



# Network Meeting

**Third annual meeting  
of the Research Network  
Premodern East Slavic  
Europe**

**12 April 2024, online**



**Leibniz-Institut für  
Geschichte und Kultur  
des östlichen Europa**

## **Conveners**

Julia Herzberg, Jan Kusber, Ingrid Schierle,  
Ricarda Vulpius

## **Registration**

Please register for the »Third annual meeting of the Premodern East Slavic Europe network (formerly Research Network Premodern Russia between Eastern Europe and Asia)« at the following link:  
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# **Premodern East Slavic Europe Network**

**(formerly Research Network Premodern Russia  
between Eastern Europe and Asia)**

Scholarship on the history of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus is skewed towards recent history. The new network aims to pool expertise on the pre-modern period in East European history in order to strengthen and increase the visibility of this area of research. The goal is to broaden the focus of early modern studies by integrating the history of the region into the transnational (or transimperial) and transcultural history of Europe and Eurasia. At the core of this initiative is the question of what significance the epochal changes of the pre-modern period have for our current understanding of Eastern Europe in the modern world.

Image: The capture of Suzdal by the Tatar forces. The Tatars kill Suzdal residents, the rest are taken into captivity.



# Programme

## Friday, April 12, 2024

**09.00–09.10**

**Welcome | Ingrid Schierle, Jan Kusber**

**09.10–10.30**

**Panel 1 | Religion in Dialogue**

Chair: Olga Trufanova

Oksana Prokopyuk

Communication through gifts and in spite of borders:  
the case of Kyivan monasteries in the second half of the  
17th to the 18th centuries

Alexei Ryazhev

Religious Issues in Russian-Austrian Relations in the  
18th Century: the Eastern European Context

Comment: Nataliia Sinkevych

*10.30–11.00 Coffee break*

**11.00–12.45**

**Panel 2 | Military, Spies, and Violence in Early Modern Times**

Chair: Michel Abeßer

Oleksij Sokyrko

Early Modern Military Revolution and the Cossack Hetmanate

Oleg Rusakovskiy

Ivan Soldat and Others: A Spy Story from Seventeenth-Century Russia

Alexandr Osipian

Merchants, Diplomats, and Cossacks: violence on the steppe routes between the Ottoman Empire, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and Russia.

Comment: Lena Marassinova

*12.45–13.45 Lunch break*

**13.45–15.30**

**Panel 3 | Cultural history of Eastern Europe**

Chair: Gleb Kazakov

Anastasiia Ermolaeva

Comely in feature, but crippled in step: Appearance as a Criterion for a Successful Marriage Candidate at the Moscow Court

Simon Franzen

Envisioning the North: The 'Novissima Early modern Russiae Tabula' and the Creation of a Northern European Spatial Image in the 17th Century

Svitlana Potapenko

New Visual Sources on the Old Hetmanate: Engravings of Kyrylo Rozumovsky of 1750 and 1762 Compared  
Comment: Ceces Kudacinova

*15.30–16.00 Break*

**16.00–17.30**

**Keynote: Valerie Kivelson**

**Visual Demographics: Imagining Human Diversity in  
Russia in the 16th and 17th Centuries**

Moderation: Ricarda Vulpius

**17.30–18.00**

**Further Perspectives of the Research Network  
Premodern East Slavic Europe | Julia Herzberg,  
Christoph Witzenrath**





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