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**Russia versus Europe or Collusions of Civilization in 17-18 Century after Contemporary Lithuanian**

**Writer Kristina Sabaliauskaite**

In her newest book “Empress of Peter” (part I 2019, part II 2021) Kristina Sabaliauskaite, who is a doctor of art research and is specializing in European cultural archives, writes about Peter the Great attempt to connect Russia with Europe. Sabaliauskaite writes about it from the point of view of his wife, Marta Skowronska, who is becoming Empress of Russia. She comes from polish lithuanian roots and this makes her integration to Russia’s society very special, painfull and dramatic. Sabaliauskaite excellently describes these unbelievable tensions of being inside a tsar family as a female and being capable to survive in dreadful circumstances. Author describes cataclismatic Russian-European relationships. Her intensive style of writing is full with typical Russian language expressions and historical issues, which describes horrific images of terror. It helps to understand Russia and it’s contemporary collusions with the West – it makes Sabaliauskaite’s new book even more impressive and tempting to read to enrich the needed knowledge.