

## Population and Social Structure of Tasmola Culture

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**ABSTRACT** In the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC, the early Sakas settled by the steppes of Ural-Kazakhstan in the historical community of the *Tasmola culture*. Under its development maximum, it covered considerable territories from east slopes of South Ural in the West to Chingiztau Mountains in the East, from forest-steppe strip of Zauralie and Western Siberia in the North to Lake Balkhash and Betpakdala Desert in the South. The core of this community – the Central Kazakhstan's Tasmola archaeological culture - received scientific justification in the fundamental work of Kadyrbayev in 1966. Except for some generalized works, the grand question which didn't receive proper interpretation about the *Tasmola* tribes is the socio-demographic characteristics of the Tasmola society.