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Roman Iron Age Cloaks in Northern German Bogs

Particularly the northern German bogs provided a number of Roman Iron Age cloaks the majority of which were analysed already decades ago. Current research on the items from Thorsberg and Obenaltendorf as well as some Danish material has challenged the former results. New light has been shed on questions like the production in a technical sense, the colours and the provenance which must be seen more differentiated than before.

Developing from these new insights – which will be briefly touched upon – further material will be re-analysed and the results presented at the symposium. It is planned to include the cloaks from Vehnemoor (a „Prachtmantel“), Hunteburg (also with broad tablet weaves) and Neddenaverbergen (with differently constructed edges). The comparison with the before mentioned material will lead to further conclusions about the know-how of the time and about regional and possibly supra-regional connections.

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