

Payravi Conference on Iranian History

Iran and the Transformation of Ancient Near Eastern History: The Seleucids (ca. 312-150 BCE) UCI, February 24th-25th 2020

Organizers (Touraj Daryaee, Robert Rollinger, and Matthew Canepa)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2020

Welcoming Remarks: Touraj Daryaee, Robert Rollinger, and Matthew Canepa
(9:30-10:00)

Keynote (10:00-10:30)

Rahim Shayegan (UCLA) tba

COFFEE BREAK (10:30-11:00)

Panel I: Empire and Concepts (11:00-1:00)

Chair: Andromache Karanika (UCI)

Krzysztof Nawotka (Wroclaw) Seleukos I and the Seleukid dynastic ideology

Julian Degen (Innsbruck) Seleucus I between East and West. Appian on the Foundation of Seleukia-on-Tigris

Rolf Strootman (Utrecht) How Iranian was the Seleucid Empire?

Kai Ruffing (Kassel) The Economies of the Seleucid Empire

Panel II: Iran, Mesopotamia and Syria (2:30-5:15)

Chair: Ali Mousavi (UCLA)

Johannes Haubold (Princeton) Babylon and Iran: the end of Seleucid rule in Mesopotamia

Touraj Daryaee (UCI) Rethinking Frataraka Ideology and Chronology in Pars

COFFEE BREAK (3:30-3:45)

Rocco Palermo (Groningen) Imperial Structures and Settlements in Seleucid Mesopotamia: A Landscape Archaeology Approach.

Anca Dan (Paris) How the Seleucids saw their world: Greek, Iranian and Babylonian perceptions

Sara E. Cole (Getty) Seleucid and Ptolemaic Imperial Iconography in the Syrian Wars (274-168 BC)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2020

PANEL III: Urbanism and Empire (10:00-12:00)

Chair Antonietta Catanzariti (Smithsonian)

Ileana de Giuseppe (Bologna) The Burning of Persepolis: historical and archaeological perspectives

Omar Coloru (Genoa) Seen from Ecbatana. Aspects of Seleucid policy in Media

Vito Messina (Torino) Pivot of Imperial systems. The role of Seleucia-on-the-Tigris in Seleucid and Parthian Mesopotamia

Laurianne Seve (Lille) Seleucid Religious Architecture in Ai Khanoum: A Case Study

Panel IV: Center and Borderlands (1:30-3:30)

Chair Alka Patel (UCI)

Matthew P. Canepa (UCI) The Seleucid empire and the creation of a new Iranian visual and spatial culture of power.

Sören Stark (NYU) Archaeological Perspectives on the Early Seleucid Northeastern Frontier

Christoph Schäfer (Trier) Seleucids and the Sea – an ambivalent relationship

Stanley Burstein (CSU LA) The Seleucid Conquest of Koile Syria and the Incense Trade

COFFEE BREAK (3:30-4:00)

Concluding Remarks (4:00-4:30)

Antigoni Zournatzi (Athens)