

**Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of
The Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

13-14 June 2012, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wednesday, 13 June 2012

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:00 OPENING PANEL

9:00 Greetings: Prof. Reuven Amitai, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Prof. Margalit Finkelberg, (Tel-Aviv University), President of ISPCS.
Sir Fergus Millar, Camden Professor of Ancient History, Emeritus,
Oxford University, Doctor *honoris causa*, The Hebrew University of
Jerusalem .

10:15-11:45 SESSION ONE

Chair: Deborah Gera (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Ioannis Petropoulos (Democritus University of Thrace): *A Bilingual Horse — or
Bilingual Hero: Homer and the Uncanny.*

Smaro Nikolaidou-Arabatzi (Democritus University of Thrace): *Rituality and
Dramatization in the Dithyrambic Odes of Pindar and Bacchylides.*

Hanna Roisman (Colby College, Waterville): *Political and Apolitical Electra.*

11:45-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:30 SESSION TWO

Chair: Gabriel Herman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Joseph Roisman (Colby College, Waterville): *Ancient Ethnosexuality.*

Robert Wallace (Northwestern University, Evanston): *Councils in Greek Oligarchies.*

Jorit Wintjes (Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Würzburg): *“East of Suez” — Roman Sea Power in the Eastern Mediterranean.*

13:30-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-16:10 SESSION THREE

Chair: Orna Harari (Tel Aviv University): Proclus: Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Poetry.

Antonio Luis Costa Vargas (Humboldt University, Berlin): *Proclus on Immobile Light.*

Patrizia Marzillo (Martin Buber Society of Fellows, Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Poetry as an Expression of Neoplatonic Philosophy: Proclus' Allegoresis of the “Theologian Poets”.*

Peter Riedlberger (Minerva Humanities Center, Tel Aviv University): *Mathematics and the Philosophers of Late Antiquity.*

16:15-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00 SESSION FOUR

Chair: Uri Lucien Poznanski (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Fayah Haussker (The Open University of Israel): *The Birth of Cyrus in Isocrates'*

Philippus: Rhetoric, Myth and Infant Exposure in Athenian Dramatic Discourse.

Rachel Zelnick-Abramovitz (Tel-Aviv University): *Whose Grave Is This?*

Yotam Cohen (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): *‘Im nikra be'divrey ha'yamim asher sipru lanu sofrim ne'emanim': The Initial Appearance of Classic Historiography in Jewish Culture.*

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Thursday, 14 June 2012

9:30-11:00 SESSION FIVE

Chair: Gil Gambash (University of Haifa)

Merav Haklai-Rotenberg (Oxford University): *Between Law and Practice: Interest-Bearing Deposits in the Roman Empire During the First Three Centuries CE.*

Sarah Gilboa-Karni (University of Haifa): *Bacchus in the Roman Garden — A Civic Matter.*

Rachel Feig Vishnia (Tel-Aviv University): *The “Arlesienne”. On the Sarcophagus of Pompeia the Jewess and on Jewish Presence in Southern France under the Roman Empire.*

11:00-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:15 SESSION SIX

Chair: Margalit Finkelberg (Tel Aviv University)

Keynote Address: Richard Hunter (Regius Professor of Greek, University of Cambridge): *In the Beginning: Stories of Origins in Greek Culture.*

12:15-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-16:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16:15-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:03-18:00 CLOSING SESSION

Chair: Gabriel Danzig (Bar-Ilan University)

Sam Newington (University of St Andrews): *Looking at Creation Myths from Greek and Near Eastern Perspective.*

Johan Steenkamp (University of North West, South Africa): *Recalling Remus:*

Propertius, Civil Strife and Rome's Maculate Mythic History.

Corinne Jouanno (Université de Caen): *Alexander's Friends in the Alexander Romance.*