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A key to the reconstruction of the book collections of the Romanov dynasty

Ekaterina Gerasimova was born in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As a professional historian and bibliographer, Dr Gerasimova has spent twenty years as a curator of the foreign books division of the National Library of Russia, and has just completed a year in America as a Fulbright Scholar, working in the collections of the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress.

Dr Gerasimova created a special method for the reconstruction of the Grand Duke's collection, which was tested in her reconstruction of the collections of a number of other Romanov grand dukes and emperors. This colossal study took more than ten years and shows her outstanding performance and perseverance in achieving scientific goals.

Her original concept and innovative approach to research were demonstrated in her doctoral thesis, 'Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich - statesman, scholar and bibliophile, (1847 -1909),' which was presented at the St. Petersburg Institute of History, Herzen University and Russian Academy of Sciences.

She represents a new type of scientist in Russia, using interdisciplinary study material, and conducting research at the crossroads of history, art and bibliological science. Her research has a multi-faceted comprehensiveness which is reflected in the publication of an illustrated catalogue, *Collections of the Emperors and Grand Dukes in the Russian National Library*. It is seen also in her numerous research publications.

She will be in Porto from October 17 to November 16, 2010, and offers a seminar or series of talks on this topic.