

Politekhnik Digital Archive

Journal focused on the Harbin Institute of Technology and the Russian émigré experience in China

Founded in 1969 by a group of graduates and former professors of the prestigious Harbin Polytechnic Institute (now Harbin Institute of Technology), the Russian-language journal *Politekhnik* (Политехник, The Polytechnic Student) was dedicated to the examination and preservation of the history of the Institute. The Harbin Polytechnic Institute was established in 1920 by the Russian émigré community in Harbin, China, which since the late 1890s had grown to become one of the most influential centers of Russian life in the East and a major destination for emigration. Designed to prepare engineers and other personnel for the burgeoning railway network, the Institute would become one of the most important educational centers in China and a hub of Russian intellectual and cultural life. Following the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, however, many of the Russian students and faculty of the institute emigrated to such far flung places as Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina, and the United States.

It was a group of these émigrés in Sydney, Australia that established *Politekhnik*, which in addition to the Institute also focused on the history of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the broader aspects of Russian cultural and intellectual life in Harbin and broader Manchuria. Issues of the journal were comprised of several sections, including sections dedicated to the founding organization, the history of the institute, memoirs and essays from alumni, scientific articles by alumni, news on the latest developments in the fields of engineering and technology, and more. The journal would also serve as a hub for connecting alumni living abroad (and not just in Australia), through exchanges of letters and correspondence. Likewise, a unique aspect of the journal's mission was the preservation of alumni family histories and the vibrant Russian cultural life of Harbin.

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1969-2012
- **Language:** Russian
- **City:** Sydney
- **Country:** Australia
- **Frequency:** Irregular
- **Format:** PDF, page-based
- **Producer:** East View Information Services
- **Platform:** East View Universal Database

About the Archive

The Politekhnik Digital Archive contains all published issues from 1969-2012, providing unique insight into a fascinating and largely understudied chapter of the Russian émigré experience in China and beyond.

The Politekhnik Digital Archive offers scholars the most comprehensive collection available for this title, and features full page-level digitization and complete original graphics. The archive has searchable text and is cross-searchable with numerous other East View digital resources.

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