



53rd Annual Conference of the Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies

June 11th - 12th 2025

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus
Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Room 405

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30-10:00 GREETINGS

Prof. Nissim Otmazgin, Dean of Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Andrea Rotstein, Head of the Classics Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Yulia Ustinova, President of the ISPCS, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:00-11:30 SESSION 1

ROME REIMAGINED: CULTURAL ENTANGLEMENTS IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN TEXTS
Chair: Maren Niehoff (ROMANA, ERC project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Maeve McMahon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Anabasis of Alexander and Stoic Philosophy
Joshua Werrett (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Roman vs Biblical Exempla in Patristic Literature
Matthew Van Zile (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Sanctity of Deposits in Philo and Josephus

11:30-11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45-13:15 SESSION 2

STUDENT SESSION
Chair: Stéphanie Binder (Bar-Ilan University)
Gideon Manelis (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Musical Metaphor and Anatomical Reality: Galen's Understanding of the glottis in De Usu Partium Book VII
Asaf Roth (University of Pennsylvania)
Wordplay and Roleplay in the Hippias Major
Sarah Yona Zweig (Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Ashoka University, Delhi)
Tales of Travels and Travels of Tales: The Graeco-Arabic Alexander
Nitai Bar Nir (Tel Aviv University)
Harmony of the Soul in the World of the Timaeus
Zohar Slaney (University of Haifa)
The Palmette as Evidence of Change: Transforming Classical Forms in Galilean Oil Lamp Decoration
Eitan Meer (in Hebrew) (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Archaeology Headquarters Officer Unit)
Sailing Across the Dead Sea during the Hasmonean and Herodian Eras

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:45 SESSION 3

Chair: Orna Harari (Tel Aviv University)
Giuseppe Zanetto (Università degli Studi di Milano)
"Telephus should not have done it?" Understanding the Enemy's Point of View
Janek Kucharski (Institute of Literary Studies, University of Silesia in Katowice)
Saving the Innocent: The Concept of Acquittal in the Athenian Orators
Benjamin Wilck (Martin Buber Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Aristotle on Definition by Addition

15:45-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 SESSION 4

Chair: Daniel Schwartz (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Peter Martin (Darwin College, University of Cambridge)
Greek Inscriptions on the Move
Krystyna Stebnicka (Department of Ancient History, University of Warsaw)
Image and Reality: A Commentary on the Fragments of Philo the Epic Poet
Balbina Bäbler (University of Göttingen)
Reading, Teaching, and Preserving: Late Antique Libraries between Classical Tradition and the Beginnings of the Christian Middle Ages

17:30-17:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:45-19:15 SESSION 5

Chair: Orly Lewis (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Brien Garnand (IIAS Research Group, Recovering Phoenician Oral Poetry, University of Leiden)
Poetic Display on Greek and Phoenician Commemorative Inscriptions
Andrea Rotstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
"Vergil's Eclogue 4 as a Levantine Poem"
Marco Vespa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Classics, ERC Atlomy)
Faces in the... Clouds. Defining Humanity through Anatomy: The Significance of a Joke in Aristophanes' Comedy (Ar. Nub., 340-344)

19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER



9:00-10:30 SESSION 6

(IN HEBREW)

Chair: Avner Ecker (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Bar Leshem (University of Haifa)

Intersex Across Interstellar: The Andromeda Constellation's Reception in Medieval and Early Modern Celestial Texts

Faya Haussker (Tel Aviv University; The Open University of Israel)

Protecting Tombs and Navigating Cultural Transition: Epigraphic Practices and Gregory of Nazianzus

Yana Tchekhanovets (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev),

Doron Ben-Ami (Israel Antiquities Authority)

Oscilla in Late Roman Jerusalem?

10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45-12:15 SESSION 7

(IN HEBREW)

Chair: Alex Yakobson (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ory Amitay (University of Haifa)

The Case for the Ptolemaic Origins of the Alexander Romance

Itamar Levin (Brown University)

Nothing to Do with Democracy: The Rise of Theseus beyond Athenocentrism

Sabrina Inowlocki, Moshe Blidstein, Dmitry Kolotilenko (University of Haifa)

From Herod to Holy Men: Josephus's Hidden Afterlife in Monastic Literature

12:15-13:15 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13:15-14:30 LUNCH

14:10-14:30 POSTER SESSION

14:30-15:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER Chair: Yulia Ustinova, President of the ISPCS (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Walter Ameling (University of Köln)

Persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire: Rare or Regular?

15:30- 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45-17:15 SESSION 8

SLAVES, STATUS AND LEGAL HYBRIDITY IN THE ROMAN WORLD

Chair: Yair Furstenberg (Local Law Under Rome, ERC project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hanan Birenzweig (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Offspring of a Maidservant and the Offspring of an Animal: The Rabbis and Roman Juristic Discourse

Rafail Zoulis (Yale University)

Caveat Emptor: Aedilitian Defects in Slave Sales During the Roman Empire

Antonio Leo de Petris, Jan Trosien, Sofia Andreeva (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Freeing the Threptoi – Not at all Manumissions

17:15-17:30 CLOSING REMARKS Prof. Yulia Ustinova, President of the ISPCS