

Numismatics as a Source for History of Golden Horde Cities

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We have a little information about historical geography of Golden Horde in written sources. Numismatics data are quite informative and enable us to solve the main problems of historical geography. Numismatic material is a source of considerable importance for identification of location of mints (main cities) of the Golden Horde on the certain archaeological settlements. Numismatic material is a main source for study of monetary circulation all important Golden Horde settlements. It is possible to establish periods of blossom and decline of monetary relations in different cities, to establish periods in the history of cities of Golden Horde. Studying of complexes of monetary finds allows doing conclusions about dynamics of a city life in various regions of Golden Horde, about urbanization stages. In contrast to hoards, complexes of separate finds of coins from settlements draw a picture of monetary circulation for all time of historical life cities, and the quantity of individual finds of coins specifies the level of monetary circulation. Thanks to long-term researches of Golden Horde cities many thousands complexes of separate monetary finds are collected.