

War in the Ancient World International Conference 2024

- European part

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June 13th

9:00 Welcome

9:35–12:00 Greek mercenaries (Chair: WOLFGANG SPICKERMANN) SZ 01.18

LENNART GILHAUS (Bonn, Germany / Essen, Germany) – The violence of the Ten Thousand: Dynamics and practices of a Greek community of violence

ISABELL TSCHERNIG (Graz, Austria) – *Peltasts*: Mercenaries, allies or citizen-soldiers?

ALEXANDER SCHACHNER (Graz, Austria) – From Iphicrates to Blackwater: What modern private military contractors can tell us about ancient Greek mercenaries

KLAUS TAUSEND (Graz, Austria) – Mercenaries in Mycenaean Greece?

9:35–12:00 Roman republic (Chair: FERNANDO ECHEVERRÍA) SR 15.33

FABRIZIO BIGLINO (Turin, Italy) – Losing the battle, winning the war? The crisis of the Roman army during the mid-second century BC

OLIVER BRÄCKEL (Leipzig, Germany) – The battle of Carrhae and its consequences

MIGUEL ESTEBAN PAYNO (Madrid, Spain) – Warlike tension, war effort and military contribution: On the Celtiberian armies of the first Celtiberian war (182–179 BCE)

BORJA VERTEDOR BALLESTEROS (Palma, Spain) – The sword and the word: Roman-republican military officers acting as ambassadors (218–146 BC)

12:00–12:20 Coffee break

12:20–13:30 Weapons (Chair: KLAUS TAUSEND) SZ 01.18

SOBHI ASHOUR (Cairo, Egypt) / ERRIKOS MANIOTIS (Brno, Czech Republic) – Hellenistic and Roman era weapons from the Graeco-Roman Museum (GRM) of Alexandria, Egypt

HENRIC JANSEN (Leiden, Netherlands) – Ancient Greek narratives on the invention of weapons

12:20–13:30 Roman imperial warfare I (Chair: MATTHIAS SCHOLLER) SR 15.33

HAGGAI OLSHANETSKY (Warsaw, Poland) – Integration rather than racism: The observance of kashrut as a case study for the integration of minorities in the Roman army

FLORIAN WIENINGER (Passau, Germany) – The sack of Cremona 69 AD – or how the Romans usually did not plunder cities

13:30–15:00 Lunch break

15:40–17:25 Getting your point across: Ancient warfare for the masses (Chair: LENNART GILHAUS) SZ 01.18

MURRAY DAHM (Auckland, New Zealand) – Eyes on the prize: Getting your ancient military point across to a general audience

JASPER OORTHUYNS (Zutphen, Netherlands) – Tailoring for the audience

LINDSAY POWELL (Austin, Texas) – Talking about ancient warfare via news media

15:00–17:25 Rome imperial warfare II (Chair: KATHARINA RIEGER) SR 15.33

JOANNE BALL (Liverpool, England) – Adapting to circumstances: The evolution of Roman field tactics during the insurrection of Tacfarinas (AD 17–24)

DAVID SERRANO ORDOZGOITI (Madrid, Spain) – *FIDES MILITVM*: Medallions and military alliances during the reign of Valerian and Gallienus

FRANCESCA LORENZINI (Rome, Italy) – The god far from his city: The fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Flavius Josephus' view from *Bellum Iudaicum*

DESPINA IOSIF (Athens, Greece) – How was the *NT* read by those early Christians interested in war and violence?

