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## STAGES OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES OF THE HISTORIAN VOLODYMYR PARKHOMENKO (1880-1942)

### Summary

*The article examines the scientific activity of the Ukrainian historian Volodymyr Parkhomenko (1880-1942) for 36 years. During this period, he published more than 130 scientific works of various nature, which are still in scientific demand. Most of his research appeared before the First World War. Mainly, they were devoted to the history of the Orthodox Church on the territory of Ukraine. At the same time, starting to examine the birth of Christianity in Russia, the historian proceeds to study the problems of the emergence of statehood on Ukrainian lands and their connection with the factor of nomads. His research and views become the subject of discussions by such famous scientists as Mykhailo Hrushevskiy, Lyubora Niederle, Oleksii Shakhmatova, Mykhailo Pryselkova and others. Carrying out scientific activity, Volodymyr Parkhomenko combined it with managerial work, holding relevant positions in scientific and educational institutions, in particular in Poltava, Kanev, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk.*

*We can assert that the scientific activity of Volodymyr Parkhomenko has undergone a certain evolution, connected both with the personal ideas of the historian and in accordance with social processes, as a result of which the former Russian Empire disappeared and the Soviet one appeared. In accordance with this, his methodological approaches also changed, initially clearly positivist in plan, in later works they already acquired a Marxist («class») character. At the same time, the scientific activity of the historian is not yet sufficiently studied and analyzed. Many moments in the researcher's life remain unknown, especially from the early stage of his life, relationships with other historians, etc. Currently, it is quite obvious that the intellectual creative activity of Volodymyr Parkhomenko was aimed at obtaining new knowledge from Ukrainian history and explaining key points related to socio-religious processes and the creation of a state in Russia. Therefore, he went from publishing the first works of a mostly descriptive nature, based on new source materials, to creating his own theory of the formation of Russia as a state. From our*

*point of view, regardless of external influences, Volodymyr Parkhomenk's neo-Auk views had a Ukrainian-centric character.*

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