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These papers derive from a conference *Heraclea Sintica: from Hellenistic polis to Roman civitas* (4th c. BC-6th c. AD), organized by the American Research Center in Sofia, in collaboration with the National Institute of Archaeology with Museum and the Museum of History in Petrich. The conference, which took place in the town of Petrich on September 19-21, 2013, brought together 17 scholars from different fields to present their latest research and excavation results on the archaeology and history of Heraclea Sintica. The topics of presentations included historical geography, text-critical analyses of literary sources and inscriptions, new syntheses of archaeological and numismatic data, art historical treatments of little known or unpublished artifacts, etc. By addressing a variety of subjects and utilizing different methodologies, we sought to provide a holistic and diachronic view of the site's complex history, from a tribal center of the Sintians to an important Roman provincial town.

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