

Ancient inscriptions in the H-GIS of Thrace

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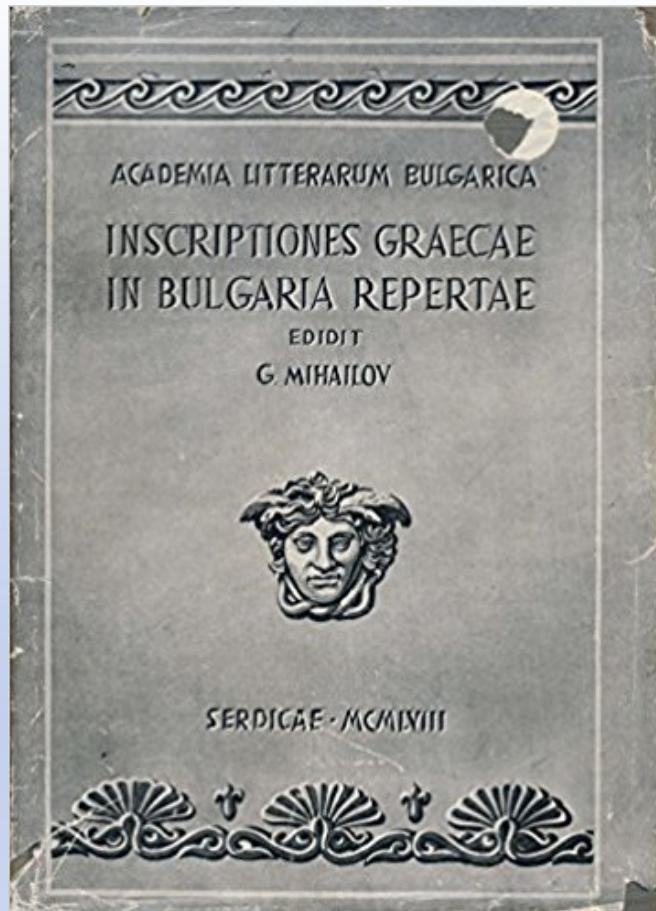
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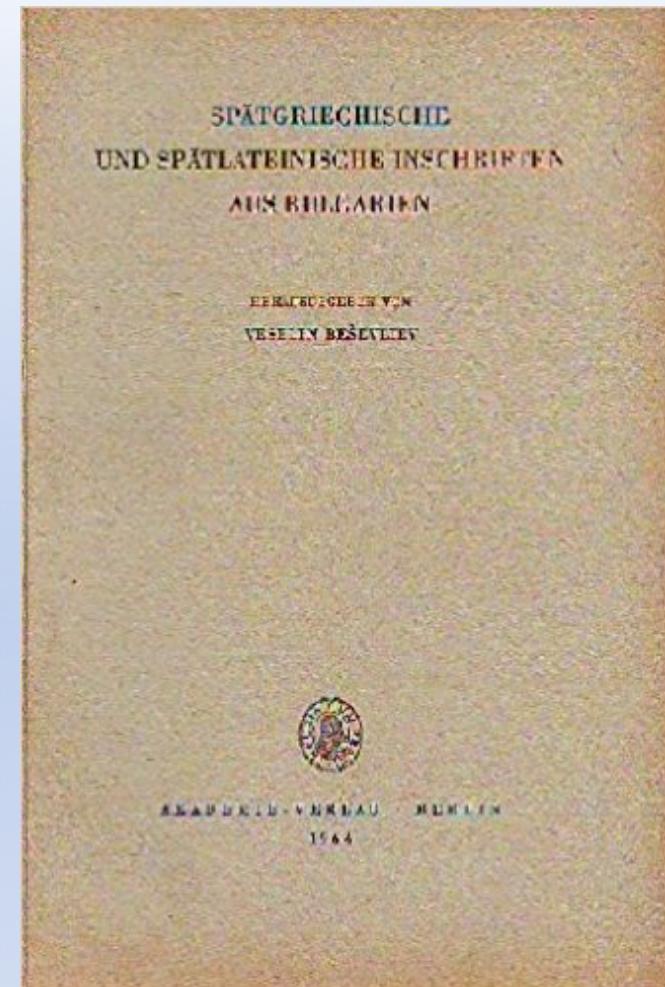
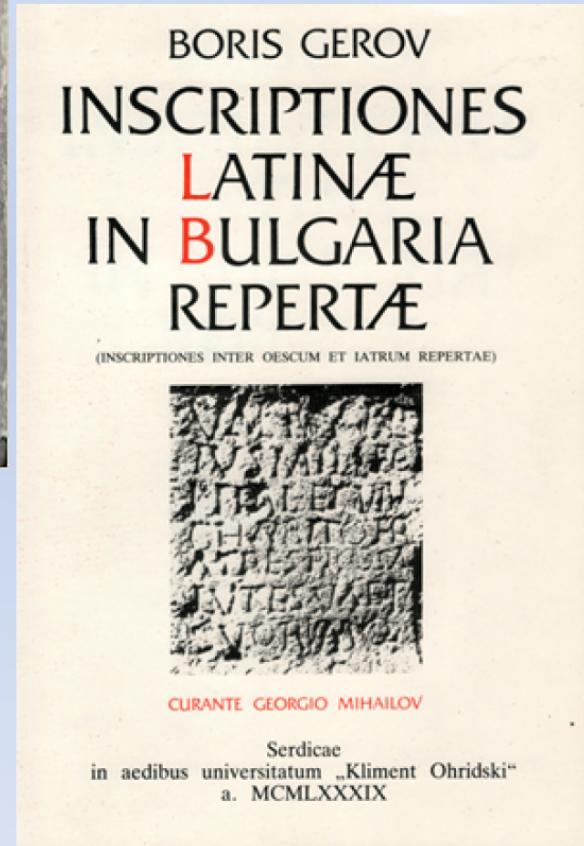
- 6. c. BCE – 4./6. CE
- More than 3500 Greek and more than 1000 Latin
- Published and unpublished



