
FRANCE'S QUEEN FROM KYIV HAS A LESSON FOR EMMANUEL MACRON

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Its time to resurrect Anna of Kyiv, the highly accomplished and undeservedly forgotten 11th-century queen of the Franks. She would have stern words for her successor running France, President Emmanuel Macron.

Anna would surely be mortified that some stinky, turnip-munching Frank now has the temerity to suggest that the eminently more sophisticated civilization of Kyiv is in all likelihood decades away from being part of the pan-European political project, as represented by the EU.

In fact, there are few historical figures as perfectly placed as Anna to testify to Kyiv's place at the center, not periphery, of the European story. As it's already clear that much of Western Europe is going to drag its feet on Ukraine's EU candidacy, some perspective about Anna and her world is now vital.

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