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Lest some of you may think that retirees don't work over the holidays, I thought I should post these notices concerning two new books that look interesting. As usual, I have not had time to do more than skim in them.

Spory o novgorodskom veche: mezhdistsiplinarnyi dialog: Materialy "kruglogo stola" (Evropeiskii universitet v Sankt-Peterburge, 20 sentiabria 2010 g.). (RES PUBLICA, vyp. 6). Otv. red. M. M. Krom. SPb.: Izd-vo. Evropeiskogo universiteta v Sankt-Peterburge, 2012. 302 p. ISBN 978-5-94380-133-4.

A collection that is asking us to re-consider what we may have imagined about the nature of the political system in Novgorod. Each of four sets of articles is accompanied by a transcript of the discussion which followed. The chairs of the sessions and the discussants included a Pleiad of international scholars, some of whom contributed long comments. I think a lot here may not be news, but the book should be of considerable value for providing insights into the current state of scholarship on this aspect of Novgorod's history, which is the subject of continuing argument. It is commendable that such proceedings have appeared in print, including all of the discussion, with relatively little delay following the event. The contents:

- *P. V. Lukin, Novgorodskoe veche v XIII-XV vv. Istoriograficheskie postroeniia i dannye ganzeiskikh dokumentov.
- *E. R. Skvairs, Ganzeiskie gramoty ka iazykovoe svidetel'stvo po istorii Novgoroda Velikogo.
- *T. L. Vilkul. Slovo "veche" v drevnebolgarskikh i drevnerusskikh pamiatnikakh.
- *A. A. Gippius. Sopernichestvo gorodskikh kontsov kak faktor kul'turnoi istorii Novgoroda XII-XIII vv.
- *S. V. Troianovskii. Arkheologicheskaiia kharakteristika sotsial'noi topografii Sofiiskoi storony Novgoroda v X-XV vv.: formirovanie , dinamika izmenenii, sviaz' s politicheskoi istoriei.
- *D. V. Pezhemskii. Arkheologicheskii oblik "vechevykh" ploshchadei Velikogo Novgoroda.
- *O. V. Sevast'ianova. Novgorodskoe veche: otkhod ot respublikanskoii teorii.
- *L. Shtaindorf [Steindorff]. Pravil'no li schitat' Novgorod kommunoi?
- *I [=E.]. Levin. Zhenshchiny v politicheskoi zhizni srednevekovogo Novgoroda. K pereotsenke problemy.

Aleksandr Sergeevich Almazov. *Politicheskii portret ukrainskogo getmana Ivana Samoilovicha v kontekste russko-ukrainskikh otnoshenii (1672-1687)*. Moskva; [Tip. MGU]: 2012. 285 p. ISBN 978-5-9903505-1-9.

A revised version of the author's 2011 kandidat dissertation, the book is extensively based on new archival research; apart from work in Ukrainian and Russian, it makes extensive use of Polish secondary literature. Samoilovich was extremely important both in the internal and international politics of Ukraine. As the author makes clear, insofar as Samoilovich served Muscovite interests ("vsegda ostavalsia veren Rossii" – p. 233), the hetman's role has been controversial, with nationalist historians taking opposing sides in assessing his policies. The conclusions about him here cast him in a positive light.