THE KHÜIS TOLGOI INSCRIPTION

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The Türk Kaganates (middle of the 6th to the middle of the 8th cent. AD) were the first steppe empires to leave written testimonies. Relatively numerous and sufficiently understood are the runiform inscriptions in Old Turkic belonging to the Second Türk Kaganate. However, only a few inscriptions of the First Türk Kaganate have come down to us. They are written in different scripts and languages, viz. in Sogdian, Bactrian and Brāhmī scripts and in Sogdian, Bactrian(?) and one or two hitherto unknown languages. One of them is the Khüis Tolgoi inscription which is the subject of the following four articles:

1. The Khüis Tolgoi Inscription: On the discovery, the whereabouts, condition of thestones, and our expedition, by M. Ölmez
2. Signs and sounds, by D. Maue
3. An interpretation of the Khüis Tolgoi inscription, by A. Vovin
4. The historical context to the Khüis Tolgoi inscription, by É. de la Vaissière.

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