

Greek Inscriptions from Ancient Thrace: Hellenization and its Spatial Extent

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The pilot project shows the potential of combining traditional epigraphic data with the modern geographic information system (GIS). GIS allows for the display and analysis of different epigraphic attributes in an understandable way, so this connection opens a new path in the perception of ancient societies. As an example, corpus IG Bulg I,2 was chosen, covering the Black Sea part of Bulgaria, and the phenomenon of the Thracian rider/hero. As the space of this poster is very limited, only a few features were chosen to highlight these new possibilities, so the potential of GIS is far greater than this. Three basic analysis and distribution maps illustrate the possible means to present the inscriptional data, such as the geographic distribution of Thracian rider inscriptions, or the incidence of Thracian, Greek and Roman personal names on those inscriptions.