17:25–17:40 Coffee break

17:40–19:25 Mythology (Chair: SABINE TAUSEND) SZ 01.18

GIUSEPPE ZANETTO (Milano, Italy) – “Did Telephus do the right thing?”: Understanding the enemy's point of view

IOANNIS MITSIOS (Athens, Greece) – The self-sacrifice of the heroine Aglauros

FERNANDO ECHEVERRÍA (Madrid, Spain) – Ancient Greek military command as leadership: The case of the Homeric epics

17:40–19:25 Warfare in the age of Justinian (Chair: WINFRIED KUMPITSCH) SR 15.33

DAVID PARNELL (Gary, Indiana) – A Roman general in sixth-century Armenia

LARISA FICULLE SANTINI (Vienna, Austria) – Art of deception: Reassessing military stratagems in Agathias' histories

CONOR WHATELY (Winnipeg, Canada) – Agathias, the great historian

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9:00–10:45 War stones: Epigraphic approaches to ancient warfare history _ SZ 01.18

VITTORIO CISNETTI (Bologna, Italy) – Phoenician naval warfare at the service of the Persian kings: 'Eastern' and 'western' epigraphical insights

HAN PEDAZZINI (Turin, Italy) – “By the orders of the allies” (IG II2 123): Athenian garrison policy during the Second League

SARA STAITI SELBITTO (Turin, Italy) – The representation of mercenaries in literary and epigraphic sources

9:00–10:45 Punic wars and republic I (Chair: GREGOR DIEZ) SR 15.33

CHRISTIAN SAN JOSÉ CAMPOS (Alcalá de Henares, Spain) – Hannibal’s elephants and the Rhone: Military issue or historiographical misinterpretation?

PETER VAN DANCKELMAN (Oldenburg, Germany) – Against the *corvus*?

GABRIELE BRUSA (Pavia, Italy) – The rowers of the Roman republican fleets in the age of the overseas expansion

10:45–11:05 Coffee break

11:05–12:50 Drama in Classical Greece (Chair: MARGIT LINDER) SZ 01.18

IOANNA PAPADOPOULOU (Tripoli, Greece) – War in Aeschylus and Aeschylus on war: The Persians as an example

PHYLLIS BRIGHOUSE (Liverpool, England) – The impact of war and the aftermath of war on the human condition as depicted in ancient Greek drama

CHARISIOS EFSTRATIOU (Komotini, Greece) – Warfare in Aristophanic comedy or how the comic hero becomes a civil and a social weapon

11:05–12:50 Punic wars and republic II (Chair: FABRIZIO BIGLINO) SR 15.33

JORGE GARCÍA CARDIEL (Madrid, Spain) / EDUARDO SÁNCHEZ MORENO (Madrid) – More than two: The second Punic war in Iberia as a multidimensional conflict and negotiation (reflections on a research project)

DIEGO SUÁREZ MARTÍNEZ (Madrid, Spain) – Is war a mechanism of change in art? Iberian single combat and the second Punic war

GERARD VENTÓS (Girona, Spain) –A multidimensional conflict from the second Punic war: The case of the Ilergetes

12:50–14:30 Lunch break

14:30–16:30 Guided tour of the museum

16:30–18:15 Women and war (Chair: LENNART GILHAUS) SZ 01.18

KATHY GACA (Nashville, Tennessee) – Civilian-assault warfare in and since the Bronze Age

EVA MARTIN (Nantes, France) – Women and the interactions between the besieged and the besiegers in the hellenistic and republican periods

YUKIKO SAITO (Suita, Japan) – The other war: The transformed phases of femininity through viewing colour, brightness, and gender in Homer

**16:30–18:55 From the ancient Near East to Byzantium (Chair: MARKUS HAFNER)
SR 15.33**

FRANCESCO DE GAETANO (Rome, Italy) – The first standing army in ancient Egypt? Some remarks on the Middle Kingdom warfare

MARIE-EM TORRES (Marseille, France) – Sound as a weapon in Early-Byzantine warfare (4th-6th c.)

