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Between and beyond empires: from the Seleucids to the Sasanians (2nd c. BC – 7th c. AD)

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PROGRAMME

[Arrival Tuesday Dec 3 in the early afternoon]

Tuesday, Dec 3

Arrival and Opening

16:00-16:30 Welcome addresses (Robert Rollinger, Florian Schwarz, Krzysztof Nawotka)

16:30-17:15 Keynote 1: Josef Wiesehöfer (Kiel), The Seleucids and their imperial heritage

17:15-18:00 Keynote 2: Fabrizio Sinisi (Vienna), Middle-Iranian Kingship in non-Persian Empires:
Arsacids and Kushans

18:30 Buffet

Wednesday, Dec 4

Section 1 | Seleucid Transformations

Chair: NN

09:00-09:45 Keynote 3: Edward Dabrowa (Kraków), Imperial heritage in the Hasmonean Judea

09:45-10:15 Christoph Michels (Aachen), Imperial benefactions? Seleukid munificence in the Aegean and the question of centre and periphery

10:15-10:45 Break

Chair: NN

10:45-11:15 Julian Degen (Trier), Asia Minor Central and the East

11:15-11:45 Omar Coloru (Bari), Bactria and Indo-Bactrians

11:45-13:00 Lunch

Section 2 | The Achaemenid Persian Empire and Structure: Aspects of Continuity and Discontinuity in Dialogue

Chair: NN

13:00-13:45 Keynote 4: Stefan Hauser (Konstanz), Mesene

13:45-14:15 Sitta von Reden (Freiburg im Breisgau), Ptolemaic Egypt

14:15-14:45 Victor Gysembergh (Paris), Hipparchus' transformation of astronomy as a phenomenon of Hellenistic empire-building

14:45-15:15 Break

Chair: NN

15:15-15:45 Michele Minardi (Durham), The Origins of Chorasmian Art: A Socio-Cultural Inquiry

15:45-16:15 Sebastian Fink (Innsbruck) and Bernhard Schneider (Wrocław), Emesal lamentations and their imperial setting from the Seleucid to the Parthian Period

16:15-16:45 Davide Salaris (), Elymais between Seleucid Hellenism and Parthian Ascendancy: A Borderland in Transition?

16:45-17:15: Break

17:15-18:45 Intersection I: New Generation – New Thoughts

17:15-17:45 Erich Kistler (Innsbruck), Monte Iato – local transformations

Chair: NN

17:45-18:05 Nina Mazhjo (Wrocław), Alien Wisdom and the Cultural Legacy of the Persian Empire

18:05-18:25 Piotr Głogowski (Wrocław), Interactions between Empire and City-States in the Levant from Hellenistic to Roman times

18:25-18:55 Plenary Discussion

Thursday, Dec 5

Section 2 | Arsacid Transformations

Chair: NN

09:00-09:45 Keynote 5: Miguel John Versleys (), "Referenzraum und Verstehungshorizont".
Embedding global diversity in the late-Hellenistic kingdom of Commagene at the
Euphrates

09:45-10:15 Aleksandra Kubiak-Schneider (Warsaw), Palmyrene tesserae: local innovations and
transformations in the Arsacid period

10:15-10:45 Lucinda Dirven (), Hatra

10:45-11:15 Break

Chair: NN

11:15-11:45 Jake Nabel (Penn State), Freedom and Citizenship in Post-Hellenistic Iran (Jake
Nabel)

11:45-12:15 Marek Olbrycht (), Economic Policies in the Arsakid Empire

12:15-12:45 Leonardo Gregoratti (), All The Great King's Men: Arsacid Crisis in Roman authors

12:45-14:00 Lunch

Section 3 | Sasanian Transformations

Chair: NN

14:00-14:45 Keynote 6: James Howard-Johnston (Oxford), The Sasanians and their imperial
heritage

14:45-15:15 Nikolas Hächler (Zürich), Jewish communities in and between the Roman and
Persian empires during the 6th and 7th centuries

15:15-15:45 Break

15:45-17:00 Intersection II: New Generation – New Thoughts

Chair: Kai Ruffing (Kassel)

15:45-16:05 Clemens Steinwender (Innsbruck), Arabia between the Romans and the Sasanians:
Agency and transformation of an imperial Borderland in late antiquity

16:05-16:25 Paulina Kaczmarczyk (Wrocław), Views on the Seleucid Empire in the late antique
historical writing

16:25-17:45 Andrea Pantheri (Innsbruck), Coin finds and their significance for the ancient
economy using the example of the Sassanid Empire

17:45-18:15 Plenary Discussion

19:00 Official Dinner

Friday, Dec 6

Section 4 | From Sasanian to Afro-Eurasian Transformations

Chair: NN

09:00-09:45 Keynote 7: Sabine Huebner (Basel), The transformative power of Pandemics

09:45-10:15 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Vienna), The Plagues of Justinian, Sheroe and Amwās.
Imperial spaces, epidemic dynamics and geopolitical transformations in Western
Afro-Eurasia, 5th-8th century CE

10:15-10:45 Bernhard Palme (Vienna), Egypt as a crossroads of Imperial Interactions

10:45-11:15: Break

Chair: NN

11:15-11:45 Sören Stark (ISAW), The Turks and their imperial heritage

11:45-12:15 Philipp von Rummel (Berlin), North African transformations

12:15-12:45 Daniel Ziemann (Vienna), The Bulgars and the imperial heritage

12:45-14:00 Lunch

Chair: NN

14:00-14:45 Keynote 8: Mischa Meier (Tübingen), Late Antiquity and Processes of Imperial
transformation

14:45-15:15 Touraj Daryaee (UCI) and Krzysztof Nawotka (Wrocław), Concluding Remarks

15:15 End of the Conference

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