

“New Evidence and Insights into the Athletic Festivals in Attica: from Hellenistic to Late Antiquity”



I. Topography and local identities

Respondents: Dr. Julia Shear (ASCSA) & Dr Werner Petermandl (University of Graz)

- **17:00-17:20** Professor Andronike Makres (University of Peloponnese)
“Lampas dedications in Attica. Some remarks”
- **17:20-17:40** Dr Stella Skaltsa (Queen’s University)
“Competitions and connections:
Rhodians at the Panathenaia in the Hellenistic period”
- **17:40-18:00** Professor Zinon Papakonstantinou (University of Illinois at Chicago)
“Let Him Be Oblivious of Today’s Race”:
Athletes, Magic, and the Athenian Circuit of Games in the Imperial Period.”
- **Short Break: 15 minutes**
- **18:15-18:35** Professor David Romano (University of Arizona)
“The Athenian Panathenaia under Lykourgos.”
- ‘Mini’ round table, led by respondents (Q & A): 20 minutes



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II. Foundation, re-appearance, connectivity and continuity of Hellenistic festivals in the imperial period

Respondents: Professor Onno Van Nijf (University of Groningen) & Professor Zahra Newby (University of Warwick)

- **17:00-17:20** Dr Natalia Kazakidi (Academy of Athens)
“From the Iconography of Festivals in the Athenian Gymnasia”
- **17:20-17:40** Dr Sebastian Scharff (Trento University)
**“All about Athens?
Hadrian’s New Circuit of Games in the Second Century AD”**
- **17:40-18:00** Dr Chris de Lisle (Durham University, UK)
**“The Ephebic Festivals of Roman Athens:
Managing the dichotomies of the Imperial Age”**
- **18:00-18:20** Professor Mantha Zarmakoupi (University of Pennsylvania)
“Hadrian and the Architecture of Gymnasiac Culture in Athens”
- **Q & A: 20 min.**
- **Short Break: 10 min**



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III. Gender and limits of participation

Respondent: Dr Irene Salvo (University of Verona)

- 18:50-19:10 Professor Georgia Tsouvala (Illinois State University)
“Running for the Goddess: The Games at Brauron”
- 19:10-19:30 Professor Thomas Scanlon (University of California)
“The Celebration of Masculine Violence in Greek Combat Sports and Gladiatorial Contests in Hellenistic and Roman Athens”.
- Q & A: 20 min.
- Full round table on whole conference: 19:50-20:15



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Academic Organization:

Professor Andrew Farrington
(Democritus University of Thrace)

Dr. Aikaterini-Iliana Rassia
(National Hellenic Research Foundation & The Ohio State University).

Links for zoom meetings:



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