*The stele of Deines
(Apollonia, 6.-5.
BCE)*



Corpora



Periods and territory



Online

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open at the top. The active tab displays the website telamon.proclassics.org. The page header features a decorative background image of an ancient Greek inscription on stone. The text "ΕΛΛΗΝΟΙ ΤΕΛΑΜΩΝ ΠΑΡΧΕΤΑΣ ΘΡΑΚΙΩΝ ΣΘΡΑΚΩΝ ΝΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΕΟΣ ΤΑΡΣΑΣ ΒΑΣΙΣ ΣΟΥΝΙΟΥ" is visible in the background. Overlaid on this are the project's name "TELAMON" in large blue letters and the subtitle "ONLINE LIBRARY OF THE ANCIENT GREEK INSCRIPTIONS FROM BULGARIA". A search bar with the placeholder "search..." is positioned in the upper right. On the left side of the main content area, there is a sidebar with three sections: "Main Menu" containing links to "Home", "Web Links", and "Catalogue"; "Dynamic Tree" listing categories like "Directory", "Administrative acts", "Catalogues", "Funerary inscriptions", "Honorable inscriptions", "Instrumentum", "Public works, buildings, r", and "Sacred inscriptions"; and a "Search Directory" section. The main content area itself is titled "The Aim of the Telamon Project" and contains two paragraphs explaining the project's goals and methods. At the bottom of the browser window, the taskbar shows several open files and system icons.

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The Aim of the Telamon Project

The aim of the Telamon project, which is hosted by [St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, Department of Classics](#), is to create a digital library of the ancient Greek inscriptions found in Bulgaria. Their total number counts more than 3500 written in a period of about 1000 years (6th century BC — 4th century AD). Georgi Mihailov publishes those that have been discovered up to the mid 80's in *Inscriptiones Graecae in Bulgaria repertae*.

The focus is currently on the digitising of the inscriptions of the most eminent poleis of the Roman Thrace, Philippopolis and Augusta Traiana. They are approximately 1600, 1200 of which are already included in IGBulg. A third of them, however, need some revision or correction, while other 400 are unpublished or published in dispersed and often inaccessible publications in Bulgarian. Therefore, we hope that the creating of an electronic database of these inscriptions will facilitate the study of the history, culture, and language both of the Bulgarian lands in antiquity and of the Greco-Roman civilization as a whole.

The main standard of applying the XML language in encoding the epigraphic monuments, known as [EpiDoc](#) (as a part of [TEI](#)) and developed by an international team of specialists, will be put into operation.

