

## **Theme 5**

### **Import/Export**

#### **IMPORT OF MIDDLE BYZANTINE POTTERY TO THE WEST BLACK SEA COAST. AN OVERVIEW.**

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Situated in the hinterland of Constantinople, the towns on the western Black sea coast had been an essential part of the Byzantine trade network. The exchange of goods is well testified by a huge quantity of pottery imports, that are now preserved in the collections of Bulgarian museums. The proposed paper outlines and illustrates with some specimens the distribution of Middle Byzantine pottery within the settlements on the western Black sea coast. It is based on a survey in the storages of nine museums and comprises almost all types of the widespread Byzantine amphorae and glazed tableware.