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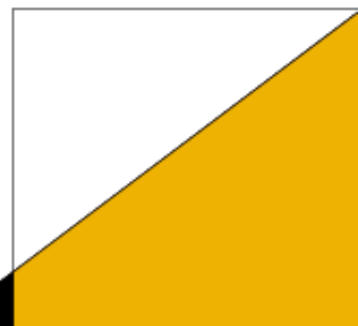
MOSCOW'S NEW SPACES



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About seven or eight years ago, Moscow began to change dramatically. At the beginning of this period, I often argued with my grandson, who accepted these changes with enthusiasm. Streets, or rather sidewalks from narrow paths, the role of which was purely utilitarian - to get from point A to point B suddenly turned into a space where you can wander, sit on a bench and connect through Wi-Fi to the whole world.

For those familiar with New York, which I love almost as much as Moscow, it is easier for me to describe this transformation by comparing it to the new image of High Line, Tribeca and Hudson Yard.





*There is a lot of lights in winter,
here on the Bol'shaya Dmitrovka
street ↑*

*↖ VDNKh is a vast exhibition and
recreation space.*

*← The sidewalk by the polytechnic
museum in late Autumn*



In my arguments with my grandson, I expressed fears that this new image of Moscow was incompatible with the Moscow that I knew and loved. I was wrong. In the new environment, the old districts of Moscow with their churches and city landowners' estates suddenly became brighter. My favorite district is Zamoskvorechye. It is located just across Moscow river from the Kremlin. Craftsmen used to live there. Come, wander around - you won't regret it.

Moscow is a huge business and cultural center. The Big and Small Halls of the Conservatory, the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, the new concert halls in Zaryadye are places that I love to go to and which I recommend to music lovers. Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Old and New Tretyakov Galleries are must to see.

I sincerely invite everyone to take part in the satellite conference on Isomonodromic Deformations, Painlevé Equations, and Integrable Systems that will be organized at Skoltech. Some of the sessions of two more satellite conferences “Geometric representation theory” and “Combinatorics of moduli spaces, cluster algebras and topological recursion” organized by Skoltech in cooperation with the HSE and the Steklov Institute will also be held at Skoltech — a new university that emerged 10 years ago in the west of Moscow. One stop by high-speed train, 18 minutes from the historical center of Moscow and you will find yourself among the buildings of the 21st century. Skoltech new campus was awarded Prix Versailles 2019 prize at UNESCO HQ in Paris. Not far from it you will see the rapidly erecting building of the new Technopark — the latest project of the legendary Zaha Hadid. In between sessions, you can wander along the paths of the Meshchersky forest, a real pearl of the Moscow park system.

The Zaryadye Hall is surrounded and even covered by a garden →

Many Skolkovo visitors stay in the hotel and use the gym in this building ↓