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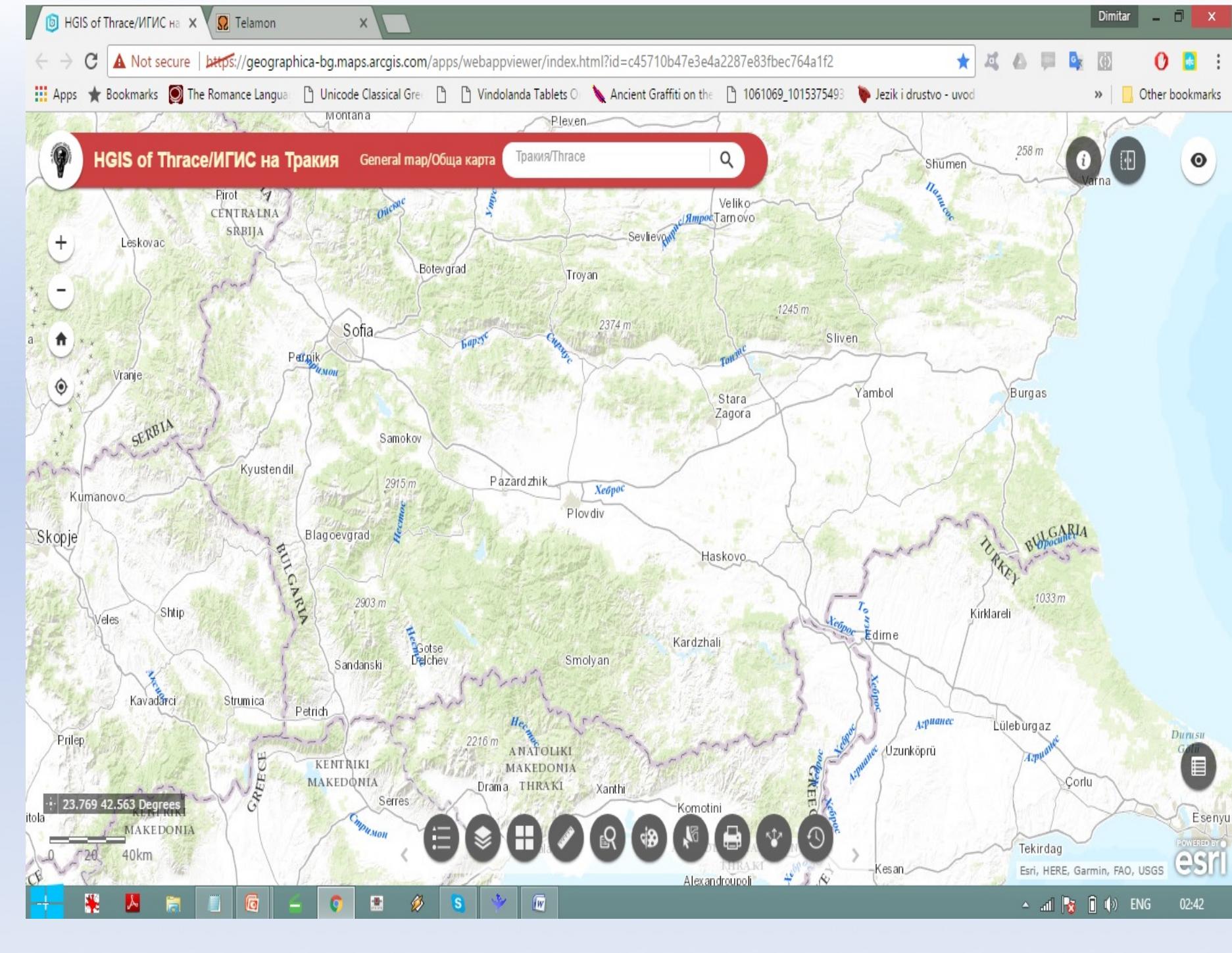
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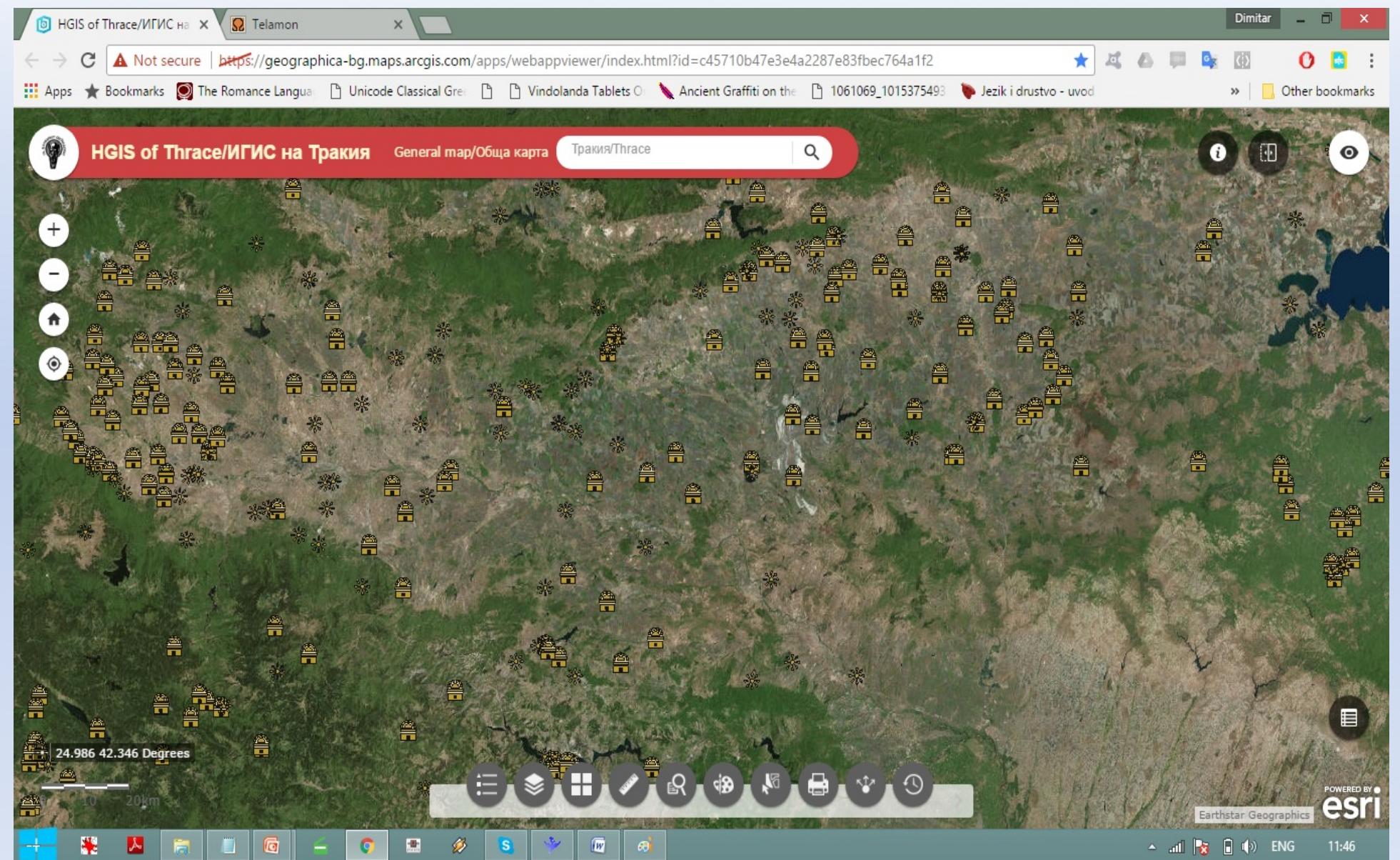
