Spatial organization and monastic life in Bizere abbey (Arad County, Romania)

Abstract:

The results of the archaeological excavations at the former Benedictine abbey of Bizere are represented now by a series of buildings' remains and approximately ten thousand artifacts. Even so, the archaeological research is far from being exhausted allowing more working hypotheses regarding the spatial organization and monastic life. Therefore, at this stage, everyday life at Bizere is recomposed from artifacts intended for intellectual activities, constructions related to water management, various types of crafts (stone and masonry workshops, ceramic production, smithy, glass production), games, and pilgrimage. Isolated artifacts offer clues and generate discussions on shapes and functionality, as well as on their origin and production place.

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