

—International conference—

## **Macedonia and Sparta: A Tale of Two Kingdoms in the Hellenistic Period**

**American School of Classical Studies  
Cotsen Hall, 9 Anapiron Polemou St., Athens  
December 3-5, 2025**

### **DAY I: Wednesday, December 3**

#### **6.00 pm Opening Remarks**

Bonna D. Wescoat and Olga Palagia, Organizers  
Theodoros Veroutis, Vice-governor of Laconia  
Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Director, Ephorate of Antiquities of Pella and of the City of Thessaloniki

#### **6.30 Keynote lectures**

Paschalis Paschidis, “Antigonid Macedonia between archaism and modernity: an outlier in the Hellenistic state system”  
Paul Christesen, “Historical perspectives on Hellenistic Sparta”

#### **Discussion**

#### **8:00 Reception**

### **DAY II: Thursday, December 4**

#### **Session I: Historical perspectives**

Chair: Paul Christesen (Dartmouth College)

10.00-10.20 Ioannis Xydopoulos, “Heracles as a common ancestor: a tale of three states”

10.20-10.40 Panagiotis P. Iossif, “Between Leuctra and Chaeronea. Boeotia as middle ground between Macedonia and Sparta: a prelude on things to come”

10.40-11.00 Ioanna Kralli, “Why did Sparta remain independent until 192 B.C.?”

#### **11.00-11.40 Discussion and coffee break**

#### **Session II: Piety and impiety**

Chair: Paschalis Paschidis (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

11.40-12.00 Manolis Voutiras, “The spread of the cult of Isis and Sarapis in Macedonia: the case of the “Sarapieion” of Thessalonica”

12.00-12.20 Annelies Cazemier, “The ‘impiety’ of kings reassessed: Philip V, Nabis and Rome”

#### **12.20-12.40 Discussion**

## **Lunch for speakers and Chairs**

### **Session III: Public spaces**

Chair: Bonna D. Wescoat (American School of Classical Studies)

- 2.30-2.50 Athanasia Kyriakou, Alexandros Tourtas, Daphne Maikidou-Putrino,  
“Vergina/Aigai: modelling the public space during the Hellenistic period in the first capital of the Macedonian kingdom”
- 2.50-3.10 Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Lisa Nevett, Stratos Nanoglou, David Stone,  
“Hellenistic Pella as a dynamic urban environment: new investigations by the Ephorate of Antiquities of Pella in collaboration with the University of Michigan”
- 3.10-3.30 Nikos Akamatis, “Bathing habits in the Hellenistic period: Macedonia and the Peloponnese”

### **3.30-4.20 Discussion and coffee break**

### **Session IV: Fortifications**

Chair: Manolis Voutiras (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

- 4.20-4.40 Λεωνίδας Β. Σουχλέρης, «Το βόρειο τμήμα της κοιλάδας του Ευρώτα στους ελληνιστικούς χρόνους και η συνάντηση με τους Μακεδόνες»
- 5.00-5.20 Luke Madson, “La(a)s and the problem of Hellenistic fortifications in Lakonia”

### **5.20-5.40 Discussion**

## **8.00 Dinner for speakers and Chairs**

## **DAY III: Friday, December 5**

### **Session V: Tombs, palaces and material relations**

Chair: Olga Palagia (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

- 10.00-10.20 Anastasios Kakamanoudis, “Identity formation and social representation in the funerary landscape of Hellenistic Macedonia”
- 10.20-10.40 Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Alexandra Skitsa, Ryuichi Yoshitake,  
“Reconstructing royal authority: the architecture and functions of the palace of Pella”
- 10.40-11.00 Dan Stewart, “Silence as a gift: Spartan material relations in the Hellenistic period”

### **11.00-11.40 Discussion and coffee break**

### **Session VI: Art and luxury**

Chair: Kostas Buraselis (Academy of Athens)

- 11.40-12.00 Myrina Kalaitzi, Maria Stamatopoulou, Giovanni Verri, Maria Kokkori,  
“Hidden in plain sight: new insights into a painted frieze from Hellenistic Thessaloniki”
- 12.00-12.20 Olga Palagia, “Sparta embraces modernity: an archaistic relief of the Dioskouroi”

12.20-12.40 Athanasios Sideris, “Changing attitudes towards toreutic luxury in Hellenistic Macedonia, Central Greece and the Peloponnese”

12.40-1.00 **Discussion**

### **Session VII: All that money can buy**

Chair: Panagiotis P. Iossif (Museum of Cycladic Art)

1.00-1.20 Thomas Clements, “Buying freedom: a Hellenistic development of helotage?”

1.20-1.40 Selene Psoma, “Sovereignty and coinage in ancient Greece: the case of Hellenistic Sparta”

1.40-2.00 Sophia Kremydi, “Hoarding patterns and monetary circulation in Lacedaemonian territory”

2.00-2.20 **Discussion**

2.20-2.30 **Concluding Remarks**

Bonna D. Wescoat