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# 1<sup>st</sup> Trends in Classics - Historiography Conference

## *Ancient Historians on the Nature of War*

**Kalamata**

**May 24-25, 2024**

**Amphitheater “Nicolaos Politis”**

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**PROGRAM**

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

**9:00 – 9:30**

**Registration, Greetings and General Introduction**

**9:30 – 10:30**

**Keynote Lecture**

**Lee L. Brice** (Western Illinois University): Social Signaling in Ancient Historiography of Warfare, ‘Is it Sexy?’

**10:30 – 12:30**

**Panel 1: Classical Period**

Chair: Adam Kemezis (University of Alberta)

**10:30 – 11:00**

**Ioannis M. Konstantakos** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens): The King’s Failed Expedition: A Recurrent Theme in Herodotus and Its Mythical Background

**11:00 – 11:30**

**Vasileios Liotsakis** (University of the Peloponnese): Thucydides’ Theory of War and His View of the Athenian’s Tactic in the Archidamean War

**11:30 – 12:00**

**Rosie Harman** (University College London): Visual Battle-Fields in Xenophon's *Hellenica*

**12:00 – 12:30**

**Eleni Volonaki** (University of the Peloponnese):  
The Idealization of War in Athenian Funeral Speeches and Ancient Greek Historiography

**12:30 – 13:00**

**Coffee Break**

**13:00 – 14:00**

**Panel 2: Hellenistic Period**

Chair: Anja Bettenworth (University of Cologne)

**13:00 – 13:30**

**Craige Champion** (Syracuse University): Warfare as Military Science in Polybius' *Histories*

**13:30 – 14:00**

**Jennifer Finn** (Loyola University Chicago): "Book"-Ending Battle: The Causes and Consequences of Warfare in Diodorus' *Bibliothēkē*

**14:00 – 16:30**

**Conference Lunch**

16:30 – 17:30

**Panel 3: Roman Republic**

Chair: Pauline Duchêne (Paris Nanterre University)

16:30 – 17:00

**Andrew Feldherr** (Princeton University): False Quantities: Sallust on the Punic Wars

17:00 – 17:30

**Luca Grillo** (University of Notre Dame): Caesar's *Commentarii*: Narrating War between History and Historiography

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

10:00 – 11:30

**Panel 4: Imperial Period, Latin historiography I**

Chair: Andrew Feldherr (Princeton University)

10:00 – 10:30

**Anja Bettenworth** (University of Cologne): ...*famā bella stare*: Propaganda and Distrust in Curtius Rufus' *Historiae Alexandri Magni*

10:30 – 11:00

**Kyle Khellaf** (University of California, Riverside): Defensive Digression: Foreign Roadblocks and Livy's Military Narratology

11:00 – 11:30

**Pauline Duchêne** (Paris Nanterre University): Tacitus on War

**11:30 – 12:00**  
**Coffee Break**

**12:00 – 13:00**  
**Panel 5: Imperial Period, Latin Historiography II**  
Chair: Craig Champion (Syracuse University)

**12:00 – 12:30**  
**Michael Hanaghan** (Australian Catholic University): Vengeance, Voracity and Vainglory: Ammianus Marcellinus and the Emotional Causality of War

**12:30 – 13:00**  
**Adam Kemezis** (University of Alberta): To End All Wars: The *Historia Augusta's* Alternate Histories of Probus

**13:00 – 14:00**  
**Panel 6: Imperial Period: Greek Historiography I**  
Chair: Lee L. Brice (Western Illinois University)

**13:00 – 13:30**  
**Maurizio Ravallesse** (Roma Tre University): Flavius Josephus and the Greatest War

**13:30 – 14:00**  
**Daniel William Leon Ruiz** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign): Arrian and the Enemy

**14:00 – 15:00**  
**Lunch Break**

**15:00 – 16:30**

**Panel 7: Imperial Period: Greek historiography II**

Chair: Vasileios Liotsakis (University of the Peloponnese)

**15:00 – 15:30**

**Luke Pitcher** (University of Oxford): Ordering War in Appian's  
*Roman History*

**15:30 – 16:00**

**Antonio Pistellato** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): Portents and  
War in Cassius Dio's Imperial Books

**16:00 – 16:30**

**Alessandro Galimberti** (Catholic University of the Sacred  
Heart): Herodian and the Civil Wars of 193

**16:30 – 17:00**

**Closing Remarks**

**20:00**

**Conference Dinner**

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