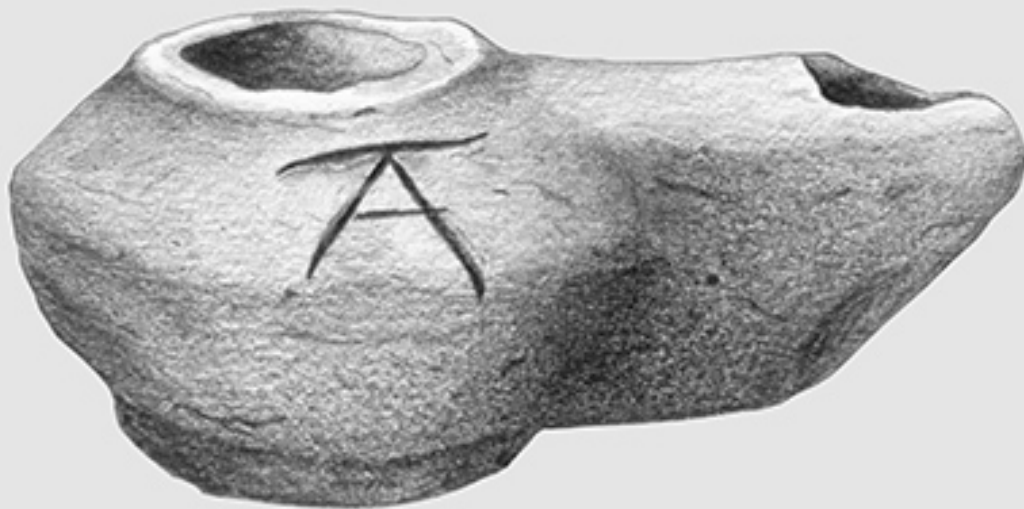


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INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this work is to present a catalogue of the terracotta lamps and the clay moulds used for their production, excavated from the site of Negotino Gradište in the Republic of North Macedonia during excavations conducted over the period from 2007 to 2014. The catalogue consists of 157 artefacts.

The volume starts with an introduction giving basic information about the site of Negotino Gradište and some summary information about lamps in antiquity. In the introduction, there is also an outline of the catalogue entry for individual lamps. The catalogue is divided into three main parts: the first part deals with lamps coming from the site which belongs to the Classical and Hellenistic periods, the second part concerns lamps of the Roman period, and the third part is a summary followed by a conclusion. Drawings and photographs of the lamps are presented at the end of the volume.

Negotino Gradište

Negotino (in Macedonian: Неготино) is situated in the southern part of the Republic of North Macedonia, in the Tikveš basin, alongside the longest river in the country, the Vardar (fig. 1). The distance between Negotino and the capital city Skopje is about 90 km, whereas about 140 km separate Negotino and the Greek city of Thessaloniki. The archaeological site is situated on a plateau (fig. 2) with a surface area of approximately 3,5 hectares, about 180 meters above sea level, on the outskirts of the modern town, about 2 km northeast of the main town centre.

Situated on Negotino Gradište are the remains of an ancient settlement. The site was first identified thanks to the fortifications which protruded out of the ground. The first record of the site was made by Professor Ivan Mikulčić, who carried out a surface survey of the region in the 1960s (Mikulčić 1999: 171-173). Following a brief investigation of the site by a Yugoslav archaeological team in the 1980s, the first archaeological excavations were carried out on the plateau as late as 2007 by Negotino Town Museum under the direction of Kiro Angelov. Systematic, documented, archaeological excavations have been carried out at Negotino Gradište on an annual basis since 2009 by an international project entitled “Negotino: The Middle Valley of the River Vardar (Macedonia) in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods”. The principal funding for the project was initially provided by the Instituto Valenciano de Estudios Clasicos y Orientales (IVECO, an Institute within Fundacion Libertas 7) represented by Alejandro Noguera Borel, PhD up to 2011, and from 2012 until 2015 by the Polish National Research Centre (Narodowe Centrum Nauki: nr UMO-2011/03/B/HS3/04669 pt. “Negotino: Dolina środkowego Wardaru (Macedonia) w okresie hellenistycznym i rzymskim”). Other significant funding has been provided to the project by the Macedonian Ministry of Culture, the Faculty of Historical Studies, Gdańsk University, and a private Polish sponsor,