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BETWEEN EAGLES AND DRAGONS

Identity Negotiation and Ethnic Diversity
in the Ancient World



International Conference
17-19 September 2026

17 SEPTEMBER

From 12:00 onwards: Registration

15:00: Opening remarks

Panel 1 | Chair: Tiziana Pontillo

15:30-15:50: Vittorio Cisnetti (Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna), *Fenici, Ciprioti ed ethno-classe dominante: le «genti del mare» nell'impero achemenide*

15:50-16:10: Marco Ferrario (University College London), *To End All Wars? Sovereign Justice, Violence, and Piety: Iran to India*

16:10-16:30: Giacomo Rossi (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano), *Il mito del vello d'oro nell'Alessandria tolemaica: Hermes e i linguaggi di mediazione tra alterità nelle Argonautiche*

16:30-16:50: Alessandro Giudice (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), *Indian Institutions Through Foreign Eyes from Ethnographic Observation to Cultural Translation*

16:50-17:20: Discussion

17:20-17:50: Coffee break

Panel 2 | Chair: Filippo Costantini

17:50-18:10: Jeongwoo Lee (Indiana University Bloomington), *Negotiating Identity under Imperial Uncertainty: Southern Yue in Early Han Historiography*

18:10-18:30: Mario De Grandis (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia), *Beyond the "Barbarian": Paratextual Strategies and the Multiple Positionings of Ethnic Literature in the People's Republic of China*

18:30-19:00: Discussion

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Panel 3 | Chair: Donato De Gianni

9:00-9:20: Alessio Ciarini (Università degli Studi di Siena), *Integrazione militare e identità marginali nel mondo miceneo: il caso degli Atamani*

9:20-9:40: Alessia Manca (Università degli Studi di Cagliari), *Strangers as udantas/udantyas: "Living beyond the Border" in the Jaiminiya Tradition*

9:40-10:00: Joel Allen (The City University of New York), *Hybrid Identities and Their Discontents: Plautus on the Immutability of Ethnicity*

10:00-10:30: Discussion

10:30-11:00: Coffee break

Panel 4 | Chair: Piergiorgio Floris

11:00-11:20: Marsha McCoy (Southern Methodist University Dallas), *Between Roma and Gallia: The Coinage of the Roman Colony of Narbo Martius, Identity Negotiation, and Ethnic Diversity*

11:20-11:40: Fatima Aguayo Hidalgo (Universidad de Sevilla), *Making Jewish Tradition Legible: Didactic Digressions in Flavius Josephus*

11:40-12:00: Francesca Cau (Università degli Studi di Cagliari), *An Intellectual Between Two Worlds: Cultural Mediation and Historical Construction in Plutarch's Life of Pompey*

12:00-12:20: Giorgia Oggiano (Università degli Studi di Cagliari), *Resilienza spartana sotto l'Impero? Agoge e politiche della memoria nella Sparta di età romana*

12:20-12:50: Discussion

12:50-14:30: Lunch break

Panel 5 | Chair: Antonio Maria Corda

14:30-14:50: Giulia Iadicicco (Università degli Studi di Padova), *Nepi, identità culturale di un centro preromano dell'Italia centrale*

14:50-15:10: Arianna Guzzon (Università di Trento), *Spazi, oggetti, identità: contesti insediativi e dinamiche di interazione nell'area retica tra tarda età del Ferro e romanizzazione*

15:10-15:30: Francesca Lorenzini (Università degli Studi Roma Tre), *Gli Erodiani φιλοκαίσαρες. Rinegoziare il potere di una dinastia tra Roma e Giudea*

15:30-16:00: Discussion

16:00-16:30: Coffee break

Panel 6 | Chair: Elisabetta Poddighe

16:30-16:50: Rodrigo García Beni (Università degli Studi di Cagliari), *Indo-European Sodalities and the Processes of Ethnogenesis in Greece and India*

16:50-17:10: Marcus Ziemann (Florida State University), *Build the Wall: Walls, Cultural Contact, and Athenian Democratic Ideology in the Globalizing Achaemenid Mediterranean*

17:10-17:30: Eleni Bozia (University of Florida), *Negotiating Identity(ies) in the Interstices of the Imperium Romanum*

17:30-17:50: Nicola Ucciero (Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II"), *Mito e retorica in età tardoantica: a proposito di Libanio, Declamazione 7*

17:50-18:20: Discussion

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Panel 7 | Chair: Veronka Szöke

9:30-9:50: Xinxia Li (University College London), *The Satrap Stele of Ptolemy I: Myth, Power, and the Invention of a Legacy*

9:50-10:10: Morena Deriu (Università degli Studi di Cagliari), *Placing the Object, Placing Oneself: Inheritance and Warrant on the Colossus of Memnon*

10:10-10:30: Richard Kendall (University of Exeter), *In Steppe? Ethnicity and Elite Negotiation in the Poleis of the Northern Black Sea*

10:30-10:50: Francesca Ludovici (Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna), *Negotiating Hybrid/Multiple Identities in Late Antiquity: The Case of Claudian*

10:50-11:30: Discussion

11:30-12:00: Closing remarks

Scientific Committee: Antonio Maria Corda, Filippo Costantini, Donato De Gianni, Silvia Einaudi, Piergiorgio Floris, Francesca Piccioni, Antonio Piras, Elisabetta Poddighe, Tiziana Pontillo, Enrico Emanuele Prodi, Felice Stama, Veronka Szöke

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