
[116] *Evgenij Polivanov's Fund in the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts of the Russian Academy of Sciences: Some Findings and Questions*

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The fund was formed in 2015 when the materials were received from Lev Koncevich who had accumulated, in addition to his own studies of Polivanov's life and heritage, his correspondence with Vasilij Larcev while preparing the well-known book by the latter (Larcev 1988) and, most importantly, a part of the archive of the editorial board of Polivanov's "Selected Works".

The fate of both Larcev's materials and the collection of the editorial board after the death of Larcev (1925–1989) and Aleksey Leontjev (1936–2004) is unknown. Even more important in this connection are the materials of the Polivanov's fund (no. 174) that help (re)discover some important documents relating to his life and career, viz.: — Polivanov's manuscripts: a draft of his primer for indigenous peoples of Turkestan (publ. 1925); a version of his article on the factors of language evolution (1928); article "Its impossible to be silent" about the dialectal base of the Uzbek standard language (1928); a fragment ("3rd notebook") of his work on the Uzbek language; a typewritten abstract (4 pages) on the problems of phonetic evolution, probably, belonging to Polivanov; etc.; — copies of letters and pieces of Polivanov's "official" correspondence provided by Nikolay Arkhangelskij (1891–1977) together with his own memoirs about Polivanov; — other people's memories and materials about Polivanov (N. Kardashev, L. Simanovich, I. Umnjakov; M. Izosimova, V. Kaverin, V. Larcev and others; passport of Polivanov's father; etc.). With the disappearance of Larcev's materials, recordings of many memoirs about Polivanov collected from his friends, colleagues and pupils in the Central Asia have been lost (although some of them were published by Larcev himself in 1984–89); — bibliographical cards, extracts from archival documents, other notes compiled by researchers of Polivanov's life and work (mostly Koncevich and Leontjev).

These findings allow us to update information on Polivanov's manuscripts and other archival materials provided in the comprehensive register by Koncevich (1988). Besides the Prague and Bishkek materials, already described, the fund is the last one of the most important collections of Polivanov's legacy waiting for description and analysis. However, quite unclear remains the situation with the archives of Uzbekistan. A work on systematization of data on Polivanov's materials there was undertaken by late Sergey Zinin (1935–2013) of Tashkent, whose manuscripts have been preserved by his family (now in Moscow) and served as a basis for his unpublished monograph "Biographical Chronicle of E. D. Polivanov".