

# **Sandanski and Its Territory during Prehistory, Antiquity and Middle Ages: Current Trends in Archaeological Research**



**September 17-20, 2015  
Sandanski, Bulgaria**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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### **Thursday, September 17**

- 12:00-14:30** Arrival in Sandanski and check in at Hotel Sveti Nikola (<http://hotelsvetinikola.com/>)
- 14:30-15:00** INTRODUCTION
- 15:00-15:30** **Alexandra Milcheva (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
The history of archaeological research in Sandanski
- 15:30-16:00** **Malgorzata Grebska-Kulov, Ilia Kulov (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad), John Gorczyk (Cornell University)**  
Cultural traditions in the prehistoric settlement at Damyanitsa, Osmanitsa, Sandanski municipality
- 16:00-16:30** **Ilia Kulov (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad)**  
Settlements from the Bronze and Iron Ages on the territory of Sandanski municipality
- 16:30-17:00** **Stefan Alexandrov (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
The Bronze Age necropolis underneath the Episcopal basilica in Sandanski
- 17:00-17:30** **Stoiko Shatov (New Bulgarian University), Velichka Kostova (Sofia University)**  
Pottery analysis of stratum 8B from the rescue excavations at the atrium of the Episcopal basilica in Sandanski
- 19:00-21:00** Welcome reception at hotel Sveti Nikola restaurant sponsored by the municipality of Sandanski

### **Friday, September 18**

- 9:00-9:30** **Georgi Mitrev (Plovdiv University)**  
The data for Paroecopolis/Parthicopolis and the problem on the name of the ancient town at Sandanski
- 9:30-10:00** **Hristina Tsoneva (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad)**  
The establishment and development of the ancient town at Sandanski (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD)
- 10:00-10:30** **Nicolay Sharankov (Sofia University)**  
Parthicopolis in the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD: the epigraphic evidence
- 10:30-11:00** **Angelos Zannis (independent scholar)**  
Society, religion and culture in ancient Sandanski
- 11:00-11:30** COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:00** **Philip Kolev (Sofia University)**  
The road communications in the Middle Strymon valley during the Roman and Late Antique periods
- 12:00-12:30** **Emil Nankov (American Research Center in Sofia)**  
*Sekoma*: a volume standard from Parthicopolis
- 12:30-13:00** **Marina Koleva (Institute of Art Studies, BAS), Vladimir Petkov (Archaeological Museum-Sandanski)**  
Towards the Roman provincial art: a female torso from Sandanski

- 13:00-14:30 LUNCH**
- 14:30-15:00 Romyana Milcheva (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
Soldier imagery on gravestones from the Middle Strymon valley
- 15:00-15:30 Vladimir Petkov (Archaeological Museum-Sandanski), Zdravko Dimitrov (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
Reconstruction of the architectural order from the peristyle courtyard complex of the Episcopal basilica in Sandanski
- 15:30-16:00 Andreas Pülz (Institut für Kulturgeschichte der Antike Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)**  
Considerations on the relief panels from the bishop's basilica in Sandanski, Bulgaria
- 16:00-16:30 Vladimir Petkov (Archaeological Museum-Sandanski), Ivo Topalilov (Shumen University)**  
New data on the Bishop's complex in Parthicopolis
- 19:30-21:30 Dinner at Mediterranean restaurant PLOMARI at hotel Sveti Nikola sponsored by the Archaeological Museum in Sandanski**

## **Saturday, September 19**

- 9:00-9:30 Vanya Popova (Institute of Art Studies, BAS)**  
General survey on pottery and glass from the Roman and Early Byzantine Parthicopolis: import and local production
- 9:30-10:00 Julia Shtapova (Moscow University)**  
The workshop at Partizanska street in Sandanski and its place in Late Antique glass production
- 10:00-10:30 Julia Bozhinova (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad)**  
Rescue excavations at site "Starata poshta" in Sandanski
- 10:30-11:00 Alexandrina Tsoneva (New Bulgarian University), Emil Nankov (American Research Center in Sofia)**  
Some observations on the Pergamene appliqué pottery from the Middle Strymon valley
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30-12:00 Alexander Sultanov (University of Mining and Geology), Kitan Kitanov (National Museum of History)**  
Petrographic and mineralogical analyses on the frescoes from an early Christian tomb in Sandanski
- 12:00-12:30 Vane P. Sekulov (Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments and Museum-Strumica)**  
*Crveno pole* and its relations with cities along *Strymōn* river valley in the Roman and Early Byzantine period
- 12:30-13:00 Nina Hadzhieva, Marina Doychinova (New Bulgarian University)**  
Silver coins from Sandanski and its territory during 6<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> c. BC
- 13:00-13:30 Vladimir Petkov (Archaeological Museum-Sandanski), Sotir Ivanov (Historical Museum-Petrich), Ilya Prokopov (South Western University-Blagoevgrad)**  
Numismatic collection at Archaeological Museum in Sandanski. Greek, Macedonian, Roman Republican, Imperial and provincial bronze coins (4th c. BC – mid 1st c. AD)
- 13:30-14:30 LUNCH**

- 14:30-15:00 Svetla Petrova (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
Quarries and stone and sculptural workshops in the region of Roman and Early Byzantine Parthicopolis
- 15:00-15:30 Svetoslava Filipova (Regional Museum of History-Kyustendil), Vladimir Petkov (Archaeological Museum-Sandanski)**  
Coin circulation in Sandanski during 1st-5th c. AD
- 15:30-16:00 Margarita Andonova (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad)**  
Early Byzantine coinhoard (Justin I, Justinian I, Justin II, Tiberius II Constantine) from the village of Velyushtets, Strumyani municipality
- 16:00-16:30 Metodi Zlatkov (National Institute of Archaeology with Museum, BAS)**  
Sandanski during the Medieval period according to the literary and archaeological data
- 16:30-17:00 Tsvetana Komitova (Regional Museum of History-Blagoevgrad)**  
NAR Melnik– the town during the Antique, Medieval and Revival periods

## Sunday, September 20

- 9:30-11:30** Visit to the Episcopal basilica
- 12:00** Hotel check out and departure



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