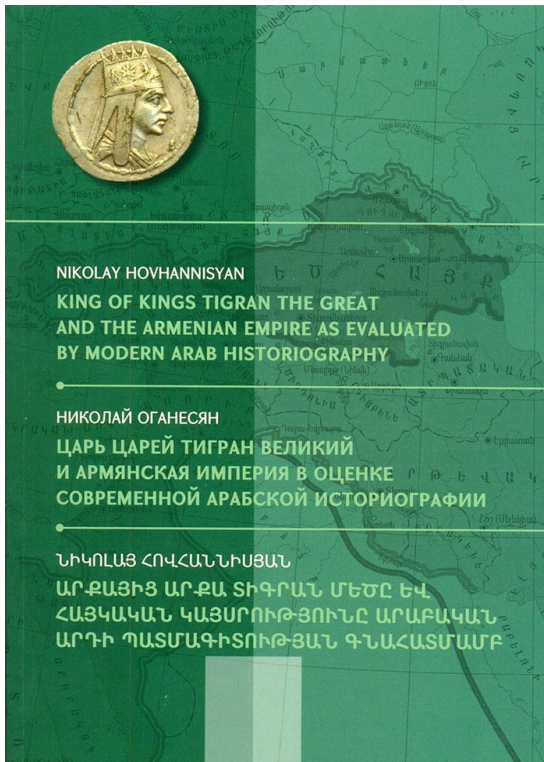


KING OF KINGS TIGRAN THE GREAT AND THE ARMENIAN EMPIRE AS EVALUATED BY MODERN ARAB HISTORIOGRAPHY



By: **Nikolay Hovhannisyan**
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A book review by Eduard L. Danielyan

The book provides detailed analysis of the evaluation of the history of the Armenian Empire of the period of King of Kings Tigran II by modern Arab historiography. The period of the Tigran's Empire is specified by the civilizing role of the Armenian statehood which included the lands and peoples beyond the borders of the Kingdom of Great Armenia. According to the author of the book, the period of Tigran the Great's reign was the climax of the Armenian statehood, armed forces, town building, architecture and culture, when appeared "the first in history Armenian Empire on the world political map. The historical role of Tigran the Great is not confined within the Armenian borders, but goes over and beyond, embracing an entire geopolitical region" (p. 5).

Until the present this period of the Armenian history was mainly researched in Armenian and European historiographies. N.Hovhannisyan's book is the first research work presenting modern studies of the Arab historiography on the state and political activities of the Armenian King of Kings Tigran II the Great. The author explains such an interest to the Armenian Empire by worldwide historical significance of Tigran the Great's phenomenon.

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