Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to search for contact points between the two cultural phenomena, in which, based on sharing the same area and intensive historical contact, I assume connection. Even though yurodstvo and shamanism proceed from different traditions and roots on the first sight. By analysing hagiographical legends and historical sources about individual saints I try to identify the changes, that lead to origin of typical form of “holy foolishnes” in the old Russia, which is unique in Christian world. I address the relationship of “arctic hysteria” or more precisely “klikushestvo” and “menerik” that are most likely forms that “arctic hysteria” takes in area of Siberia, and shamanism. I proceed to search for contact point with phenomena of Russian yurodstvo after short introduction of elementary thesis. Namely in legends, initiation process, clothing and miraculous abilities.