

SUMMARIES

THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF MORAVIA IN LIGHT OF THE FRANKISH SOURCES

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This study is a reexamination of East Frankish sources in light of Imre Boba's thesis which posits that the Slavic principality of Moravia was located in the ninth century in modern Yugoslavia near Sremska-Mitrovica, not in Czechoslovakia as most scholars assume. Since the history of Frankish-Moravian relations in the ninth century was marked by numerous and brutal conflicts, Bowlus investigates the problem of Moravia's geographical location from the viewpoint of the military organization of the southeastern marches. He finds that the royal charters reveal a logistical organization that was orientated toward the southeast – one that would have supported military operations against an enemy located somewhere near the confluence of the Sava with the Danube. Although this southeastward orientation of the marches does not prove that ninth-century Moravia was centered around ancient Sirmium, as Boba contends, this military organization shows at the very least that Frankish-Moravian struggles during the ninth century must have been for control of southeastern Pannonia.