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# The Book of Royal Degrees and Russian Historical Consciousness

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009  
ROYCE HALL 314

5:00 Registration, coffee

5:20 Welcoming Remarks

**Brian P. Copenhaver** (UCLA), Director, UCLA Center for  
Medieval & Renaissance Studies

**Timothy Stowell** (UCLA), Dean of Humanities

**Edward L. Keenan, Jr.** (Harvard University)

**Nikolai N. Pokrovskii** (Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk)

6:15 Reception

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009  
ROYCE HALL 314

9:00 **Session 1: Word, Image, Theme**

**Gail Lenhoff** (UCLA)

“The Book of Royal Degrees: Its Provenance and Political Theology”

**Norman W. Ingham** (University of Chicago)

“Genealogy and a Consciousness of History in the *Stepennaia kniga*”

**David Prestel** (Michigan State University)

“Blending Two Worlds: The Depiction of Nikola/Sviatosha of the Caves  
Monastery in the *Stepennaia kniga*”

**Andreas Ebbinghaus** (Universität Würzburg)

“Icon Legends in the *Stepennaia kniga*”

10:30 Break

11:00 **Session 2: Cultural Patronage and Commemoration**

**Pierre Gonneau** (Directeur d' études, École Pratique des Hautes Études)

“Sergius of Radonezh and the Royal Ladder”

**David Goldfrank** (George Washington University)

“Hesychasm in the *Stepennaia kniga*”

**David Miller** (Roosevelt University)

“Another Sort of Genealogy: The Culture of Commemoration at the  
Trinity-Sergius Monastery and Trinity's First Sinodik”

12:15 Lunch Break

2:30 **Session 3: Monastic Ideals as a Model for Rulers**

**Aleksei V. Sirenov** (Russian National Library Archive, St. Petersburg  
University)

“*Stepennaia kniga* v kontekste kul'turnykh sviazei Rossii serediny XVI v.”

**Robert Romanchuk** (Florida State University)

“Monasticism as an Imperial Model in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth  
Centuries”

3:20 **Session 4: Manuscripts, Sources, Language**

**Viktor Zhivov** (UC Berkeley/Academy of Sciences, Moscow)

“On the Language of the *Stepennaia kniga*”

**Ol'ga D. Zhuravel'** (Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk)

“Kodokologicheskie nabliudeniia nad rannimi spiskami *Stepennoi knigi*”



3:50 Break

4:20 **Andrei S. Usachev** (Russian State Library Archive, Moscow)

“Sozdanie drevneishei redaktsii Knigi stepennoi tsarskogo rodoslovia”

**Edward L. Keenan, Jr.** (Harvard University)

“The *Stepennaia kniga* and the Godunovian Renaissance”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009  
ROYCE HALL 314

9:30 **Session 5: Orthodoxy and Islam, Anti-Tatar  
Rhetoric vs. Practice**

**Donald Ostrowski** (Harvard University)

“Steps 8-12: The Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries.”

**Janet Martin** (University of Miami)

“Steps 13-17: The Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries”

**Daniel C. Waugh** (University of Washington)

Comments

10:30 Break

11:00 **Session 6: Legitimation, Dynastic Politics**

**Sergei Bogatyrev** (University College London)

“The *Stepennaia kniga* and the Dynastic Politics of Vasili III and Ivan IV”

**Charles J. Halperin** (Independent Scholar, Bloomington, Indiana)

“*Stepennaia kniga* on the Reign of Ivan IV”

**Ann Kleimola** (University of Nebraska)

“Ivan IV and the Staritskie: Dynastic Tensions”

12:15 Lunch Break

2:30 **Session 7: State and Society**

**Daniel Kaiser** (Grinnell College)

“Who's Left Out? Thinking Like a State in the *Stepennaia kniga*”

**Elise Kimerling Wirtschafter** (California State Polytechnic University)

“Father Platon and the Question of Christian Rulership”

Comments

**Richard Hellie** (University of Chicago)

**Nancy Shields Kollmann** (Stanford University)

3:40 Concluding Remarks

**Gail Lenhoff** (UCLA)