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09:00-09:45	Welcome	
09:45-11:45	<p><u>Panel “Visualizing Victory”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davide Morelli (Louvain): “The Samnite Head from San Giovanni Lipioni: Visualized Victory?” Miguel Esteban Payno (Madrid): “Vero Victoris Vanitas? Public Displays as a Proof of Victory with Political and Diplomatic Aims” Jaymie Orchard (Dunedin): “Telling a Different Story: Visualizing Sulla’s Civil War Victory” Hatin Boumehache Erjali (Vitoria-Gasteiz): “Foreign Royal Women in Roman Triumph: Gender Representation in Roman Victories during the Republic” 	<p><u>Panel “Law and War”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gregor Diez (Graz): “War and Temporality in Hellenistic Interstate Treaties” Antonio Leo de Petris (Jerusalem): “Legal Considerations on the Practice of Decimatio” Jan Trosien (Hamburg): “Dealing with Cowardice in the Classical Athenian Military through Measures of Law” Eric Steilmann (Berlin): “Stilicho, Theodosius I. and the Pantomime Dances. The Legality of the Spectacle as a Causality of Military Failure in Late Antiquity. Source Critical Considerations of a yet Unconsidered Topos in Zosimos”
11:45-12:00	Coffee	Coffee
12:00-13:00	<p><u>Greek Warfare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elena Sofia Capra (Rome): “Socrates at War. The Military Experience of the Philosopher in Plato’s Dialogues” Ioannis Mitsios (Athens): “The East Slope of the Acropolis as a Mnemotopos of Mythical and Historical Wars” 	<p><u>Medicine and Ancient Warfare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yasmina Benferhat (Nancy/Metz): “Miles et Medicus: Troops and Epidemics in the Ancient Rome” Ido Israelowitch (Tel Aviv): “The Role of the Roman Army in Passing Medical Knowledge from Antiquity to the Middle Ages”
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p><u>Greek Warfare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Millender (Portland): “The Limits and Continuing Lure of Loot in Classical Sparta” Kyriakos Velos (Melbourne): “Tainaron and Spartan Use of ‘Mercenary Diplomacy’” Giuseppe Zanetto (Milan): “Onions and Salt-Fish: the Uninviting Menu of Chef Polemos” Christian San José Campos (Alcala): “Hamilcar Rhodanus, a Carthaginian Spy in Alexander’s Army?” 	<p><u>Panel “Iconography of War”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha Bershinsky (Bonn): “Two Men on Joined Horses: Discovering a Forgotten Link in Horse Warfare” Stephen De Casien (Dalian): “Odysseus’ Naval Ram?: Exploring Iconography and the Development of Naval Warfare in Antiquity” Tatiana Tereshchenko (St. Petersburg): “Representations of the Confrontations with the Persians in Greek Vase Painting (Early 5th – the Middle of the 4th Century BC)” Yael Young (Ra’anana): “Seated Atop an Empty Cuirass: Two Artistic Representations of Person and Armor”
16:00-16:15	Coffee	Coffee
16:15-18:15	<p><u>Panel “Visualizing Victory”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonio Cilibrizzi (New York): “Three Iliadic Alternatives to the Iliad” Julius Arnold (Boulder): “(In-)Effective Commemoration of the Third Macedonian War? Re-Approaching the Monument of Aemilius Paullus at Delphi)” Pelayo Huerta Segovia (Madrid): “The Eion Herms in the Athenian Agora. Display and Textual Strategies of a Collective (Hypo)mnema” Gunnar R. Dumke (Halle): “Basileus Nikator. The Victorious Body in the Official (Self-)Representation of Hellenistic Rulers” 	<p><u>Panel “Iconography of War”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zahra Kouzhegari (Washington D. C.): “Gendered Representations of Warfare in Ancient Assyrian Reliefs: Analyzing the Visual Narratives of Conflict and Aftermath” Ove Frank (Koblenz): “From Side Note to Secret Protagonists: The Depiction of Auxiliary Troops in Caesars De Bello Gallico” Carmen M. Ruiz-Vivas (Granada): “Gendered Representations of Peace in Ancient Rome: Iconographic Horizons of War and Aftermath” Alka Starac (Pula): “Iconography of War in Roman Pola, Croatia”

