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Novgorod Revisited: Tales from the Russian Forest.

Novgorod is one of the most intensively and continuously studied urban sites in northern Europe. The excellent preservation of organic and inorganic material in its anaerobic soils, including the structural remains of streets, property boundaries and buildings, has made it possible to study the life of its inhabitants in great detail. With archaeological deposits up to 8 metres deep and well-dated sequences from the early 10th century onwards, it has made a massive contribution to knowledge of northern European medieval towns.

This talk will outline the story of the town's archaeology and bring you up to date with some of the recent work undertaken. It will include the latest research on how the town's population impacted on the local environment, especially the forest, which was widely exploited by the Novgorodians as a seemingly endless resource.



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