

SOME SOCIAL LARYERS IN DURRËS DURING ROMAN PERIOD

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Abstract

The main purpose of this presentation is to identify some social stratum that had existed in Dyrrachium during the Roman Period. Dyrrachium was the most important city in the ancient period in Albanian territory. It inhabited by thousand citizens from I century AD to IV century AD. The Dyrrachium inhabitants divided in different social stratum in Roman Period. I will mention some social stratum identified in Durrës so far.

Reach questions/Applied scientific methods: I will use some source in my paper how the archaeological excavation that are made in Durrës in these last fifty years. Also, I will use the ancient authors that had spoken or had mentioned some social layers in Dyrrachium during Roman Period. I will analyze data from case finds that are found in Durrës and I will use the comparative method with other ancient city in Albania or in other city that had contacts with Dyrrachium in these period where are found data for social layers.

Data analysis/Findings/Main results: The results have told us that the Dyrrachium inhabitants classified in some different social layers in I-IV century AD. Durrës was a city where the citizens weren't classified in to layers, the aristocracy and the slaves, but the inhabitants were classified in more social layers. Naturally, it is impossible to identify all social layers that had in Dyrrachium in I-IV century AD because of scarce archaeological finds and other data.

Suggestions/Conclusions: The study has told that the Dyrrachium citizens were classified in three social layers, the upper social layer or the aristocracy, the middle social layer and the lower social layer or the slave. These layers were separated in other minor social layers, where each had a special social position.

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