

## ABSTRACT

The presented dissertation deals with settlement in the historical center of Bratislava, the so-called Old Bratislava, in the period of the 1st century BC up to the 4th century AD in the context of the Roman (Italic) contacts. It consists of two parts defined by two periods - late Latén (oppidum period) and Roman (Imperial period). This leads to the main research question: "What role did the Romans play in the area of Old Bratislava and the Bratislava Gate?"

The core of the work is the corpus of Italic imports classified into individual categories. It is based on published reports and own research. For individual categories, more complex evaluations (conclusions) including new interpretations summarizing the issues of the given category are continuously presented. The dissertation also evaluates the issue of the history of research (historiography) in both defined periods. Ongoing assessment of import categories, including assessing the topic of the work within the process of its creation and thus intending and posing new questions. They are followed by the Results and Discussion in the fourth chapter and Conclusion.

The Romans established closer contacts with the Middle Danube region and the Bratislava Gate already in the 1st century BC in the context of the late Latén settlement of the region. The existence of Bratislava oppidum in Old Bratislava was related to specific events in the period (70)/60/50 to 40/30/20. Apparently, the Roman interest and realised contacts with the Romans were one of the accumulators of its intensive oppidum's development. Although the extinction of the oppidum can not be clearly interpreted at the current state of research, the Roman military advance to the Middle Danube around the turn of the eras can be better understood in connection with the Roman contacts realized here (and Devín). The Roman contacts previously carried out in the oppidum had a different character after the turn of the eras, defined by the permanent presence of the Roman military and administration on the left bank of the Danube. Older assumptions about the existence of a Roman camp, or of a longer military presence on the territory of Old Bratislava have not yet been confirmed. Although the presence of Roman soldiers in connection with certain episodic events can not be completely ruled out, given the nature of the Germanic settlement in the Bratislava Gate, in the part north of the Danube, it can be assumed that the Romans controlled this area primarily through contacts and Roman-friendly Germanic elites. The work also deals with the so-called residence in the territory of Old Bratislava.

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