THE ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF A. R. LURIA TO WORLD PSYCHOLOGY

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Luria’s reputation as a neuropsychologist has tended to obscure the broad empirical base of his research. In this talk, I will argue for the need to attended to these early empirical research projects. Each of them has had enduring influence in psychology and has contributed to his development of a distinctive integrative, neuropsychology. But beyond that, his early work on the development of the combined motor method, his studies of normal and abnormal children’s development, as well as his research with children growing up in various cultural conditions all contributed to the development of internationally influential cultural-historical psychology, as envisioned by his mentor, Lev Vygotsky.