

Where Did Slav Come From? A New Collective Monography Offers Some Answers

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In the publication, the authors focus on one of the main topics of contemporary medieval studies and historical linguistics – the extremely rapid expansion of the Slavic language in a great part of early medieval Europe. The unifying idea of the publication, based on findings from several scientific disciplines, is that it offers different answers in various geographical and political contexts on the question of the relationship between Slavic language, ethnicity, and material culture.

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