

**The Cambridge Postgraduate Workshop in Medieval and Early Modern Slavonic Studies** is presented by **Cambridge Ukrainian Studies**, a programme of the **Department of Slavonic Studies at the University of Cambridge**. Led by Dr Oleksiy Tolochko, Director of the Center for Kyivan Rus' Studies at the Institute of Ukrainian History, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the workshop will explore the fundamental premise of medieval Slavonic Studies that the Kyivan polity emerged and initially developed in competition and in confrontation with the Khazar Khanate. Only one source supports this thesis – the Primary Chronicle; no other source documents any significant contact between the Rus' of Kyiv and the Khazars. Using contemporaneous sources, the workshop will deliberate the nature of the Rus'-Khazar relationship and the root of the historiographical myth of Khazar domination of the Rus' put forth in the *Primary Chronicle*.

The workshop will be conducted by **Dr Oleksiy Tolochko**, a leading scholar of Medieval and Early Modern Eastern European history and one of Ukraine's foremost medievalists, who has taught at such institutions as the National University of "Kyiv Mohyla Academy," the Central European University, Harvard University, and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. His books include: *Киевская Русь и Малороссия в XIX веке (Kyivan Rus' and Little Russia in the Nineteenth Century, 2012)*; *Краткая редакция Правды русской: происхождение текста (The Short Redaction of the Rus' Law: Origins of the Text, 2009)*; «История Российская» В.Н. Татищева. *Источники и известия ('Russian History' by Vasilii Tatishchev: Sources and Accounts, 2005)*; *Київська Русь (Kyivan Rus', 1998)*; *Князь в Древней Руси: Власть, собственность, идеология (Prince in Kyivan Rus': Authority, Property, and Ideology, 1992)*. A number of Russian historians and philologist have called his latest book *Очерки начальной Руси (Notes on Early Rus', 2015)* one of the boldest scholarly publications in Slavonic humanities to appear during the course of the past year.

## Readings for Workshop

*De administrando imperio*. English translation by R.J.H. Jenkins (Washington, D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies, 1967), pp. 49-67.

Thomas Noonan, "The Khazar Qaghanate and its Impact on the Early Rus' State: The *translatio imperii* from Itil to Kiev," In: *Nomads in the Sedentary World*, eds. Anatoly Khazanov and André Wink (Richmond, England, 2001), pp. 76-102.

Vladimir Petrukhin, "Khazaria and Rus': An Examination of their Historical Relations," In: *The World of the Khazars: New Perspectives*, eds. Peter Golden, Haggai Ben-Shammai, and András Róna-Tas (Leiden, 2007), pp. 245-268.

Peter Golden, "The Question of the Rus' Quaganate," *Archivum Eurasiae Medii Aevi* 2 (1982), pp. 77-92.

**The workshop will be led in English and all interested postgraduate students and scholars in medieval history and culture are welcome to apply. To apply, please send a brief CV and statement of interest to Miss Olga Płócienniczak, Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Cambridge, at [slavon@hermes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:slavon@hermes.cam.ac.uk) by Wednesday, 3 February 2016.**

**For accepted workshop participants, costs for domestic economy train/coach travel to and from Cambridge will be reimbursed, and coffee and lunch provided. Refreshments and a sandwich lunch will be served during the workshop. Please retain your travel receipts so that Miss Olga Płócienniczak can process your travel reimbursement.**

**Please visit <http://www.cam.ac.uk/visitors/gettingto.html> for directions to Cambridge and <http://www.cam.ac.uk/visitors/map.html> for a map of the city centre. The seminar will be held from 11.00 to 14.00 in the Beves Room, King's College.**