



ACHAEMENID WORKSHOP 2

THE ACHAEMENID PERSIAN EMPIRE AND IMPERIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST (7TH C. BC – 2ND C. BC)



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Workshops

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, JULY 3

Arrival and Opening

- 16:00–16:30 **Welcome addresses**
Robert Rollinger | Innsbruck/Wrocław and **M. Rahim Shayegan** | Los Angeles, Organizers
Veronika Sexl | Rector, University of Innsbruck
Dirk Rupnow | Dean, Faculty of Philosophy and History, University of Innsbruck
Brigitte Truschnegg | Vice-Dean, Faculty of Philosophy and History, University of Innsbruck
- 16:30–16:45 **Josef Wiesehöfer** | Kiel
Amélie Kuhrt Memorial
- 16:45–17:15 **Robert Rollinger** | Innsbruck/Wrocław
The Achaemenid–Persian Empire and Imperial Transformation
- 17:15–17:45 BREAK
- 17:45–18:15 **Keynote 1**
Hans Neumann | Münster
Reichsbildungen im alten Vorderasien und das Problem der Periodisierung altorientalischer Gesellschaftsgeschichte
- 18:15–18:45 **Keynote 2**
Miguel John Versluys | Leiden
Containing Connectivity. Empires and Globalisation in the Axial Age
- 18:45–19:15 **Discussion**

TUESDAY, JULY 4

SECTION 1

Continuity and Discontinuity of Empire in the Ancient Near East: From the Sargonids to the Teispids

Chair: Charles Howley | Los Angeles

- 09:00–09:45 **Keynote 3**
Karen Radner | Munich
Assyria after the age of conquest: new approaches to crown and imperial administration in the 7th century BC
- 09:45–10:15 ~~**Helen Madreiter** | Innsbruck
Aspects of Leadership in Times of Hegemonic Overreach – Some Thoughts on the Transformation of the Assyrian Empire~~
- 10:15–10:45 BREAK
- Chair: Martin Lang | Innsbruck*
- 10:45–11:15 **Sebastian Fink** | Innsbruck
Imperial Possibilities and the Radius of Actions
- 11:15–11:45 **Giovanni B. Lanfranchi** | Padua
The Assyrian Unification of the Ancient Near East under the Sargonid Kings: A Durable Transformation
- 11:45–13:30 LUNCH

SECTION 2

The Achaemenid Persian Empire and Structure: Aspects of Continuity and Discontinuity in Dialogue

Chair: Hong Chen | Los Angeles

- 14:15–14:45** **Walter Kuntner and Sandra Heinsch** | Innsbruck
The End of Urartu as an Archaeological Phenomenon of Cultural Continuity
- 14:45–15:15** **Ali Mousavi** | Los Angeles
The Achaemenids between Tradition and Innovation: An Archaeological Perspective
- 15:15–15:45** BREAK

Intersection I: New Generation – New Thoughts

Chair: Alejandro Boucabeille and Elisabeth Pangerl | Innsbruck

- 15:45–16:05** **Melanie Groß** | Leiden
From Assyria to Persia – putting state officials in context
- 16:05–16:25** **Marissa Stevens** | Los Angeles
Persian Influences on Egyptian Perspectives: Demonstrating Authority through Nuance
- 16:25–16:45** **Bernhard Schneider** | Warsaw
The Nippur Region: From the “Heartland of the Cities” to a Rural Imperial Landscape?
- 16:45–17:15** **Plenary Discussion**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

SECTION 3

The Achaemenid Persian Empire and Regionality: Aspects of Continuity and Discontinuity in Dialogue

Chair: Emma Petersen | Los Angeles

- 09:00–09:45** **Keynote 5**
Matthew Canepa | Irvine
Achaemenid Luxury Material and Commensal Politics and their Legacy and Reinvention after Alexander
- 09:45–10:15** **Wu Xin** | Shanghai
Origin of Fire Temples and the Achaemenid Domination in Central Asia
- 10:15–10:45** **Kristin Joachimsen** | Oslo
The Persian king and his Jewish queen as presented from a Jewish subaltern point of view in the book of Esther (MT)
- 10:45–11:15** BREAK