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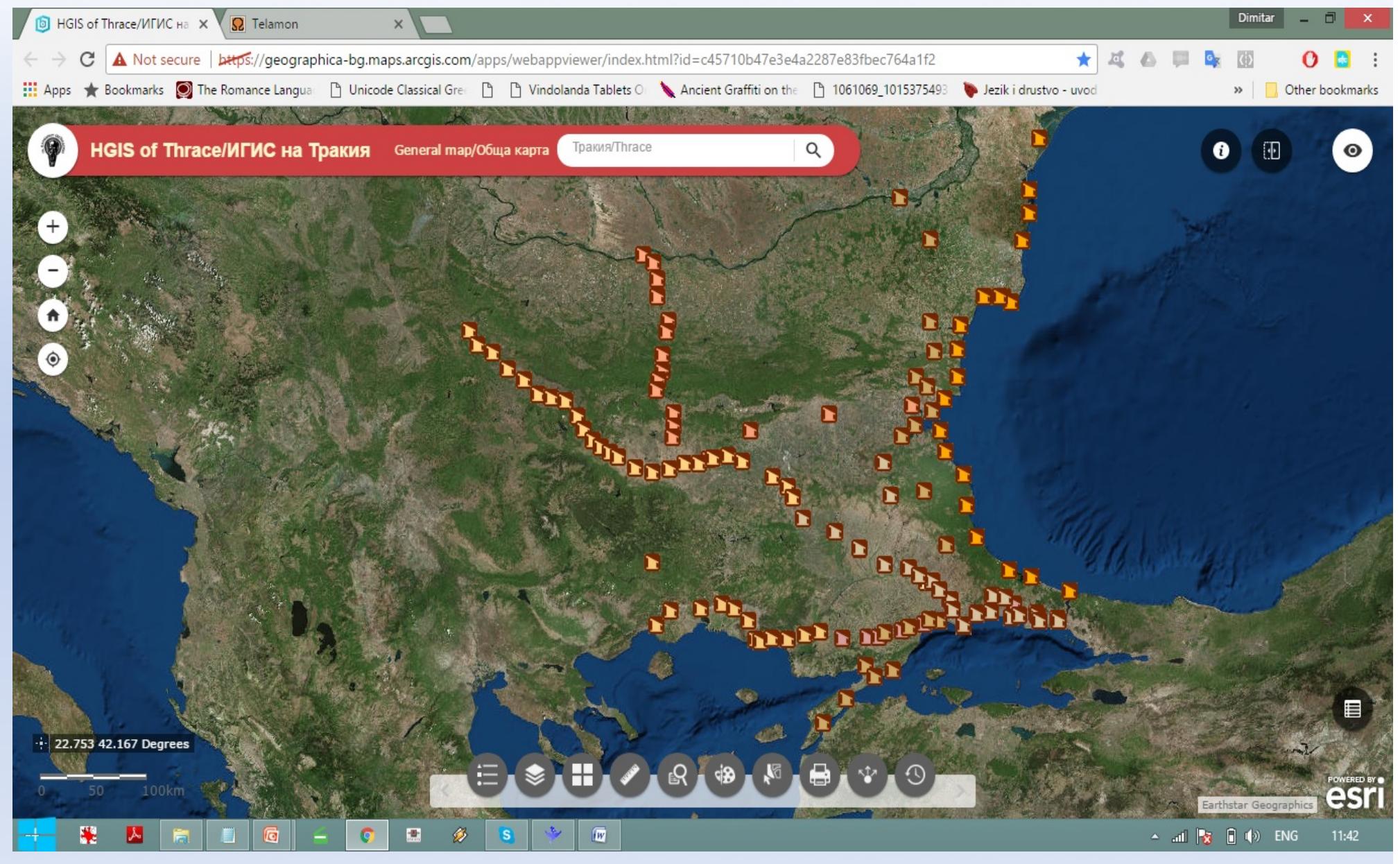
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Ancient objects - 2

