

54th Annual Conference of the Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies

June 3rd-4th, 2026

The University of Haifa, Mount Carmel

Eshkol Tower, 30th floor

First Day, June 3rd, 2026

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Greetings

10:00-11:30 1st Session: **Greek Politics and Literature**

Chair: Iris Sulimani (The Open University of Israel)

Asya C. Sigelman (Bryn Mawr College)

Absent Spectacle in the Second Stasimon of Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonus*

Michele Solitario (Göttingen University)

The Politics of Motherhood in Callimachus' *Hymn to Zeus*

Harvey Yunis (Rice University)

The Politics of Proof in Aristotle's *Rhetoric*

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 2nd Session: **Student Session**

Chair: Stéphanie Binder (Bar-Ilan University)

Rebecca Posner-Hess (University of Chicago)

On-Stage Disrobing and Costume Change in the *Oresteia*

Dmitry Ezrokhi (Princeton University)

The Perils of "Wellness:" Plato's Political Critique of Hippocratic *diaita*

Gilad Hesse (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

"As Far as Possible": The Model of the Philosopher and Assimilation to God in the *Theaetetus*

Ella Perry (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Female Bacchic Leadership and the Making of Religious Role Models

Leoran Vizner (Tel Aviv University)

Reading Ovid on the Wall: Myth, Sexual Violence, and Meaning in Pompeian Domestic Painting

Marie-Laure Rebora (Aix-Marseille University)

My daughter, you have acted like Rebecca (*Midrash Eikhah Rabbah* 1,19):

Portraits of Girls in Rabbinic Sources and Inscriptions from the Jewish Communities of Rome and Venosa (2nd-6th centuries CE)

13:15-14:30 Lunch

- 14:30-16:00 3rd Session: ***Epigraphica Israelica: Marking the Publication of Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae VI (CIIP)***
Chair: Ofer Pogorelsky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
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Presentation of the CIIP Project
Sofia Andreeva (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Charles Clermont-Ganneau: The Scholar and the Detective of Antiquities
Michal Bar Asher-Siegal (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) & Jacob Ashkenazi (Kinneret Academic College)
Public Scripture, Public Law: Biblical Verses on Walls and the Making of Norms in Late Antiquity
Avner Ecker (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Visions in the Desert: A Newly Discovered Paraphrase of Psalms in a Monastic Inscription from Hyrcania
- 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:15-18:15 4th Session: **Archaeology and Art in the Eastern Mediterranean**
Chair: Gil Gambash (University of Haifa)
Alan Shapiro (Johns Hopkins University)
Political Personifications on Athenian Vases
Sonia Klinger (University of Haifa)
Bronze Dedications from the Ancient Greek Sanctuary of Demeter and Kore at Corinth
Rivka Gersht (Tel Aviv University) & Peter Gendelman (Israel Antiquities Authority)
Eros in Caesarea Maritima
Emmanuel Nantet (University of Haifa)
The Late Byzantine Fortifications of Tiberias: The Lake-Side Extension of the City Wall
- 19:00-20:30 Dinner

Second Day, June 4th, 2026

- 09:00-11:00 5th Session: **Classical Archaeology around the Mediterranean**
Chair: Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa)
Ioannis Nakas (University of Haifa)
The Harbours of the Greco-Roman World as Heterotopias. Plato vs Foucault
Jessica Schellig (Tel Aviv University)
The Organization of Coin Production of Akko-Ptolemais During the Roman Period
Adi Erlich (University of Haifa)
Two Heads are better than one: Dioskouroi and Other Twins in Hellenistic Maresha

Michael Osband (University of Haifa & Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee)
Public Buildings and Their Archaeological Visibility in Rural Golan During the Roman Period

Ayala Zilberstein (Israel Antiquities Authority)
Hellenistic Jerusalem, 'First Wall', the Akra, and Seleucid Instability

Arleta Kowalewska (University of Haifa) & Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa)

The Elders House at Hippos of the Decapolis

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15 6th Session: **Law and Literature**

Chair: Rachel Zelnick-Abramovitz (Tel Aviv University)

Juan Lewis (The Open University, Scotland, UK)

Undeclared Nations, or Why Declaring the Ethnic Origin of Slaves was not a Legal Obligation

Orit Malka (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Rethinking the "Testimonies of Dionysus" (Διονύσου μαρτυρήσις; Hom. *Od.* XI.325): Between Testimony, Oath, and Curse

12:15-13:00 General Assembly

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 7th Session: **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: Yulia Ustinova (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Heinz-Günther Nesselrath (University of Göttingen)

From Pleasure Girls to Political Leaders: The 'Evolution' of Women in Aristophanes

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:45 8th Session: **Jewish Culture and Classical Reception**

Chair: Ayelet Peer (Bar-Ilan University)

Daniela Dueck (Bar-Ilan University)

From Athens to Jerusalem: The Hebrew Reception of Thucydides

Donna Shalev (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Γυμναστική and μουσική at Alkinoos' "tish": Scenes from *Odyssey* 8 through a Yiddish Lens

Giacomo Loi (University of Haifa)

Competing Antiquities: Jewish Temporality and the Destabilization of the Genealogy of Classical Reception

16:45-17:00 **Concluding Remarks**

Yulia Ustinova (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), ISPCS President