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The talk will investigate the role of scholarly philological activity in the evolution and spread of knowledge by posing a number of historical cases for analysing the crucial importance of linguistic tools for the globalisation of knowledge. The cases will include that of Armenia, further of Georgia and Tibet, as well as the activities around creating the Cyrillic writing system, but will put emphasis of the Old Norse adoption of the Latin alphabet, and the intellectual endeavour connected therewith.

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