



Russian Cyberspace journal

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VIRTUAL POWER: RUSSIAN POLITICS AND THE INTERNET

Is the Internet in Russia a political factor of 'real' significance? Or do the countless websites, journals and blogs simulate rather than stimulate political activity and decision making? The objective of this special issue is to examine the relationship between Russian politics and new media, especially the Internet. *Russian Cyberspace* seeks contributions that explore this complex relationship in a historical perspective, reflect on the representation of major political events of 2007-08 on the web, examine the discourse of power from the aesthetic point of view, or investigate the role of grassroots media in voicing independent views and the reaction of the state to the developments in Russian cyberspace.

Academic entries in English, German or Russian and/or submissions in other genres, styles and form, reflecting the nature of the medium, by scholars, politicians, artists and cultural practitioners are welcome and will be considered for publication.

The deadline for submissions is 15 August 2008.

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- *Visual and audio contributions* should be submitted as RealPlayer, MP3 and Quicktime formats; they should be submitted ready-compressed at the desired quality, suitable for streaming at broadband speeds. Smaller files can be sent via email. Larger file sizes need to be provided on CD-ROMs or as downloads from a web/ftp server. If your compressed media file exceeds 20Mbs, or if you wish to include a different file format, please contact the editors.
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