

## 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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**Tuesday, 30 May 2023**

Eshkol Observatory, Eshkol Tower, 30th floor

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

*The Natufian Culture: Dynamics and Climate Instability*

**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 -*  
*Online lecture*

**Michael Swartz**, Ohio State University

13:30 *Lunch*

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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*