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## Editor's Foreword

The history of research into the cemeteries of the Sofievka type of the Tripolye culture (from the village of Sofievka near Kiev) is about 50 years old. However, the research has not provided yet any comprehensive report on the cemeteries, nor a full presentation of material finds or their thorough analysis. This can be justified by the extraordinary character of the said set of sources and their place outside the civilizational standard of the late eneolithic in the Northern Pontic zone.

The aim of this volume is to present the Sofievka issues from a wider perspective of the border zone of the three cultural areas: circumponitic, circumcarpathian and circumbaltic. The papers included in this volume show both a full array of sources, as far as it is possible at present, and the analytical documentation of their multidirectional genetic implications.

Therefore, this volume should encourage wider discussion of Central European conditioning of the development of the Tripolye culture, or generally, of the mechanisms of cultural contacts in the border zone between eastern and western Europe in the first half of the 3rd millennium BC.