

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



10-11 November 2022  
Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna  
Department of History and Cultures  
Piazza San Giovanni in Monte 2, Bologna

The workshop will focus on two main topics of research dealing with the scientific activities of the Albanian and Italian Archaeological Project in Butrint (Butrint Project) and the political, economic, and social dynamics resulting from the encounter between ancient Epirus and the Roman world after the third Macedonian war, as seen through the research of Italian and International scientific projects working in Albania.



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)

L. Përzhita, B. Muka (Academy for Albanian studies)  
E. Giorgi (University of Bologna)  
*Institutional greetings and opening*

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

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

W. Bowden (University of Nottingham)  
*The Villas of Roman Epirus in their cultural context*

A. 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)

E. Sulo (Director of the National Park of Butrint)  
R. Hodges (American University of Rome)  
*Greetings*

B. Muka (Albanian Institute of Archaeology)  
*Introduction*

C. Morgan (University of Oxford)  
*Chair*

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

F. Carbotti, M. Rivoli, D. Dodaj, T. Kaca (University of Bologna, Albanian Institute of Archaeology)  
*The excavations on the Acropolis of Butrint*

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

F. 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)

S. Alias (Italian Embassy in Tirana)  
*Greetings*

E. Giorgi (University of Bologna)  
*Chair*

V. Castignani (British School at Rome)  
*Fortified hilltop sites in Chaonia: new considerations*

G. Sigismondo (University of Bologna)  
*New data from the fortified villas of Malathre, Çumporë and Çukë*

J. Bogdani, A. Meta (Sapienza University of Rome, Albanian Institute of Archaeology)  
*Kestrine: new data for the long-term archaeology of a border region*

L. M. Calì, G. M. Gerogiannis, R. Brancato (University of Catania, University of Naples Federico II)  
*Fortification and land management models from Hellenistic to Roman Epirus*

S. Cingolani, R. Perna, L. Xavier de Silva (Direzione Regionale Musei Marche, 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:*

G. Lepore, F. Belfiori (University of Bologna),  
S. Antolini, J. Piccinini (University of Macerata)  
S. Antonelli (University of Chieti Gabriele D'Annunzio)  
P. Merola (CNR-ISPC Lecce)