

Webinar Attendee Questions & Comments

from the 28 April 2026 Webinar
presented by

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1. Myroslav what was your grandfather's name?

Denys Petriw

2. Excellent presentation. I have to leave for another zoom. I hope there is a replay!

. Thanks!

3. The Viking/Varangian (Scandinavian/Swedish) origin of the Rurik dynasty cannot be dismissed as they settled in Novgorod at first and then Kyiv where they set up their headquarters for trade along the Viking-Byzantium trade route. There is archeological evidence of Viking burials and also historical accounts of Arab travellers as well as names such as Helga (Olga) Ingvar (Ihor). The Finnish tribes who lived in the Novgorod area called these Swedish Vikings "Ruotsi" (Swedish word for Rowing)

. That is correct. Rusyns living around Kyiv would have no reason to adopt that! If they called Vikings Varangians not Ruotsi why would they call themselves that?

4. "Ruotsi" is not a Swedish word but a Finnish word for Swedish rowers. The Finnish word for Sweden is "Ruotsi". So, in addition to archeological evidence and Historical accounts of contemporary travellers, there is also linguistic evidence for the Swedish origin of the ruling elite of Kyiv Rus.

. Vikings were called Varyahy not Rus in Ukraine and Varangians in Byzantium

5. Excellent presentation, Mirko! Thank you.

. Thanks

6. To what extent can/will the EU countries fill the funding and weapons void created by the current U.S. administration's pull-back from direct support for Ukraine?

. They see a NATO/EU future without USA. So lots of help!

7. Can you recommend a good popular history of Ukraine that covers the years since 1991?

Both my fictional works are 80-90% historical & there are articles incl. mine.

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8. Are there any valid DNA studies showing the genetic differences if any, between Ukrainians and Russians today?

. We are all a mix but R1A1 is a good "Ukrainian" marker.

9. Why is there no mention of a Ukrainian nobility, aristocracy or boyars in your presentation?

Time. That would be a 3hr lecture. I even skipped naming princes and hetmans.

10. Can Taras Shevchenko be considered as the 'father' of the modern Ukrainian nation?

He resurrected it but never used the term Ukrainian!

The Rusyn ethnonym is 1000 years old, preserving memory of that state!!

As a cultural/linguistic self-identity (ie nation!) we are as old as any EU nation

Additional Reference Material from Mirko

Question 10 (above)

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Mirko's Books

https://www.amazon.com/-/e/B09DS372JG?ref =pe_1724030_132998070 Mirko's Books

<https://krytyka.com/ua/reviews/yaroslaws-treasure> Book Review

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlMgVhnLrS0&t=563s> Interview with diaspora author

https://chtyvo.org.ua/authors/Petriv_Myroslav/Skarb_Yaroslava/ Скарб Ярослава (2003)

Ukrainian History, Struggles for Independence, and Russian aggression

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=356867453097947> Mirko's Webinar originally presented to Adler University students

<https://www.christiancourier.ca/the-empire-against-the-rus/> article in Dutch newspaper (see date)

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