
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel - Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte -

Vortrag

Das Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Kiel, lädt im Rahmen des Archäologischen Kolloquiums zu einem Vortrag mit anschließender Diskussion ein am

Montag, den 16. Januar 2017,
18.30 Uhr, Johanna-Mestorf-Hörsaal
(Eingang 4, Erdgeschoss), Johanna-Mestorf-Straße.

Frau Dr. Irina Arzhantseva und Herr Prof. Dr. Heinrich Härke,
Moskau und Tübingen,
sprechen zum Thema:

The early medieval town of Dzhankent (Kazakhstan): Steppe urbanism, state formation and trade east of the Aral Sea

The site of Dzhankent (Kyzylorda region, Kazakhstan) in the delta of the Syr-darya is identified by Arab geographers of the 10th century as the seat of the ruler of the Turkic Oguz. The results of archaeological and geophysical fieldwork since 2011 demonstrate that in its last phase (9th – 11th cent.) this was, indeed, a fully urban settlement. New dating evidence suggests that the enclosed town with its citadel was built as a single complex in the 9th century, but it seems to have been built on the site of an existing open settlement (7th-8th cent. or even earlier). The rise of a river delta settlement to the centre of a steppe empire may be explained by regional state formation resulting from the impact of Oguz nomads on a local sedentary population engaged in trade and contacts to the Khorezmian civilization further south. The case of Dzhankent offers comparative perspectives on the links between urbanization, state formation and long-distance trade in the Early Middle Ages.

(gez. Die Dozenten des Instituts für Ur- und Frühgeschichte)