Eastern Europe in Icelandic Sagas

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DESCRIPTION:
Based on the material of the Old Norse Icelandic sources written down in the twelfth to fourteenth centuries, this book demonstrates how medieval Scandinavians imagined Eastern Europe. It reconstructs the system of medieval Scandinavian perception of space in general, and the eastern part of the oecumene in particular. It also examines the unique Old Norse sources, of which the Russian chronicles were unaware.

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