

**DEAR COLLEAGUES!**

At the beginning of May, our department will host five researchers from Saint Petersburg (for self-presentations, see below). Therefore, we would like to invite you to the following seminar.

Kind regards,

Michael Neiß & Karin Ojala

## **SEMINAR PROGRAM**

### *59° North – Part 2*

**TIME:** Wednesday, May 8 (09:15 – 12:00)

**Jegor Blochin:** Yilgynly-depe: Exploring domestic and ritual spaces in Early Village communities of Central Asia

**Denis Jolshin:** Bricks for a country of wood: Brick making practices in pre-Mongol Rus' (10th-13th century)

**Valentina Kuznetsova:** Zoomorphic and jingling adornments in the hybrid Chud Style from the North of Ancient Russia and the Volga-Kama region

**Anton Murashkin:** Direct and indirect evidences of metal use on the Kola Peninsula during the Bronze Age

**Maria Razzak:** A new group of Roman Iron Age tarand graves in the St. Petersburg region

**LOCATION:**

**Uppsala University, Engelska parken, room 2-0024**

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**OR (by videolink)**

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## ABOUT OUR GUESTS



**JEGOR BLOCHIN**, researcher  
(Егор К. Блохин)

**Field of research:** Neolithic and Chalcolithic in the Near East and Central Asia. Early Village archaeology. Archaeology of myth and ritual in archaic societies. Archaeology of violence and warfare. Viking Age and Old Norse. Remote sensing, GIS applications in archaeology. Theory and method.

**Biographical notes:** 18 years of field experience, covering European Russia, Northern Caucasus, Siberia, Germany, Northern Sudan, Southern Turkmenistan. Currently leading a long-term research project in Southern Turkmenistan (*Yilgynly-depe – An Early Village Community in the Foothill Plain of the Kopet Dag Mountains*). Tech leader at the excavation of an Early Scythian ‘princely’ kurgan in the Russian Republic of Tuva (*The Tunnug 1 Project*).

2005: Graduation from The Faculty of History at Rostov State University with an MA in Old Norse: *Topoi of death descriptions in Icelandic sagas*

2010 – today: The Institute for the History of Material Culture in Saint Petersburg/The Russian Academy of Sciences (currently as junior researcher at The Department of Rescue Archaeology)

**PhD project:** *Animal Representation in the Early Village Period: A Corpus of Zoomorphic Figurines from the Neolithic and Chalcolithic Period in Southern Turkmenistan*

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**DENIS JOLSHIN**, researcher  
(Денис Д. Ёлишин)

**Field of research:** The Medieval architecture of Old Rus' and Byzantium, with a special focus on building materials and technologies. Co-author of monographs on the history of architectural archaeology and conservation in the Russian Empire during the early 20th century, and on brick manufacture in the Russian Empire from 1700 to 1917.

**Biographical notes:** 20 years of archaeological research on Medieval monuments (mostly church architecture) in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, including world famous sites like The Desjatinnaya Church in Kiev ('Church of the Tithes'), The Saviour Churches in Chernigov and Polotsk, Gorodische near Novgorod.

2004: Graduation from The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University, with an MA in archaeology

2004 – today: Researcher at The State Hermitage Museum, The Department of Architectural Archaeology

2008: PhD

**PhD project:** *The Late 10th Century Complex of Monumental Buildings on the Starokievskaya Hill (Kiev): Aspects of Archaeology, Architectural History and Urban Planning*

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**VALENTINA KUZNETSOVA**, researcher  
(*Валентина Н. Кузнецова*)

**Field of research:** Adornments and costume details from Northern Russia and the Volga-Ural region. Images of birds and beasts in the Medieval culture of the Eastern European forest zone.

**Biographical notes:**

2006 – today: Researcher at The Russian Museum of Ethnography

2011: Graduation from The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University, with an MA in archaeology

2011 – 2014: Post-graduate student at The Archaeological Department of The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University

2016: PhD

**PhD project:** *Zoomorphic Adornments from the Eastern European Forest Zone 1000 – 1300 A.D.*

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**ANTON MURASHKIN**, senior lecturer  
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**Field of research:** Stone Age and Early Metal Period in Northern Fennoscandia, Fennoscandian Rock Art, Sami Archaeology. Co-author of a monograph on the rock art site of Chalmn-Varre at the Ponoy River (Kola Peninsula).

**Biographical notes:** More than 20 years of field research in Russia (Murmansk region, Karelia) and Norway. Excavations of settlements and burial sites in the Sami region (covering a period between Stone Age, Early Metal Period and the Medieval Era). Excavations of a POW-camp from WW2.

1999: Graduation from The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University, with an MA in archaeology

2012 – today: Senior lecturer at the archaeological department of The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University

**PhD project:** *Early Metal Age Settlements on the North-Eastern Coast of the Kola Peninsula*

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**MARIA RAZZAK** (née Yushkova), researcher  
(*Мария А. Раззак*)

**Field of research:** The Bronze Age and Early Iron Age of North-Western Russia and neighbouring regions, the tarand graves culture (2000 BC – 700 AD).

**Biographical notes:**

2001 – today: Researcher at the Department of Slavonic and Finnish Archaeology at The Institute for the History of Material Culture in Saint Petersburg/The Russian Academy of Sciences

1997 – 2006: Excavation at Gorodische near Novgorod (expedition leader: E.N. Nosov)

2002 – 2003: Excavation at the Bronze Age settlement of Shkurina Gorka at the Volkhov River

2003: Graduation from The Faculty of History at Saint Petersburg State University, with an MA in archaeology

2004 – 2007: Archaeological surveys in the Leningrad region

2006: Archaeological survey at the hillfort of Holopiy Gorodok at the Volkhov River

2008 – today: Research on tarand graves in Kerstovo and Malli (southwest of Saint Petersburg) which date to the Roman Iron Age and the third quarter of the 1st millennium AD

2011: PhD

**PhD project:** *The Bronze Age and the Early Iron Age in North-Western Russia*

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