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Recently she turned her attention to assessing the evidential basis for Gavin Menzies' controversial best-selling book 1421: The Year China Discovered America.

Her article, which raises important questions of global history, hoax and historical evidence, is Walrus Pitch and Other Novelties: Gavin Menzies and the Far North.

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