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The Danish Institute at Athens
is pleased to invite you to a lecture in English

“A monumental public building at the foot of the Rhodian Acropolis”

by

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Monday 12th of November at 19.00
in the auditorium of the Institute, Herefondos 14A, Plaka, Athens

Rescue excavations in the 1960s and 1970s brought to light a building complex of considerable size at the eastern foot of the Rhodian Acropolis. The east and south sides of the building have been largely revealed. They are articulated by porticoes, in the fill of which numerous inscribed pedestals were found. Initially, the complex was identified by the excavator as the ‘temenos of Helios’ on the basis of a small group of pedestals that refer to the priests of Helios. This view was later revised with arguments in support of an identification as the ‘oikos of the priests of Helios’. At any rate, it can be said that this was a major public building, lying on the main artery of the ancient city, and its function remains to be more precisely clarified. The thorough publication of this important building, announced by the excavator, will now be realized with the systematic study of the architectural remains as well as the archaeological finds as part of a collaboration between the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Dodecanese and the ‘Rhodes Centennial Project’. The lecture will provide a preliminary assessment of the chronology and the finds, in an effort to evaluate the place and the significance of the complex in the Rhodian cityscape.

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