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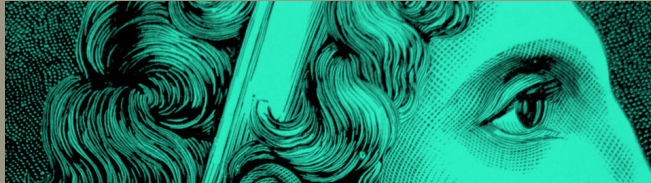
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Friday, October 20



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Saturday, October 21

- 9.20 Welcome (Gelina Harlaftis: Director, IMS/FORTH)
9.25 Introduction (Melina Tamiolaki & Markus Zimmermann)

Ancient Greek Literature and Inscriptions

Chair: Melina Tamiolaki

- 9.30-10.00 Angelos Chaniotis (IAS, Princeton): *Anankaaios kairos* and the Greeks' response to crises.
10.00-10.30 Pierre Pontier (University of Paris-Sorbonne): The *Hellenica* or the time of the crises (in the modern sense).
10.30-11.00 Markus Zimmermann (University of Bayreuth): Crisis awareness and the Peloponnesian War.

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Chair: Markus Zimmermann

- 11.30-12.00 Panagiotis Androulakis (University of Crete): Conspiracies as crises in Dionysius of Halicarnassus' *Roman Archaeology*.
12.00-12.30 Roberta Dainotto (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH): Notions of democracy against historical upheavals and social crisis.
12.30-13.00 Anna-Maria Miliara (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH): Alexander dealing with crisis. A Comparative Study between Arrian, Plutarch and Curtius.

Ancient Civilizations

Chair: Kostas Vlassopoulos

- 16.30-17.00 Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck): Conceptualizing crisis from Sumerian to Hellenistic Time.
17.00-17.30 Elena Panaite (University of Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3): Experiencing crisis in Ancient Egypt: from reality to metaphors.

17.30-18.00 Coffee Break

- 18.00-18.30 Nicola Di Cosmo (IAS, Princeton): Crises and opportunities in the early history of the relations between China and North Asian nomads (5th -3rd c. BCE).
18.30-19.00 Hilmar Klinkott (University of Kiel): Between Artaxerxes I and II – the Achaemenid Empire in Crisis?

- 20.00 **Conference Dinner** (Restaurant Othonas, Rethymno Old Town)

Ancient Civilizations

Chair: Georgia Tsouni

- 9.30-10.00 Vitus Angermeier (University of Vienna): Crisis in Ancient South Asia: Concepts, causes and countermeasures.
10.00-10.30 Ralf Behrwald (University of Bayreuth): Crisis in Ancient Rome.
10.30-11.00 Simon Gathercole (University of Cambridge): Was there a crisis of parousia-delay in early Christianity? Re-examining initial expectations of Jesus' return.

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Cross-disciplinary perspectives (language, vocabulary, concepts)

Chair: Eirini Viltanioti

- 11.30-12.00 Kostas Vlassopoulos (University of Crete and IMS/FORTH): The concept of social crisis in ancient Greek history.
12.00-12.30 Georgia Tsouni (University of Crete): Crisis and constitutional change in Aristotle and Cicero.
12.30-13.00 Athena Bazou (University of Athens): The concept of crisis in ancient Greek medicine.

13.00-15.00 Light Lunch

Chair: Athena Bazou

- 16.00-16.30 Norman Sandridge (Howard University): Helplessness as leadership in a crisis? The case of the Apollonius' Jason in the context of contemporary storytelling and lived political experience.
16.30-17.00 Justine Diemke (University of Hamburg): Deadly emotions in moments of crisis? Investigating emotions and their handling in times of crisis from a psychosocial perspective.

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

- 17.30-18.00 Thanassis Platias (University of Piraeus): Crisis management in antiquity: Leadership lessons from Themistocles and Pericles.
18.00-18.30 Maria Papadopoulou (University of Athens and UoC): Linked Data for historians: How to teach computers about ancient crises.

- 18.30 Concluding remarks (Melina Tamiolaki & Markus Zimmermann)

19.00 Closing Reception