

Roman roads and milestones in Macedonia*

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Mme Stankovska in this thesis examines the Roman road system in the whole of Ancient Macedonia, although particular care is given to the area that is now included in the Republic of Macedonia.

Copious amounts of technical data concerning the tracing, construction, dimensions, tools and other equipment used to construct and maintain the road system are given after which the author examines the itineraries given in the sources (especially *Tabula Peutingeriana*, *Itinerarium Antonini Augusti* and *Itinerarium Burdigalense sive Hierosolymitanum*) and draws on information gleaned by the milestones (*milliaria*) that have thus far been found, and examines the placement of the stations along the roads.

A special emphasis is given to the *Via Egnatia*, examining its itinerary between Dyrrachium and Lychnidos, from there tracing it to Heraclea and finally following in the Thessalonica. The *Via Axia* is also examined in detail as are the routes that interconnect the two principal highways and especially the road running between Heraclea-Stobi-Pautalia.

A final portion of this thesis, also of particular interest, is a combination of all the data gained from the aforementioned sources, and especially from the tracing of the routes themselves, to draw conclusions as to the geographic situation of a certain number of ancient sites as well as the influence that the largest cities of the region had on the tracing of the routes, but also as to the influence that the routes had on the cities themselves.

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