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10TH-11TH CENTURY CERAMIC FINDS IN THE CARPATHIAN BASIN – CONNECTIONS WITH THE TERRITORY OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE?

(Abstract)

Present lecture's aim is to sketch in the relation between the ceramic material from the Carpathian Basin and the Balkan Peninsula/Byzanz in the 10th–11th century. One hand to review the list of finds which are undoubtly imports originated from Southeast-Europe, on the other hand to delineate a probable work hypothesis concerning a sporadically appearing pottery technology in the Carpathian Basin. Concerning the fact, that fast wheel turning is a generally used pottery shaping technique in the territory of the Byzantine Empire and existed from the 9th century on the Balkans, but not on other region of the contemporaneous Europe or on the Steppe, we cannot exlude the possibility, that the technique in the Carpathian Basin appeared by means of the Balkanic or Byzantine influence. To summarize the topic of the lecture we can establish that besides the import finds we have to envisage a latent factor, the technology transfer, which can appear in the pottery technology and can refer to the one-time economical connections between the Bulgars and the Ancient Hungarians.