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Halyna Kohut

**"Taste, Social Class, and
Oriental Carpet Design in
the 18th-Century Cossack
Hetmanate."**

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Dr Halyna Kohut (Ivan Franko University) discusses how Oriental-style carpets became an object of the local elite's aesthetic desire in the eighteenth century Hetmanate. The Cossack elite assembled these luxury items in lavish private collections, ordered to depict them in their portraits, and even organized their production in local workshops. Oriental-style carpets served the Cossack elite's aspirations for social recognition and privileges from Russian Imperial nobility, as well as tools for social distancing Cossack elites from the subordinated classes of townspeople and peasants.

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