

## Folklore Lunch Series

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# Belief and Faith Healing in the Time of Covid-19

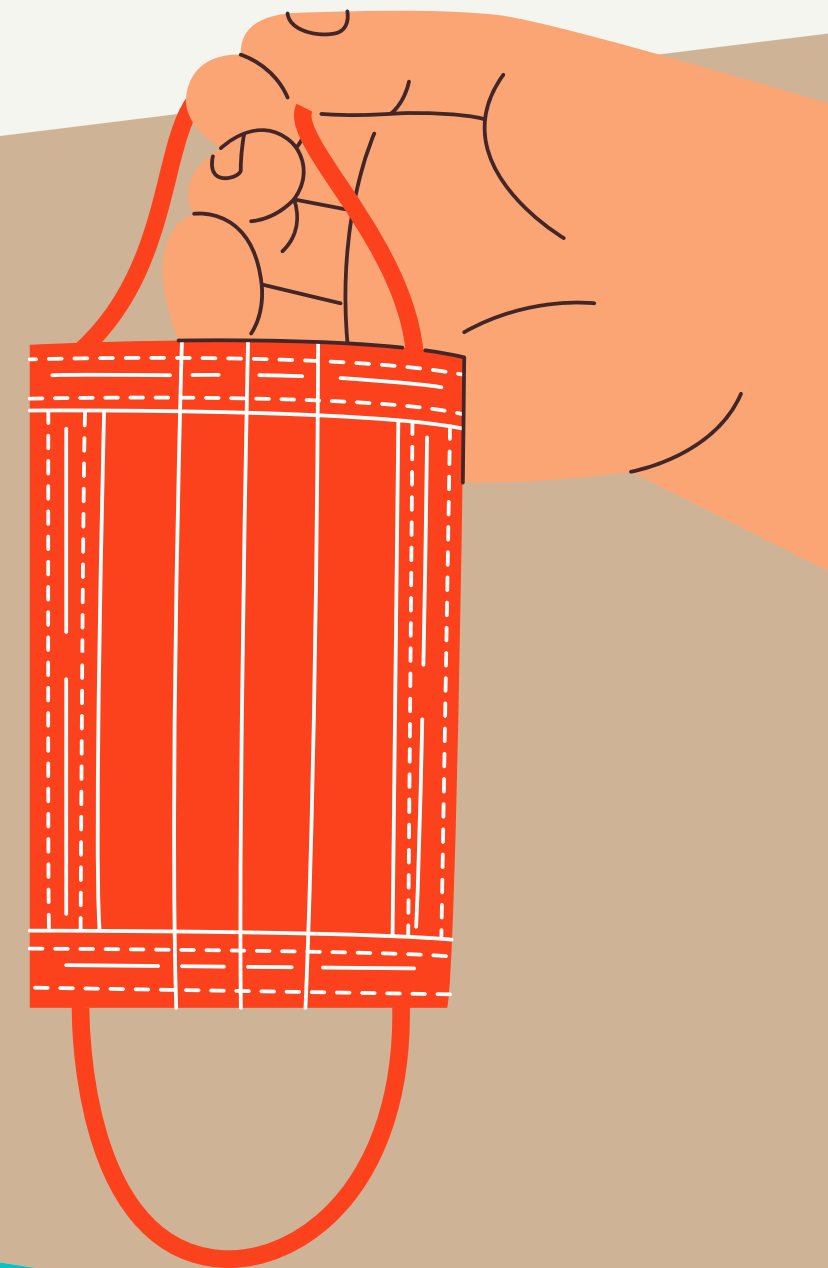
Return of the Legend: Anatoly Kashpirovsky's Treatment of COVID-19



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**When:** **Friday, October 15, 2021 12 NOON MST**

**Where:** ZOOM, [Register here](#)



### About:

This presentation demonstrates how people in **post-Soviet countries** and **post-Soviet immigrant communities** resurrected their faith and trust in the once forgotten **Anatoly Kashpirovsky**.

Kashpirovsky, a psychotherapist and charismatic leader legendary in the USSR in the 1980-90s, became popular again in 2020 amidst global instability. Offering “**health sessions**” online via his YouTube channel, Kashpirovsky claims to be using strictly scientific, although innovative, methods to treat COVID-19. However, the responses of his patients show that people tend to perceive him as a **folk healer, a psychic, or a magician**, more than as a physician. Furthermore, Kashpirovsky entertains **conspiracy theories** about the possible harm that American vaccines can do to the Russian people.



### Bio:

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