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POPULATION DYNAMICS AND HISTORY OF SOUTH MORAVIA DURING THE 2ND HALF OF THE 5TH AND THE 6TH CENTURIES AD.

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The contribution presents a new project of the Institute of Archaeology of the CAS in Brno “Lombard population in Moravia. Interdisciplinary research of the Migration Period necropolises” (granted by the Czech Science Foundation GACR). The revision of previous research but especially based on geophysical prospecting and field excavation of the selected cemeteries is aimed to bring new information about the structure, dynamics and mobility of populations. The horizon of the end of the 5th and the beginning of the 6th century AD deserves special attention as groups of the newly arriving Lombard population appear in the area of interest inhabited by the Germanic populations (Herules, remains of the local Suebian tribes, etc.). The project, which is currently in its initial phase, is based on an interdisciplinary approach; archaeological-historical interpretations will be validated through the analyses of strontium, carbon and nitrogen isotopes; palaeopathological analysis, analysis of metals and textiles. Through the involvement in the international project “Histogenes”, aDNA data from the Moravian cemeteries will be part of the European database and thus contribute to tackling the issue of migration and the formation of the Early Medieval Europe

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