

PERSIANISM IN ANTIQUITY

Conference Program

April 24-25, 2014. Hosted by the Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Istanbul. Convened by Rolf Strootman (University of Utrecht) and Miguel John Versluys (University of Leiden).

Thursday 24th April 2014

SESSION I: PERSIA, PERSERIE AND PERSIANISM IN CONTEXT

- 8.30-9.00 am Registration and coffee
- 9.00-9.15 Welcome by Fokke Gerritsen, director of the NIT Istanbul
- 9.15-10.00 Opening remarks by Rolf Strootman & Miguel John Versluys
- 10.00-11.00 Keynote lecture by Josef Wiesehöfer (Kiel), *Eran ud Aneran: Sasanian Patterns of Worldview*
- 10.00-10.30 **coffee and tea break**
- 10.30-11.15 David Engels, *Is there a 'Persian culture'? Some reflexions on Iranism in Oswald Spengler's philosophy of history*
- 11.15-12.00 Margaret Miller, *Persia in Athens*
- 12.00-1.15 pm **lunch Break**

SESSION II: THE HELLENISTIC AND PARTHIAN NEAR EAST

- 1.15-2.00 pm Damien Agut-Labordère, *Persian Occupations as a "lieu de mémoire" during the Ptolemaic Period*
- 2.00-2.45 Matthew Canepa, *Contesting and Transforming Persian Architecture and Royal Identity among the Seleukids and Perso-Macedonian Dynasties of Hellenistic Western Asia*
- 2.45-3.30 Rolf Strootman, *Iranian Persianism in the Late Seleukid world: fratarakā Arsakids, and Mithradatids*
- 3.30-4.00 **coffee and tea break**
- 4.00-4.45 Bruno Jacobs, *παλαιὸς λόγος – Persien in den Ausstattungsprogrammen Antiochos' I. von Kommagene*
- 4.45-5.30 Richard Fowler, *Persians and Parthians: some Roman and Jewish perspectives*
- 5.30-6.00 plenary discussion

Friday 25th April 2014

SESSION III: PERSPECTIVES IN THE ROMAN AND SASANIAN PERIOD

- 8.30-9.00 am Coffee and tea
- 9.00-9.45 Ab de Jong, *Being "Iranian" in antiquity (at "home" and "abroad")*
- 9.45-10.30 Richard Gordon, *"Persaei sub rupibus antri ...": Mithra(s) between Persia and Rome*
- 10.30-11.00 **coffee and tea break**
- 11.00-11.45 Michael Sommer, *Persianism in Roman historiography*
- 11.45-12.30 Eran Almagor, *The Empire brought back: Persianism in Greek Imperial literature*
- 12.30-1.30 pm **lunch Break**
- 1.30-2.15 Touraj Daryaee, *The idea of Ērānšahr*
- 2.15-3.00 Rahim Shayegan, *"Persianism" in Post-Hellenistic and Late Antique Iran*
- 3.00-3.30 **coffee and tea break**

SESSION IV: POST-ANTIQUÉ PERSIANISM

- 3.30-4.15 Omar Coloru, *Once were Persians: The perception of the pre-Islamic monuments of Iran from the 16th to the 19th Century*
- 4.15-5.00 Judith Lerner, *The revival and use of Achaemenid art in 19th-century Persia*
- 5.00-5.15 **short coffee and tea break**
- 5.15-6.00 Plenary discussion