ZAHRA KOUZEHGARI (Lyon, France) – Warfare and social transformations: Insights from ancient southwest Asia and the western Iranian Plateau during the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age

CHRISTIAN MICHEL (Düsseldorf, Germany) – Better men? Court eunuchs as generals in the Eastern Roman Empire

19:15 Keynote lecture (Chair: WOLFGANG SPICKERMANN) HS 01.15

CHRISTOPH SCHÄFER (Trier, Germany) – Riverine defense at the limes

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9:00–11:25 Classical Greece (Chair: MARIA CHRISTIDIS) SZ 01.18

ODED HAIM (Auckland, New Zealand) – The army of Cyrus at Cunaxa: A case study for an inverted approach for examining ancient militaries

AARON IMMANUEL GEBLER (Freiburg, Germany) – Sortition on the battlefield: The overlooked dimensions of sortition in Greek military practices

ISMAEL EL BAHRAOUI PÉREZ (Barcelona, Spain) – Approaches to the conceptual construction of the total enemy through Herodotus and Thucydides

JULIEN BALDACINI (Paris, France) – The other Athens: Siege warfare and democracy in Syracuse during the Sicilian Expedition

9:00–11:25 Discussing Just War in antiquity _ SR 15.33

JAN TROSIEN (Hamburg, Germany) – The Peace of Callias: Applicability beyond the propaganda

KONSTANTIN KRIETER (Hannover, Germany) – Self-righteous wars? Military *imago* and comradeship among the *nobilitas* as possible warmongers

GREGOR DIEZ (Graz, Austria) – Greek criticism of Roman just war

ERIC STEILMANN (Berlin, Germany) – Caesar Augustus and *bellum Iustum* in Byzantine time

11:25–11:45 Coffee break

11:45–12:55 Roman treaties and declarations of war (Chair: MARTINE DIEPENBROEK) SZ 01.18

FABIO SAKSIDA (Turin, Italy) – Roman declarations of war during the principate: A reconsideration of juridical and historical profiles

OVE FRANK (Koblenz, Germany) – From personal to state treaty: Rome and its allies of the Mid-Republic

11:45–12:55 Roman peace (Chair: PETER PANITSCHKE) SR 15.33

ERIK PELZER (Bonn, Germany) – The idea of peace and the peace agreement at the time of the Roman republic

LUCIA VISONÀ (Paris, France) – War and peace: Emperor Hadrian and Trajan's Parthian war

12:55–14:30 Lunch break

14:30–15:40 Tactics and trickery (Chair: SELINA EDER) SZ 01.18

MARTINE DIEPENBROEK (Johannesburg, South Africa) – How to trick the enemy: The role of trickery, deceit and communication security in ancient military manuals

JORGE BARBERO-BARROSO (Madrid, Spain) – *Speculandi causa* (Caes. BGall. 1.47): Espionage and counterespionage in diplomatic interactions of ancient Mediterranean warfare (3rd – 1st BC)

14:30–15:40 Victory and celebration (Chair: ISABELL TSCHENIG) SR 15.33

LOTHAR WILLMS (Berlin, Germany) – Freedom in the fringes: Liberation wars in ancient history

OLE SIEMS (Berlin, Germany) – More than legionaries and gladiators? Examining the reformed Seleucid army in Daphne as a tool of internal control

15:40–16:00 Coffee break

16:00–17:45 War in the provinces (Chair: TERESA MOCHARITSCH) SZ 01.18

JULIO RUIZ RODRÍGUEZ (Barcelona/Tarragona, Spain) – Cuirassed statues in Hispania Tarraconensis

GUSTAVO BERNARDO BARROSO (Lisbon, Portugal) – Rome at war with barbarians, Persians, and disease (late 2nd century AD)

MARCO ALMANSA FERNÁNDEZ (Madrid/Cantabria, Spain) – *Procul a domo*: Family contacts and social relations of the Roman legionaries

16:00–17:45 Late antiquity (Chair: JOHANNES GIEBAUF) SR 15.33

CHRISTOPHER LILLINGTON-MARTIN (Barcelona, Spain) / SÜHA KONUK (Erzincan) – Digital archaeology project: The battle of Dara, 530

WINFRIED KUMPITSCH (Graz, Austria) – Cultic battle preparation in Christian late antiquity

ŁUKASZ RÓŻYCKIS (Poznań, Poland) – *Silentium!* The late-Roman art of silent intimidation in the light of selected sources

17:45 Concluding words