

**Slavery, trafficking, and hostage-taking in 17th-century Siberia:
Yakutsk region case study**

The research project focuses on examining the historical dynamics of slavery, trafficking, and hostage-taking in the 17th-century Yakutsk region of Siberia. It aims to explore how these practices shaped the social fabric of the region, considering the interactions between Russian soldiers, merchants, trappers, and the local population. The project seeks to understand the impact of interethnic marriages and the naturalization of children from such unions. By investigating the relationships between Russians and the local population, the study aims to shed light on the practices that influenced the region's historical trajectory. The research will utilize extensive archival materials, including previously overlooked documents, to provide fresh perspectives and contribute to the fields of women's history and postcolonial studies. The project also aims to address the gaps in the historiography of Siberia's incorporation into Muscovy and the understudied topics of slavery and trafficking in the region. By examining these complex phenomena, the research aims to offer a comprehensive and nuanced interpretation of Siberia's history during the early modern period.