

Abstract

This Bachelor's thesis is about relationship between Early- to High Middle Ages settlements and Romanesque and Gothic churches located in the Czech county Benešov. It is also focused on roads and their Early- to High Middle Ages placement that had an impact on the settlement of this region. Pivotal part of this thesis consists of two catalogues: the Catalogue of Archeological Sites and the Catalogue of Churches. The first catalogue provides a summary of all discovered archeological sites with findings from Early Middle Ages to early phase of High Middle Ages. They are supplemented with archeological sites which are located outside of the demarcated area, but are simultaneously closely related to the settlement of the region. Data from the Catalogue of Churches were used to creation of maps which are depicting the settlement of the region in different time periods. The whole picture is completed with evidence from written sources that are closely related to ruler's, catholic church's, early nobility's and later noble families' possession of properties. The second catalogue contains detailed description of all discovered (and assumed) churches from Romanesque and Gothic periods. Information from the catalogue are visualized in maps that picture their construction in different eras. Due to frequent problem with dating, analysis of both architectural styles and dating supports received an adequate attention. Because both architectural styles spread thanks to monasteries and canons, the thesis closely describes such places that possibly might participated on construction of local churches. Characteristics of various churches and of their unique roles, analysis of their locality based on written sources and archeological finds, and selection of places for possible surface collection is also part of the thesis.

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