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## ***The Erechtheion on the Acropolis of Athens***

### **ABSTRACT**

The location of the temple of the mythical king Erechtheus, known as the “Erechtheion,” on the Acropolis of Athens is an old topographical problem. Over the centuries, the Erechtheion’s traditional identification with a part of the Caryatid Temple on the north side of the Acropolis has attracted considerable doubt. However, alternative locations for the Erechtheion have not been commonly accepted. In this presentation, I consider archaeological and textual evidence to suggest that the Erechtheion stood on the Dörpfeld foundations in the middle of the Acropolis, where many scholars already locate the archaic, pre-Persian incarnation of the Erechtheion.