

Some Facets of Early Roman Urbanization of Roman Dacia

(Summary)

The paper brings in attention the early stages of Roman urbanization of Roman Dacia. After the Roman-Dacian wars, in 106 A.D., the new emerged roman province of Dacia was confronted with a new social process, that of Roman urbanization.

After the conquer of Dacia and the emergence of the new Roman province, the Roman State will start to implement a new way of life, the Roman one, to integrate economically, socially, religiously, politically and culturally the new province in the Roman world.

The first Roman town of the new province was *Ulpia Traiana Sarmizegetusa*, who was a *colonia deducta* in Trajan's time, (108-111 A.D.). Here, very soon, a new and prosperous Roman community appeared, visible with the help of epigraphic inscriptions. Analyzing these inscriptions we noticed the quick appearance of *negotiatores* even at the start of the new *colonia*.

This study tries to point out the role of merchants (*negotiatores*) in Roman urbanization of Roman Dacia, that in our opinion is quite important. The presence of merchants in the new *colonia* is primarily due to the need of Roman imported products of the citizens from the new town.