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EARLY TRADE CONTACTS OF RUSSIA AND PORTUGAL WITH PENINSULAR INDIA: 1469-1499 C.E.

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Abstract

This paper may be a path-finding one in the field of comparative history incorporating Russia, Portugal and India in general, and the inland and maritime trade by the Russians and the Portuguese in Peninsular India in particular, during the times of Afanasy Nikitin and Vasco da Gama. From the point of trade, Gama's first voyage is more important, since it opened the spice route from Europe to Asia (India: Kerala) and expanded global multiculturalism. As such, this paper has concentrated mainly on his first voyage, although occasional references to the second and the third voyages will be Covered on slightly.

This paper firstly, attempts to have a comparative outlook on the maritime and inland trade undertaken