



***Epirus in the Roman World  
and the New Research on the Acropolis of Butrint***  
**by the Albanian Institute of Archaeology and the University of Bologna**



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### ***New Research on the Acropolis of Butrint***

*(Proposed by Belisa Muka, Enrico Giorgi, Federica Carbotti)*

*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 history of archaeological research make it necessary to compare the protagonists of yesterday and today.*

### ***Epirus in the Roman World***

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*With the end of the third Macedonian war, north-western Greece entered the sphere of the Roman world. The region was included in the provinces of Macedonia (2<sup>nd</sup> century BC) and Achaia (1<sup>st</sup> century BC) before Trajan established the province of Epirus. The most recent archaeological research shows the different political, economic, and social dynamics that this meeting resulted in the various centres. Indeed, some cities in coastal and northern Epirus seem to thrive even after the Roman conquest, while others suffer abrupt destruction. The degree of adherence to Roman culture can be perceived through the analysis of urban development, funerary ritual, and material culture: the fortune or abandonment of the various centres is reflected in the analysis of these aspects.*



The workshop will also be available online via Microsoft Teams

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## **Day 1 - 10.11.2022**

### **Epirus in the Roman World: an overview**

Aula Gambi (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 (15:00-18:30)

Richard Hodges (American University of Rome)  
*Greetings*

Belisa Muka (Albanian Institute of Archaeology)  
*Introduction*

Catherine Morgan (University of Oxford)  
*Chair*

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

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

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

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

Sofia Cingolani, Roberto Perna, Ludovica Xavier de Silva (University of Macerata)

*From Antigonea to Hadrianopolis: archaeological landscapes and material culture in Chaonia and in the Drino valley between Hellenism and Roman times*

*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),

Simona Antolini (University of Macerata)

Sonia Antonelli (University of Chieti Gabriele D'Annunzio)

Pasquale Merola (CNR-ISPC Lecce)