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**Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Conference of
The Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

June 11–12, 2025, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00–09:30 CONVENING AND REGISTRATION

9:30–10:00 GREETINGS

10:00–11:30 SESSION ONE

ROME REIMAGINED: CULTURAL ENTANGLEMENTS IN ANCIENT
MEDITERRANEAN TEXTS

Chair: Maren Niehoff (ROMANA, ERC Project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Maeve McMahon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *The Anabasis of Alexander and
Stoic Philosophy*

Joshua Werrett (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Roman vs Biblical Exempla in Patristic
Literature*

Matthew Van Zile (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *The Sanctity of Deposits in Philo
and Josephus*

11:30–11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45–13:15 SESSION TWO

STUDENT SESSION

Chair: Stéphanie Binder (Bar-Ilan University)

Gideon Manelis (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Musical Metaphor and Anatomical
Reality: Galen's Understanding of the glottis in De Usu Partium Book VII*

Asaf Roth (University of Pennsylvania): *Wordplay and Roleplay in the Hippias Major*

Sarah Yona Zweig (Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Ashoka University, Delhi): *Tales of Travels and Travels of Tales: The Graeco-Arabic Alexander*

Nitai Bar Nir (Tel Aviv University): *Harmony of the Soul in the World of the Timaeus*

Zohar Slaney (University of Haifa): *The Palmette as Evidence of Change: Transforming Classical Forms in Galilean Oil Lamp Decoration*

Eitan Meer (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Staff Officer of Archaeology): *Sailing Across the Dead Sea during the Hasmonean and Herodian Eras* (in Hebrew)

13:15–14:15 LUNCH BREAK

14:15–15:45 SESSION THREE

Chair: Orna Harari (Tel Aviv University)

Giuseppe Zanetto (Università degli Studi di Milano): *“Telephus should not have done it?” Understanding the Enemy’s Point of View*

Janek Kucharski (Institute of Literary Studies, University of Silesia in Katowice): *Saving the Innocent: The Concept of Acquittal in the Athenian Orators*

Benjamin Wilck (Martin Buber Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Aristotle on Definition by Addition*

15:45–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00–17:30 SESSION FOUR

Chair: Daniel Schwartz (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Peter Martin (Darwin College, University of Cambridge): *Greek Inscriptions on the Move*

Krystyna Stebnicka (Department of Ancient History, University of Warsaw): *Image and Reality: A Commentary on the Fragments of Philo the Epic Poet*

Balbina Bäbler (University of Göttingen): *Reading, Teaching, and Preserving: Late Antique Libraries between Classical Tradition and the Beginnings of the Christian Middle Ages*

17:30–17:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:45–19:15 SESSION FIVE

Chair: Orly Lewis (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Brien Garnand (IIAS Research Group, Recovering Phoenician Oral Poetry, University of Leiden): *Poetic Display on Greek and Phoenician Commemorative Inscriptions*

Andrea Rotstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Vergil's Eclogue 4 as a Levantine Poem*

Marco Vespa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Classics, ERC Atlomy): *Faces in the... Clouds. Defining Humanity through Anatomy: The Significance of a Joke in Aristophanes' Comedy (Ar. Nub., 340–344)*

19:30 EVENING CONFERENCE DINNER

Thursday, June 23, 2025

9:00–10:30 SESSION SIX (IN HEBREW)

Chair: Avner Ecker (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Bar Leshem (University of Haifa): *Intersex Across Interstellar: The Andromeda Constellation's Reception on Medieval and Early Modern Celestial Texts*

Faya Hausker (Tel Aviv University; The Open University of Israel): *Protecting Tombs and Navigating Cultural Transition: Epigraphic Practices and Gregory of Nazianzus*

Yana Tchekhanovets (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Doron Ben-Ami (Israel Antiquities Authority): *Oscilla in Late Roman Jerusalem?*

10:30–10:45 COFFEE BREAK

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10:45–12:15 SESSION SEVEN (IN HEBREW)

Chair: Alexander Yakobson (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ory Amitay (University of Haifa): *The Case for the Ptolemaic Origins of the Alexander Romance*

Itamar Levin (Brown University): *Nothing to do with Democracy: The Rise of Theseus beyond Athenocentrism*

Sabrina Inowlocki, Moshe Blidstein, Dmitry Kolotilenko (University of Haifa): *From Herod to Holy Men: Josephus's Hidden Afterlife in Monastic Literature*

12:15–13:15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:15–14:30 LUNCH

14:10–14:30 POSTER SESSION

14:30–15:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Chair: Julia Ustinova, President of the *ISPCS* (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Walter Ameling (University of Köln): *Persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire: Rare or Regular?*

15:30–15:45 COFFEE BREAK

15:45–17:15 SESSION EIGHT

SLAVES, STATUS AND LEGAL HYBRIDITY IN THE ROMAN WORLD

Chair: Yair Furstenberg (Local Law Under Law, ERC Project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hanan Birenzweig (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *The Offspring of a Maidservant and the Offspring of an Animal: The Rabbis and Roman Juristic Discourse*

Rafail Zoulis (Yale University): *Caveat Emptor: Aedilitian Defects in Slave Sales during the Roman Empire*

Antonio Leo de Petris, Jan Trosien, Sofia Andreeva (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Freeing the Threptoi – Not at all Manumissions*

17:15 CLOSING REMARKS

Prof. Yulia Ustinova, President of the ISPCS