

# Lost in Translation?

## Ibn Fadlan and the Great Unwashed

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Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Ibn Fadlan's extraordinary eye-witness report of his mission to the Bulgars on the Middle Volga in 921/2 is probably one of the most widely known and intensively studied of early Arabic texts. Yet the importance of Ibn Fadlan and his mission has yet to receive a full and rounded assessment.

Our interdisciplinary conference will draw on historians, numismatists, textual scholars and archaeologists and will attempt to set Ibn Fadlan's account within the broader context of tenth-century Europe, the Islamic world and the Eurasian steppes.

### Speakers include:

**Irina Arzhantseva**, Moscow; **Jean-Charles Ducène**, Paris; **Heinrich Härke**, Tübingen/Reading; **Thórir Jónsson Hraundal**, Iceland; **Evgeniy Kazakov**, Tatarstan Academy of Sciences; **Hugh Kennedy**, SOAS; **Viacheslav Kuleshov**, State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg; **James Montgomery**, Cambridge; **Veronika Murasheva**, State Historical Museum, Moscow; **Leonard Nedashkovsky**, Kazan Federal University; **Walter Pohl**, Vienna; **Neil Price**, Uppsala; **Søren Michael Sindbæk**, Aarhus; **Ian Wood**, Leeds

The conference is organised by the AHRC-funded *Dirhams for Slaves* project. For further details, including how to register to attend, please see the [Dirhams for Slaves](#) website, or contact Jonathan Shepard ([jonathan.shepard@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jonathan.shepard@orinst.ox.ac.uk)).



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