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DISCOVERY OF AMERICA REVISITED

This paper examines the most debated issues concerning history of American exploration and discovery. Since the sixteenth century, a number of nations, religious communities claimed their rights to possess American lands. Basing on the wide range of primary sources, the paper explores the interpretations. Refs 5.

*Keywords:* Columbus, Vespucci, the Vikings, Pizarro, transatlantic communications.

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К ВОПРОСУ ОБ ОТКРЫТИИ АМЕРИКИ

В статье рассматриваются наиболее спорные вопросы, касающиеся истории открытия и исследования Америки. С XVI в. несколько государств, конфессиональных и прочих групп заявляли о своих правах на американские земли. Основываясь на широком круге источников, автор статьи рассматривает те интерпретации. Библиогр. 5 назв.

*Ключевые слова:* Колумб, Веспуччи, викинги, Писарро, трансатлантические связи.

For centuries, various social, religious, and national groups have been disputing with each other over the question: who discovered America[[1]](#footnote-1)? This question seemed so important to contemporaries due to the multiple benefits, which the primacy in discovery could have brought to them[[2]](#footnote-2). First, being first in discovery could have constituted the legal ground for the ownership of American lands[[3]](#footnote-3). Then, the issue of discovery was widely discussed by the rival religious groups in their debates over the right to convert the natives in their own faith[[4]](#footnote-4). Some primary sources may bring a new light to that complex range of interpretations[[5]](#footnote-5)… <…>.

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