

A Danish Pioneer in Macedonia: Karl Frederik Kinch and his studies on Halkidiki in the late 19th century

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In the late 19th and beginning of the 20th century the grounds were laid for a Danish contribution to the archaeological field work in the Mediterranean region. Karl Frederik Kinch (1853-1921), archaeologist and philologist, played a key role in the Rhodes Expedition (1902-1914), the first large-scale Danish excavation project on Greek territory. However, it is less well-known that he in the 1880's and early 1890's carried out several archaeological and topographical surveys in northern Greece, aiming – as the first scholar – to locate the ancient cities on the Halkidiki peninsula. The lecture will give an insight into the life of Karl Frederik Kinch and his pioneering work in northern Greece.



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