

THALASSOCRACY

The Explanatory Power of the Mediterranean

An International Conference Marking Seven Years of Activity

29-31 May 2023

PROGRAM

Monday, 29 May 2023

Room #101 Student Building, 1st floor

16:45 *Gathering*

17:30 *Greetings*
Efraim Lev, Dean of Humanities, University of Haifa

17:45 *Mediterranean Research in Haifa: Marking Seven Years of Activity at the HCMH*
Gil Gambash, Zur Shalev, Co-directors of HCMH, University of Haifa

18:30 *Reception, concert*

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9:00 *At Sea: Travel-Writing across Mediterranean Temporalities and Spaces*
Conveners: **Zoe Beenstock, Zur Shalev**, University of Haifa

Do Women Have an Antiquarianism? Hester Stanhope's Iconoclasm
Zoe Beenstock, University of Haifa

We Are Here: Representing Malta in Words, Images, and Objects in the Wonnacott Family Letters (1867-1878)
Tamar Rozett, University of Haifa

Wonderland: Anglo-American Bahá'ís in pre-war Akka and Haifa
Michael Leger-Lomas, King's College

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 Mediterranean Societies and Climate Change: Where We Are and Where Are We Headed?
Conveners: **Shlomit Bechar, David Friesem**, University of Haifa

Terminal Pleistocene Climate Change Impacted Southern Levant Populations?
Prof. Leore Grosman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Climate-induced Factors for the Fall of the Neo-Assyrian Empire and the Transition towards Babylonia
Prof. Hervé Reculeau, University of Chicago

The Vital Role of Food Security in Understanding the Climate-Society Nexus: Contemporary and Historical Cases
Tal Ulus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

13:30 *Lunch*

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15:00 *The Wine-Dark Sea: From Viticulture to Viniculture around the Mediterranean Basin*

Conveners: **Guy Bar-Oz, Gil Gambash**, University of Haifa

"They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit...": The Fate of the Eastern Mediterranean Wine Trade in the Sixth Century and Beyond

Michael Decker, University of South Florida

Grape Varieties of the Cretan Vineyard: Origin, History and Names Revisited

Maritina Stavrakaki & Katerina Biniari, Agricultural University of Athens

Reconsidering Heritage Vineyards in the Southern Levant

Shulamit Miller, University of Haifa

18:00 *Dinner*

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9:00 Mediterranean Urban Environments between Late antiquity and the Middle Ages

Convener: **Anna Gutgarts**, University of Haifa

"From Civitas to Madīna" in the Western Mediterranean: The Iberian Peninsula between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

Sabine Panzram, University of Hamburg

From Polis to Madina? Changing Urban Concepts in the Cities of Palestine Following the Arab Conquest: Jerusalem and Ramla as Case Studies.

Gideon Avni, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Israel Antiquities Authority

Ravenna in the Central Middle Ages: City in Stasis, Hinterland in Motion

Edward Schoolman, University of Nevada, Reno

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 *Bodies and Places in Ancient Mediterranean Religions*

Convener: **Moshe Blidstein**, University of Haifa

Beyond Architecture: Ancient Greek Sanctuaries from a Sensorial Perspective
Ioannis Mylonopoulos, Columbia University

"A Tale of Two Caves": Human Bodies, Caves and Rituals

Yulia Ustinova, Ben Gurion University

Ludic Lamentation: Mourning Places and Bodies in Judaism in Late Antiquity

Michael Swartz, Ohio State University

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Convener: **Joseph Ziegler**

Sacred and Secular Waters in Encyclopedic Literature: Comparing Isidore of Seville and Lambert of St. Omer

Ellen Fenzel Arnold, University of Stavanger

Water and Land in Mediterranean River Basins: Wetlands, Land Reclamation, and Water Management in Medieval Italian Societies (9th-12th Centuries) -

Online lecture

Michele Campopiano, University of York.

A Medical Thermalism? Perceptions and Uses of Hot and Mineral Waters in the Mediterranean

Marilyn Nicoud, Avignon University

17:00 *Coffee break*

17:30 *Conclusions*