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The event will include the exhibition

BULGARIAN MONUMENTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF UNESCO

with the cooperation of the State Institute for Culture at the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The exhibition is dedicated to the 65th anniversary of Bulgarian membership of UNESCO and the 75th anniversary of the founding of UNESCO.



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THE CULT OF THE RULER IN ANTIQUITY AND THE MIDDLE AGES

**JUNE 30-JULY 1, 2022
PLISKA, BULGARIA**

THE CONFERENCE IS DEDICATED TO THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY
OF THE MADARA HORSEMAN FOR
SCHOLARSHIP BY FELIX KANITZ IN 1872.

**Link for online participation:
us02web.zoom.us/j/82584178769**



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PROGRAMME

June 29, 2022

14.00 – 19.00 Arrival, Hotel Hanovete

20.00 Reception, Pliska Reserve

June 30, 2022

Pliska Museum

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 Opening

9.30 – 11.00 Chair Stanislav Stanilov

Augustus as a proconsul in South-Eastern Europe
Kalin Stoev, IBSCT-BAS

The pseudo-tribe and the emperor
Ivo Topalilov, IBSCT-BAS

Palaces and secret underground passages: Aspects of chronology
Stanislav Stanilov, Janko Dimitrov, Andrey Alazdzov

The date and meaning of the “Bulgar” tablet
Todor Chobanov, IBSCT-BAS

The god-kings of the Balkans from the Neolithic times to Antiquity
Svetoslav Stamov, IBSCT-BAS

11.00 – 11.15 *Coffee-break*

11.15 – 13.30 Chair Ivo Topalilov

Octavian’s and Hadrian’s Athens: Greek city and Roman Emperors
Aleksandar Simic, Belgrade University

The origin of Roman Imperial cult in Hispania
Noelia Cases Mora, University of Alicante

Cult of Roman rulers and their roads in Northern Anatolia: Three milestones from Northern Turkey
Ergun Laffi, Dokuz Eylül University

The allegedly Volve's Perun
Evangelos A. Papathanassiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The Augustal Ulpius Domitius Hermes from Ulpia Sarmizegethusa: Aspects of the manifestation of the imperial cult in a border province
Lucretiu Birliba, Ana Honcu, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

Imperial visits in Roman Thrace: Provable facts and desirable fiction
Milena Raycheva, NAIM-BAS

14.00 – 15.30 *Lunch*

15.30 – 16.30 Chair Todor Chobanov

Prince Pribina and his son Chezil – from court of khan Malamir to the Blatnograd (the archaeological evidence)
Valeri Iotov, Varna Regional Museum

The Khan and his “kumihrs” - new details from a graffiti picture
Evgenia Komatarova, NAIM-BAS

The Devtashlari Group # 26 in the Pliska Plain
Mariela Inkova, National History Museum

16.30 – 16.45 *Coffee-break*

17.00 – 18.30 Chair Kalin Stoev

The “Numismatic” rulers of Northern Thrace during Antiquity
Stoyanka Dimitrova, IBSCT-BAS

Notes on the Cult of the Crusader Ruler/Lord: Memory, Relics, Trophies
Kalin Yordanov, IBSCT-BAS

Amulet or distinction: New monument from the collection of the National Museum of History
Panayot Antonov, National History Museum

Comparing the parade attributes of the Madara horseman with items from the Pereshchepina finding
Ivan Ionkov, PhD Student

July 1, 2022

Visit of the Madara horseman relief
Departure