operation of historical and modern transport routes (transformation of natural areas, environmental factors of territories transformation, ecological state of territories, etc.);
- 2019-2020: international ecological expedition to study transformation of natural sites on the existing transport routes (rail and automobile ones) in China, Mongolia and Russia (Beijing-Ulaanbaatar-Ulan-Ude);
- 2020: international ecological and ethnographic expedition to study traditions of tea ceremonies (ethnic, religious traditions, etc.).

The expedition will be covered in media and a film will be created according to its materials. The proceedings will be published by the beginning of the conference, followed by inclusion in the RSCI database.

The conference program includes plenary sessions, as well as advanced consideration of topical issues during panel discussions, breakout sessions, seminars and round tables. Excursions and field meetings, exhibitions and tea ceremonies, laying of the international alley of traditional plants of the BRICS and SCO countries, laying of the Tea Museum in the Botanical garden of Chelyabinsk State University will take place.

Leading experts are invited to participate in the conference as well as young scientists, PhD and Master's degree students. Working languages of the conference are Russian and English.

Conference completion (September 2020) will be followed by the post-conference tour "Southern Urals: mountains and lakes".

In order to participate in the field research and the conference contact the Conference Organizing Committee by e-mail botgard.cgu@yandex.ru. Contact numbers: +79507226667 (Daria Burundukova) and +79518194434, Yulia Morozyuk (in Russian), science3d@csu.ru (in English.)