

Neo-Humanism in the Topics of the Pedagogical-Philological Seminar at Imperial Tartu University

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In 1802, Johann Karl Simon Morgenstern (1770-1852) arrived in Tartu (Dorpat) to become the first professor of classical philology, rhetoric, aesthetics, and the history of art and literature at the Imperial Tartu University. His own Alma Mater was Halle University, where he attended F. A. Wolf's Seminarium Philologicum. This experience had such a profound influence on him that, on the day of arrival in Tartu, he proposed to the university curators the establishment of a similar seminar. His dream was realized in 1821 with the opening of the Pedagogical-Philological Seminar. The Fund 15 of the University of Tartu Library holds materials from this seminar, including meeting notes of the seminar directors, administrative files, and 118 essays written by the seminar students. This talk will discuss

these materials in a complementary manner, explaining the topics the students wrote about and drawing conclusions from their choices. While discussing the history of the seminar and the topics of the student papers, special focus will be placed on the representation of (Neo-) humanism in the seminar.

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