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***Ius iurandum Macedonum and the Tauropolos of
Amphipolis versus Artemis of Orthagoreia in Thrace***

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ABSTRACT:

The aim of this paper is to present all evidence concerning the *horkioi theoi* of the Macedonians, to concentrate on the Tauropolos and to explain how and why the Amphipolitan Artemis was promoted to the goddess that followed the Macedonain army to the edge of the world, and continued to play a significant role in Macedonia under the last Antigonids and also during the early years of Roman presence. We will turn then to the first appearance of Artemis in Macedonian royal iconography at Amphipolis and her links with the city of Orthagoreia in Aegean Thrace, a short-lived foundation of Philip II, its coinage and name that will explain in connection with Artemis.