

Herwig Wolfram, The beginnings of Bavaria – surrounded by doubt (p. 82–90)

In 1210, a conference of historians, archaeologists and philologists dealt, once more, with the beginnings of early medieval Bavaria. Two years later, the contributions appeared in print in the volume „Die Anfänge Bayerns. Von Raetien und Noricum zur frühmittelalterlichen Baiouaria“, edited by Hubert Fehr and Irmtraut Heitmeier (2012). This paper is a critical and exhaustive review of the volume, discussing its prejudices and aims as well as some contributions in detail, and offers comments, alternatives and additions drawn from the experience of the author, with a special focus on the name of the *Bai(o)varii*.

Schlagworte: Bayern; Ethnogenese; Namenforschung; Frühmittelalter

Keywords: Bavaria; ethnogenesis; onomastics; early middle ages