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Mediana, Naissus © Institute of Archaeology, Belgrade

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# NAISSUS

## THE BIRHTOWN OF CONSTANTINE THE GREAT IN THE LIGHT OF HIS REIGN AND THE REIGN OF HIS SUCCESSORS. ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTIMONIES

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The results of so-far led archaeological excavations in the territory of modern city Niš, ancient Naissus and the capital of Roman province Dardania, showed that during the reign of Constantine the Great and his successors, the centre flourished and was transformed with numerous building activities. Architectural reconstructions of already existing objects and the constructing of new monumental, richly decorated buildings, depicted the emperor's ideology connected to the place where he was born and made Naissus into one of the most important strategic areas in the Central Balkans Roman provinces in the period of the Late Antiquity. Most thoroughly, this process can be observed at the locality Mediana, where Constantine built complex of buildings with different functions, with monumental and luxurious villa with peristyle at the centre of the settlement. Beside Mediana, other localities in Naissus will be discussed, and their architectural and archaeological remains (fresco painting, mosaics, sculptures etc.), which confirm the emperor's wish to, simultaneously with establishing, building and decorating the new capital of Roman empire Constantinopolis, mark and emphasize the importance of his birthplace.

Im Anschluss bitten wir zu einem Glas Wein.

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