- Natural vs. man-made
- Named vs. unnamed







Ghost cities vs. ghost inscriptions



Civitas Heracleotarum

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G. Mitrev. Civitas Heracleotarum: Heracleia Sintica or the Ancient City at the Village of Rupite (Bulgaria). – Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik (ZPE) 145, 2003, 263-272.



Ghost cities vs. ghost inscriptions-2

The screenshot shows a web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) application titled "HGIS of Thrace/ИГИС на Тракия". The map displays a satellite view of the Thrace region, with numerous yellow markers scattered across the landscape, representing the locations of ancient cities. A callout box is open over one of these markers, providing the following details:

Римски градове: Никополис ад Иструм

ID	14.00
Име	Никополис
Name	Nikyup
Историческо име	Никополис ад Иструм
Historical name	Nicopolis ad Istrum
Съвременно име	Никополис
Modern name	Nikyup
Алтернативно име	
Alternative name	
Ancient alternative name	Νικόπολις προς Αἴμουνα
Име според извода	Νικόπολις προς Ιστρον

Zoom to

The map interface includes various controls for zooming, panning, and searching. The bottom status bar shows coordinates (23.769 42.885 Degrees), a scale bar (0-20Km), and system status (POWERED by esri, Earthstar Geographics, ENG, 11:50).

Smaller scale

