

Abstract

The present thesis summarizes the oldest history of the Volga Bulgars and East Slavs, the two mutually influencing neighbours that nevertheless differed in their origin, language and also their way of living, material and spiritual culture and foreign political orientation. The process of the origin of Volga Bulgars State and East Slaves State is emphasized; three key factors are compared – long distance trade, establishing diplomatic ties to stronger neighbours and acceptance of a monotheistic religion.