

Epirus in the Roman World
and the New Research on the Acropolis of Butrint
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New Research on the Acropolis of Butrint

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The Acropolis of Butrint preserves traces of its long history from the earliest phases dating back to the Archaic period.

Archaeological research was conducted several times during this century until the start of systematic investigations by the new Italo-Albanian project in 2015 (Butrint Project).

The multi-layered archaeological context and the complex story of archaeological research make it necessary to compare the protagonists of yesterday and today.

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With the end of the third Macedonian war, north-western Greece entered the sphere of the Roman world. The region entered the provinces of Macedonia (II BC) and Achaia (I BC) before Trajan established the province of Epirus. The most recent archaeological research shows the different political, economic and social dynamics that this meeting has produced in the various centres.

Some cities of the coastal and northern Epirus seem in fact to thrive even after the Roman conquest, while other centres suffer abrupt destruction. The degree of adherence to Roman culture can be perceived through the analysis of urban development, funerary ritual, material culture: the luck or abandonment of the various centres is reflected in the analysis of these aspects.

Day 1, 10.11.2022

Epirus in the Roman World: an overview

Aula Prodi (10:30-13:00)

Luan Përzhita (Academy for Albanian Studies)
Belisa Muka (Albanian Institute of Archaeology)
Enrico Giorgi (University of Bologna)
Institutional greetings and opening

Björn Forsén (University of Helsinki)
The First Century after the Deluge. Some New Light on Epirus post 167 BC

Georgia Pliakou (Ephorate of Antiquities of Thesprotia)
The hinterland of Epirus in Roman times. The case of the Ioannina basin in Molossia

Will Bowden (University of Nottingham)
The Villas of Roman Epirus in their cultural context

Anna Gamberini (University of Bologna)
Living in Phoinike in Roman Times: the pottery evidence

Discussion

Butrint Project: new research on the Acropolis

Aula Gambi (14:00-18:30)

Richard Hodges (American University of Rome)
Greetings

Belisa Muka (Albanian Institute of Archaeology)
Introduction

Catherine Morgan (University of Oxford)
Chair

Veronica Castignani, Francesco Pizzimenti (British School at Rome, University of Bologna)
The wall-circuit of the Acropolis: the new topographic survey

Federica Carbotti, Daniela Dodaj, Taip Kaca, Matteo Rivoli
(Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Bologna)
The excavations on the Acropolis of Butrint

Francesca D'Ambola (University of Bologna)
Sacred spaces on the Acropolis: a deposit of sling shots inside the Archaic walls of Butrint

Nadia Aleotti (Sapienza University of Rome)
Archaic pottery from the 2021 and 2022 excavations in Butrint

Discussion

Day 2, 11.11.2022

Epirus in the Roman World – between Hellenistic and Roman age

Aula Prodi (09:00-12:00)

Enrico Giorgi (University of Bologna)

Chair

Veronica Castignani (British School at Rome)

Fortified hilltop sites in Chaonia: new considerations

Giacomo Sigismondo (University of Bologna)

New data from the fortified farmhouses of Malathrea, Çuka and Çumpora

Julian Bogdani (Sapienza University of Rome)

Kestrine: new data for the long-term archaeology of a border region

Luigi Maria Calì, Gian Michele Gerogiannis (University of Catania), Rodolfo Brancato (University of Naples Federico II)

Fortification and land management models from Hellenistic to Roman Epirus

Discussion and final greetings

Directors and researchers of the Italian archaeological projects in Albania will also join the discussion:

Giuseppe Lepore, Francesco Belfiori (University of Bologna),

Roberto Perna, Simona Antolini (University of Macerata)

Sonia Antonelli (University of Chieti Gabriele D'Annunzio)

Pasquale Merola (CNR-ISPC Lecce)