SYLLABUS

SUBJECT

Material culture and ethnic diversity of Central Europe in the Middle Ages (in German)

TEACHER

Dr Marcin Wołoszyn

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main goal of the course is an introduction to the question of contemporary debate on so-called "archaeology of ethnicity". History of this topics, as well as the dependence of historiography and archaeology on temporary political situation, will be shown and discussed. Archaeology of Nazi-Germany, but also the political meaning of archaeological investigation in the Soviet zone of Central Europe (1945-89) will be particularly emphasized. The analysis of literary sources and of archaeological data should show how difficult it is to use ethnic interpretation in the research on history of Central Europe, both in the Roman Period and in the Early Middle Ages.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students attending the course will obtain a wider knowledge of archaeology of ethnicity, especially of Roman and Early Medieval Periods.

GRADING POLICY

credit with grade

TIMETABLE

45 hours / summer semester

TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Brather S. 2004: Ethnische Interpretationen in der frühgeschichtlichen Archäologie. Geschichte, Grundlagen und Alternativen, Berlin-New York.
- Brather S. 2008: Archaeology and Identity. Central and East Central Europe in the Earlier Middle Ages, București.
- Urbańczyk P. 2008: Trudne początki Polski, Wrocław.

PREREQUISITES

General knowledge of archaeology of Central Europe in the Roman and Early Medieval Periods.