

DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT

Subject name	Field of study (branch) code	Faculty	Department
Roman Iron Age in Eastern Baltic region	History and Archaeology H 005	Faculty of History	Department of Archaeology
Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS	Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS
lectures		consultations	2
individual	4	Research paper	1,5

Total 7,5

Subject annotation
Roman Iron Age (1-4 cent. AD) in Eastern Baltic region was a period of transformation in the distribution of iron artefacts, improvement of copper alloys, and the spread of new models of economy, and also it was a time of the inclusion of this area in wider contacts with the European Barbaricum, and through it (sometimes directly) receiving the impulses of Roman culture. This topic is directed at revealing and interpreting the archaeological sources of the Western Balts and Baltic Finns from the northeastern areas of present-day Poland, Kaliningrad region (former East Prussian areas) to Estonian regions. The Lithuanian archaeological material of the period in discussion will be one of the chains of this comparative narrative. Archaeological data from Latvia are very important when describing direct relations between cultures of the Balts and Finns, and their cultural differences in the context of interregional processes. Archaeological material from Estonia provides a unique database which contains components of similar processes in technologies and cultural identities to those of Balt and Finnic peoples. The main purpose of the studies – to present the material of Roman Iron Age in Lithuania in a broader context, pointing out not only regional differences but also common cultural components that spread through the whole South-eastern and Eastern Baltic region. Studying this topic represents the desire to show the heritage of Balts and Finns as original <i>versus</i> integral in the background of the database of the European Barbaricum.
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Supervising lecturers' names and surnames	Academic degree	Major works in the field (branch) published in the recent 5 years
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