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09:00-10:30	<p>Roman Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martine Diepenbroek (Johannesburg): “The Creation and Development of Rome’s Secret Service: From the First Century BC to Late Antiquity” Max Buckby (Oxford): “Exploitation and Obligation: Supplying the Legions of Republican Rome (200-47 BC)” Mathieu Engerbeaud (Marseille): “A Hidden Roman Defeat of the Second Punic War? The Dictator M. Iunius Pera, Hannibal and the Aftermath of Cannae (216 B.C.)” 	<p>Hellenism and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julian Gieseke (Bielefeld): “Five Centuries of War. The Development of the Bosporan Army in the Long Hellenistic Age” Diptangshu Dutta Gupta (Kolkata): “The Early Indian Art of Limited Wars: Understanding the Interplay of ‘Kūṭayuddha’ and ‘Mantrayuddha’ from Kauṭīliya’s Arthaśāstra and Kāmandaka’s Nītisāra” Federica Marocco (Turin): Hellenistic Epigraphy and Forgotten Events: The Case of I.Rhamnous 407 on the War Between Antigonos Gonatas and His Nephew Alexander (c. 251-245 BC)
10:30-10:50	Coffee	Coffee
10:50-12:20	<p>Panel “On Desertion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Orestis Belogiannis (Strasbourg): “Spithridates of Phrygia: Mutiny and Defection in Achaemenid Anatolia” Vittorio Cisnetti (Bologna): “Double Dealing, Desertion, or Plans for Local Power? A ‘Dynasty of Traitors’ across the Troubled Mediterranean Satrapies of the Achaemenid Empire in the Early 4th century B.C.” 	<p>Panel “Mercenary and Auxiliary Forces”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction Fernando Echeverría Rey (Madrid): “Elites and Mercenary Service in Archaic Greece” Jeremy Armstrong (Auckland): “Hired Swords in the Western Mediterranean. Concepts and Contexts”
12:20-13:30	Lunch	Lunch
13:30-15:30	<p>Panel “On Desertion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roel Konijnendijk (Oxford): “The Men of Phyle: Building a Rebel Army in Classical Greece” Giorgia Oggiano (Caserta): “Adakrys Thaptein: Spartan Tresantes and Their Mothers’ Exemplary Agency” Han Pedazzini (Turin): “So that no one could accuse me of deserting my post or letting my ship be useless to the state” ([Dem.], 50, 63). Athenian Military Disengagement in the 4th Century BCE” Jorge Barbero Barroso (Madrid): “Desertion, Emotions and Intelligence-Gathering in the Second Punic War” 	<p>Panel “Mercenary and Auxiliary Forces”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> François Gauthier (Vancouver): “Les Auxiliaires de Rome à l’Époque des Guerres Puniqes” Marian Helm (Münster): “Romans, Allies, and Mercenaries. On the Exclusivity of the Roman ‘Beutegemeinschaft” Noreen Stühmer (Dresden): “Söldner oder Alliierte? Hellenistische Truppen in Römischen Diensten” Sarah Mark (Montreal): “The Battle of Vercellae and the Use of non-Roman Troops under Marius”
15:30-15:45	Coffee	Coffee
15:45-18:15	<p>Panel “On Desertion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fabrizio Biglino (Turin): “‘An Adversary is More Hurt by Desertion than by Slaughter’: Reconsidering Desertion in Late Republican Warfare” Edith Foster (Wooster): “On the Desertion of the Macedonians at Thucydides 4.124.4 – 128.5” Gaius Stern (Berkeley): “Deserter in Roman Warfare” Christopher B. Zeichmann (Toronto): “The Appeal of ‘the Deserter’ in Early Christian Discourse (120-350 CE)” Giovanni Esposito (Turin): “Rebel Soldiers: Septimius Severus and Military Policy” 	<p>Panel “Mercenary and Auxiliary Forces”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte van Regenmortel (Liverpool): “Mercenaries in the Athenian Navy” Simon Lentzsch (Trier): “Massalia and the Mediterranean Mercenary Market” Christoph Michels (Münster): “Den Söldnern auf der Spur. Königliche Abgesandte auf Kreta” Patrick Sänger (Münster): “Söldner im Ptolemäerreich. Herkunft, Verwendung, Ansiedlung” Michael Taylor (Albany) & Raimund Schulz (Bielefeld): Concluding Remarks and Discussion
