

FAST Lecture:
New Multi-disciplinary Investigations at an Ancient Greek City:
The Olynthos Project 2014

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Description:

In 2014 archaeologists from the University of Michigan embarked on a new collaborative fieldwork project at the site of the classical city of Olynthos, in northern Greece. Previous work at the site revealed something of the urban topography and uncovered large numbers of houses. Nevertheless, many questions remain about the range of buildings in the city and about the nature of its different neighborhoods. Although about 100 houses have previously investigated, little is known about the nature of the domestic economy and the social relationships within and between households. The Olynthos Project has begun to address these problems using a range of different archaeological techniques—from geophysics to micro-archaeology. The project is a collaboration with colleagues from the 16th Ephoreia of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities (Thessaloniki) and the University of Liverpool (U.K.). The work is taking place under the aegis of the British School at Athens and with permission from the Greek Ministry of Culture.