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Onomastics and linguistic contact: the Greek colonies of the Aegean Thrace

In recent years, scholarly interest in exploring the northern coast of Aegean Thrace has boosted current research in this multilingual and multidialectal region. New corpora of inscriptions (*I. Thrake Aeg.* 2005; *Ἀρχαία Ζώνη I* 2015), as well as up-to-date linguistic descriptions on Greek and Thracian languages have enhanced and completed our knowledge concerning cross-linguistic and cultural interactions in this area. Thracian onomastics and its old tenets have also been re-examined and enriched due to the publication of new onomastic *repertoires* (*LGPNIIV*; *Onomasticon Thracicum*), prosopographic studies (Parissaki 2007), and other different works related to the existence of *noms d'assonance* and to the Hellenization of non-Greek names (Dana 2017, 2019, 2020) among others.

The objective of this work is to analyse language contact phenomena in the extant onomastic stock of personal names coming from Aegean Thrace, a region which, according to Dana's classification (2014, LXXVII), belongs to a transitional onomastic area. We will examine the material coming from these Greek colonies, considering a twofold Greek and a non-Greek approach. We will focus on the linguistic analysis of proper Greek anthroponyms vs. Thracian and Roman names, and hybrid names and formulae. We seek to determine the type of linguistic and dialect contact produced diachronically in this area and to define its *transitional* character. Particular attention will be paid to the emergence and diffusion of morphological processes of Hellenization of Thracian names, and to the mixed character of some formulae (cf. Ἀδα Βοστᾶδος [*I. Thrake Aeg.* E411 Zone, ca. 350-300 BC], in which Ἀδα has been considered a traditional Carian name).

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