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Nobility Studies and the Russian Historiosophy

ABSTRACT:

The author argues that special historiosophy conditions and influences all the studies of Russian history. The presentation discusses these historiosophical presuppositions and underlying assumptions as well as their implications for the study of Russian nobility. The focus of analysis is on the Vorontsov family, and more closely at the case of Count Semen Vorontsov (1744-1832). Count Vorontsov was the Ambassador for three Russian autocrats to the British Court and had an important bearing on European politics at his time.

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