Chair: Kai Ruffing | Kassel
- 11:15–11:45** **Krzysztof Nawotka** | Wrocław
Burning Enemy Temples in Asia Minor in the Age of Persian Wars
- 11:45–12:15** **Hilmar Klinkott** | Kiel
Satrapal Power and Royal Policy – The Transformation of inner political Forces in the Achaemenid Empire
- 12:15–12:45** **Dominik Markl** | Innsbruck
Transformations from Neo-Babylonian to Achaemenid Imperial Theologies and the Rise of Judean Monotheism
- 12:45–14:00** LUNCH



Chair: Lindsay Allen | London

- 14:00–14:30 Antigoni Zournatzi** | Athens
Changing Patterns of Organization and Control along the Western Seaboard of the Achaemenid Empire
- 14:30–15:00 Gian Pietro Basello** | Naples
Echoes of the Achaemenid Imperial Signature in the Book of Ezra

15:00–15:30 BREAK

**Intersection II:
New Generation – New Thoughts**

Chair: Clemens Steintwender and Valentina Cambruzzi | Innsbruck

- 15:30–15:50 Silvia Balatti** | Kiel
From Treaty Stipulation to Military Leadership: Controlling the Troops of the Medes from the Sargonid to the Early Achaemenid Period
- 16:50–16:10 Kateryna Baulina** | Kyiv
Reflection of titles and statuses in the hierarchy of senior officials at the Achaemenid’s royal court: from Neo-Assyrian thought to early Hellenistic periods
- 16:10–16:40 Plenary Discussion**

THURSDAY, JULY 6

**SECTION 4
Continuity and Discontinuity of Empire in the Ancient Near East:
From the Achaemenids to the Seleucids, early Arsacids and Romans
(around 140 BCE)**

Chair: M. Rahim Shayegan | Los Angeles

- 09:00–09:45 Keynote 6
Rolf Strootman** | Utrecht
Iranian Office-holders in the Macedonian Empire (Argeads and Seleucids)
- 09:45–10:15 Charlotte Lerouge-Cohen** | Paris
“Philhellenes” and heirs to the Persians: the Arsacids, the Seleucids and the Greeks until the death of Mithridates I (171-138)

10:15–10:45 BREAK

Chair: Bernhard Palme | Vienna

- 10:45–11:15 Fabrizio Sinisi** | Vienna
Dealing with Achaemenid legacies in Parthia and Chorasmia, 3rd-1st century BC: different outcomes in different contexts?
- 11:15–11:45 Patrick Sängler** | Münster
Alexander the Great and the Emergence of Hellenistic Egypt: Some Considerations in Administrative History

12:00–13:30 LUNCH

Chair: Jonathan Winerman | Los Angeles

- ~~**13:30–14:00 Sabine Müller** | Marburg
The Achaemenid Empire in Lucian – More than just an ironical (re)view of post-Cynic historiography?~~
- 14:00–14:30 Julian Degen** | Trier
Narrating Imperial Success from the Achaemenid Period to the Late Roman Republic

14:30–15:00 BREAK

**Intersection III:
New Generation – New Thoughts (Doctoral College Entangled
Antiquities, University of Innsbruck and NAWA Project From the
Achaemenids to the Romans, University of Wrocław)**

Chair: Cassandra Lamche and Jörg Schwarz | Innsbruck

- 15:00–15:20** **Florian Posselt** | Innsbruck
Topography and Ethnography in the Neo-Assyrian royal inscriptions
- 15:20–15:40** **Valentina Cambruzzi** | Innsbruck
*Of satraps and generals: discontinuity between Achaemenid and Seleukid
roles(?)*
- 15:40–16:00** **Nina Mazhjo** | Wrocław
Hail to Mithridates! The Pontic King Blessed by the Achaemenid Deity
- 16:00–16:30** **Plenary Discussion**
- 16:30–17:00** BREAK
- 17:00–17:30** **Concluding Remarks**
Kai Ruffing | Kassel and **Josef Wiesehöfer** | Kiel

FRIDAY, JULY 7

- 10:00** **Farewell and Departure**

ORGANIZER:

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