

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

10:00-11:00 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) [presenting remotely]: The Politics of Motherhood in Callimachus' Hymn to Zeus

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:15 2nd Session: Student Session

Chair: Stéphanie Binder (Bar-Ilan University)

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)

Ofer Pogorelsky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): 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: Avner Ecker (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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) [presenting remotely]: 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

Mechael 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) [presenting remotely]: Undeclared Nations, or Why Declaring the Ethnic Origin of Slaves was not a Legal Obligation

Harvey Yunis (Rice University) [presenting remotely]: The Politics of Proof in Aristotle's Rhetoric

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

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