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General Information

I was born in 1957. My native town is Stavropol – one of the centers of South Russia. After leaving school I entered the Leningrad State University (1975) and from this moment all my life has been connected with this University. Here I studied as postgraduate student and defended so called Candidate degree (1982) and Doctor's degree (1993). I also became the docent and then the professor (1995) of this university. From 2001 till 2011 I worked as a dean of historical faculty and from 2011 till 2014 as a director of Museum complex of Saint-Petersburg University. From 2003 till now I have worked as a head of the department "Russian history from ancient time till the beginning of XX century". At the same time I am a chief editor of "Vestnik of Saint Petersburg university. History" (WOS, Scopus).

I entered the Russian science at the beginning of 80th last century. My first article appeared when I was a student. My teachers were the famous soviet scholars V. V. Mavrodin and I. Ia. Froianov. I was fond of ancient Russian history, but my dissertation was devoted to the "through" theme: I studied some olds Russian lands from IX to XVI centuries. My Doctor dissertation is about the destiny of the Russian lands in a structure of so called Grate Duchy of Lithuania (XIII – beg. XVI centuries). Now a list of my scholar's works numbers near three hundreds, among which there are one ten and a half of the monographs, dozens of the textbooks, the articles. A sphere of my interests consists of the many items, such as Russian history & historiography, the history of Grate Duchy of Lithuania, history of law, etc. Some my works were rewarded in Russia. Some were translated and published abroad.