

Abstract:

The aim of this work is to map the Byzantine-Avar ornaments in the Czech Republic and to quantify the finds from the most important sites from the functional and chronological point of view. Since new findings point to their local production in Bohemia, it is necessary to look for new criteria for distinguishing between imports and local production. The thesis will also focus on the inventory of Moravian sites and try to compare them with selected sites from Bohemia. Subsequently, this thesis will attempt to show the difficulties in comparing finds from settlements and burials in the Carpathian Basin. The male belt fittings found attest to the presence and abundance of the elite at various sites. They are, however, produced in varying quality, which in most cases may reflect the gradations in social status of their wearers.