



FLUID COMMUNITIES

**CONCEPTS OF SOCIAL MOBILITY AND IDENTITY
CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN TEXTUAL EVIDENCE
AND MATERIALITY IN ANTIQUITY**

International Workshop, University of Vienna, 5th-6th December, 2025

Programme

Friday, 05.12.

13.30	INTRODUCTION	
FLUID PROFESSIONAL IDENTITIES AND THEIR PERCEPTION		
Moderation: Fabio Spalla		
14.00	Martina Schmidl (Vienna)	Upward Social Mobility for the Unfree – A Case Study from Babylonia (6 th century BCE)
14.30	Fabio Sassella Sergenti (Bologna)	Professional Identity and Social Mobility in Roman Epigraphy: The Case of CIL XI, 862
15.00	Break	
15.20	Kiana Rezakhanlou (Basel)	‘We the Parasites’: Slippery <i>Grammatikoi</i> in Greek Epigram
15.50	Jelena Gvozdenović (Vienna)	The (Mis)fortunes of a Ploughman
16.20	Break	
ELITE STATUS AND SOCIAL CHANGE		
Moderation: Felix Michler		
16.40	Matthias Hoernes (Vienna)	Politics of Pageantry: Elite Formation and Consolidation in Hellenistic-Republican Canosa
17.10	Silvia Geraci (Verona)	Cecilia Metella at Oropos: Female Agency and Social Mobility of Roman Elites in the Late Republican Mediterranean
17.40	Francesco Botti (Venice)	Preserving status in misfortune: aristocratic refugees during the barbarian invasions
18.10	Break	
ETHNICITY AND COMMUNITY		
Moderation: Robinson Krämer		
18.30	Lucía Sánchez Mur (Madrid)	Studying Macedonian Identity in the Archaic Period: Textual and Material Evidence on Cultural Construction and Social Development
19.00	Eleni Kopanaki (Vienna)	Myth and Community: Rethinking the Lokrians through Literary and Material Sources (c. 8 th BCE – 1 st CE)
19.30	Reception with Buffet	
20.30	Conference dinner at the Melker Stiftskeller	

Saturday, 06.12.

CULTURAL CONTACTS AND IDENTITY NEGOTIATION

Moderation: Robinson Krämer

09.00	Caterina Montin (Venice)	Prosopography, Social Mobility and Identity negotiation in Roman Etruria: the case of Caere
09.30	Letizia Querzola (Rome)	Searching for «ALEXANDREAE ITALICEI QUEI FUERE»: the Romano-Italic component in multicultural Hellenistic Egypt
10.00	Alina Dimitrova (Vienna)	Hybridity and Power Communication: A Theoretical Lens on Identity Negotiation in Antiquity
10.30	<i>Break</i>	
11.00	KEY NOTE: ANDREA GAUCCI (BOLOGNA)	WRITING IN LIMINALITY: MOBILITY AND IDENTITY IN ETRUSCAN EPIGRAPHY
12.00	<i>Lunch with Buffet</i>	

FAMILY AND KINSHIP

Moderation: Felix Michler

13.00	Alena Kronseder (Munich)	Zur sozialen Mobilität in Terenz' Adelphoe
13.30	Melinda Szabó (Budapest)	Family, Network, Mobility
14.00	<i>Break</i>	

NARRATIVES AND IMAGINATION

Moderation: Fabio Spalla

14.30	Raphael Thun (Berlin)	Journeys Between Experience and Imagination – Mobility Narratives and Mobilities in Greek Literature of the 2nd Century CE
15.00	Denisa Murzea (Vienna)	Voices on the Move. Identity and Mobility in Roman Verse Inscriptions
15.30	<i>Break</i>	
from 16.00	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION	

Optional get-together for guests staying until Sunday (e.g. for a walk at the Christmas Market)



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