

Abstract

The presented work focuses on the comparison of the basic characteristics of cultures inhabiting the area of today's Czech republic and the area of the historical Avar Khaganate in the time period between half of the 6th century to the beginning of 9th century. The groundwork for this comparison is the study of 10 sites – 5 settlements and 5 cemeteries. Two cemeteries and two settlements are located in the centre of Czech republic, two and two others are located in the centre of khaganate, the remaining two are located in the border area between them. These sites show us parallels between both presented cultures. We can observe the similarities in funerary customs and in patterns of houses and settlements as well. Movable artifacts, some of which we may describe as luxurious ones, also undeniably reflect contacts between the Khaganate and areas of today's Czech republic.

Key words

Slavs, Avars, Contacts, Ethnicity, Archaeology, Early Middle Ages