18:30-20:30	<p>F4 Fürstenberghaus Domplatz 20–22 Keynote Lecture: Hauptmann Hendrik Remmel, M.A. (GIDS Hamburg) Panel Discussion “Private und Staatliche Kriegsführung von der Antike bis in die Gegenwart“</p>	

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09:00-11:00	<p><u>Panel “War in the Steppe”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Peter Freiherr von Danckelman (Oldenburg): “Roman Soldiers in Palmyra” • Ann-Christine Sander (Oldenburg): “Mlkt’ Zenobia and Palmyra’s Frontier Warriors – Steppe and Warfare as Decisive Factors of Palmyra’s Rise and Fall” • Gary T.S. Watson (Durham): “A Palmyrene Paradigm? The Role of the Cohors XX Palmyrenorum on the Eastern Frontier” • 	<p><u>Comparative Approaches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan Michael Adamson (Leipzig): “Peace and Its Correlates in the Ancient World” • Magnus Frisch (Marburg): “The Role of Ancient Military Writing for Warfare in Antiquity and Beyond” • Henric R.J. Jansen (Leiden): “The Military Reform Narrative in Greek and Roman Literature” • Amanthee Pussepitiya (Dublin): “The Last Line of Defence” : The Role of Women in Greek and Roman Siege Warfare”
11:00-11:20	Coffee	Coffee
11:20-13:20	<p><u>Panel “War in the Steppe”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefano Magnani (Undine): “Palmyrene Troops in Egypt” • Aleksandra Kubiak-Schneider (Wroclaw): “The Gods and the Army. The Cult of Palmyrene Deities by the Soldiers in Dura-Europos, Dacia and Numidia” • Antonietta Castiello (Oldenburg): “Maintaining Peace in a War-Torn Zone: The Soft Power of the Palmyrenes” 	<p><u>Roman Republic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giuseppe Lucio Ficocelli (London): “From Spoils to Money: Provincial Exploitation and Politics in the Roman Republic” • Simone Rendina (Cassino): “Cold Wars” in Polybius? • Fabio Saksida (Turin): “De Bellicis Officiis: the Ciceronian System of International Relations between Being and Ought-To-Be” • Ole Sebastian Siems (Berlin): “The Long Road to the Social War: Rome and Its Italian Allies between Hannibal and Tiberius Gracchus”
13:20-15:00	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-16:00	<p><u>Panel “On Plunder”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack W.G. Schropp (Zurich): “Truces against Looting? On the Spondodikai of Argos and Their Role in the Corinthian War” • Izabela Leraczyk (Lublin): “Have you Really Come Home? Nec enim satis est corpore domum quem redisse, si mente alienus est (Dig.49.15.26)” 	<p><u>Late Antiquity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byron Waldron (Nicosia): “Military Group Minds in the Narration of Late Roman Succession Events” • Jeroen Wijnendaele (Ghent): “Raids, Sails and Slaves. Geiseric's Alliance with the Mauri Reconsidered (c. 455-474 CE)”
16:00-16:15	Coffee	Coffee
16:15-18:45	<p><u>Panel “On Plunder”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itamar Levin (Providence): “Colonization as the Division of Spoils in Ancient Greece” • Aaron Beek (Potchefstroom): The Divisiveness of Dividing Plundered Plunder • Hilary Becker (Binghamton) / Jeremy Armstrong (Auckland): “The Other Side of the Coin: Spoils and Plunder in Etruria” • Anna Tarwacka (Warsaw): “No Postliminium Needed. Roman Legal Approach to Things Looted by Pirates” • Joshua Hall (Albany, OR): Personal Loot and Public Plunder – Understanding the Relationship Between the Individual and the State Through Greek and Roman Rules of Pillaging 	<p><u>Late Antiquity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Elliot (St Andrews): “A Not So “Moribund and Dead Naval System”: Reassessing Roman Naval Forces in the Late Mediterranean (3rd – 6th Centuries)” • Winfried Kumpitsch (Graz): “Heroes of War – the Virtus of the Soldier Saints” • Gonzalo Landau Brenes (Hamburg): “Late Antique Narratives of Transgression: Visigothic Warfare” • Despina Iosif (Athens): “Can You Lie on Your Tombstone?” • Alastair Lumsden (St Andrews): “Hooves of Progress: The Evolution of Tactical Command in Western Mediterranean Pre-State Armies c. 400 - 50 BCE.”