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A LOOK AT THE STUDIES ON ANHIALO (END OF 15TH – 17TH CENTURY)

(Summary)

Over the past sixty years Ottomanists, researchers of local history, church historians, numismatists managed by their research to unveil to a large extent the history of Anchialo in the period from the end of 15th to the 17th century. Adamandios Diamandopoulos, Bistra Tsvetkova Elena Grozdanova, Ivan Tyutyundzhiev, Krasimir Krastev, Ventsislav Karavalchev and others are among the most prominent researchers working in this direction. Anchialo past falls albeit at the margins of scientific research of other great names in domestic and foreign historiography such as Nikolay Todorov and Mustafa T. Gyokbilgin. The interest of scientists was prompted by the significant role that the town played in the Black Sea region, then controlled by the Ottoman Empire. Anchialo is the center of extensive kaaza, spiritual center, an important port and one of the largest salt-producing centers in the Ottoman Empire. Studies on Anchialo show in depth its economic, demographic and political development during the Ottoman domination, and are contribution to the scientific disclosure of the historical picture of the Balkans in the 15th – 17th century.