

Where animals were equal to humans. Historical places of execution in Silesia in an interdisciplinary perspective

It will present the appearance of the executions sites, and the various kinds of archaeological finds from there. Primarily, it will focus on the question of the treatment of the corpses of the executed criminals, their public display and further fate and on the issue of the specific character of these sites being used as a kind of burial places too and not exclusively for condemned criminals. Also the deceased who were denied burial at a proper cemetery, could be buried here, often without any care or respect. As a supplement, the paper will mention the executioners as well - their infamy which influenced their life and death, or rather burial. The paper will include the newest archeological excavations from the concerned area, some of them till now published only partially. The archaeological data will be compared with the written sources from archives (sentences, municipal chronicles).