

Sven Günther (Changchun) | *Imperare per definitionem:*

Framing the Romano-British Borderland through  
defining Picts and Scots

Coffee break 17:30-18:00

18:00-19:30 Panel 11: Late Antique, Medieval and Modern  
Europe (I)

Chair: Alejandro Boucabeille (Innsbruck)

Digital Talk: Florin Curta (Gainesville) | Imperial Borderlands  
to the North and West of the Black Sea

Walter Pohl (Vienna) | Conditions and Consequences of the  
Dissolution of the Roman Empire: A View from the  
Borders

Conference Dinner

Day 5 | Friday, June 24th, 2022

09:00-11:45 Panel 11: Late Antique, Medieval and Modern  
Europe (II)

Chair: Paulina Zagórska (Wrocław)

Mischa Meier (Tübingen) | The Hunnic Empire and Imperial  
Borderlands

Jörg Schwarz (Innsbruck) | Northumbria as Borderland of  
the Anglo-Saxon World

Coffee break 10:30-11:00

Chair: Cassandra Gerda Lamche (Innsbruck)

Robyn Radway (Budapest/Vienna) | Celebrating Shared  
Values: Cross-Border Jousting Between Habsburg  
Central Europe and Ottoman Hungary

11:45-12:30 Concluding Remarks

Kai Ruffing (Kassel) and Josef Wiesehöfer (Kiel)

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# Contextualizing Imperial Borderlands (9th c. BC – 9th c. AD and Beyond)



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**Day 1 | Monday, June 20th, 2022**

13:15-14:15 Reception and Registration

14:15-15:00 **Opening** (Land Vorarlberg, LFU Innsbruck, ÖAW, vorarlberg museum, organizers)

15:00-16:00 **Key Lecture 1**

Touraj Daryaee (Irvine) | Armenia as an Imperial Borderland

*Coffee break 16:00-16:30*

16:30-18:00 **Panel 1: Borderlands between Rome and Iran**  
Chair: Julian Degen (Trier)

Jake Nabel (Pennsylvania) | Diaspora or Shadow Empire? Paradigms for Palmyrene History in a Syro-Mesopotamian Borderland

Christian Rollinger (Trier) | Pre-Islamic Arabia as Imperial Borderlands

*Welcome Buffet*

**Day 2 | Tuesday, June 21st, 2022**

09:00-12:30 **Panel 2: The Ancient Near East**  
Chair: Noah Kröll (Innsbruck)

Giovanni B. Lanfranchi (Padova) | Neo-Assyrian Borderlands 1: Syrian, Aramaic and Luwian City-States

Simonetta Ponchia (Verona) | Neo-Assyrian Borderlands 2: The Iranian Highlands as a Borderland of the Neo-Assyrian Empire

*Coffee break 10:30-11:00*

Chair: Florian Posselt (Innsbruck)

Michael Jursa (Vienna) | The Internal Frontier: Agrarian Expansion in the Babylonian Heartland from Assyria to the Sasanians

Matthew Waters (Wisconsin-Eau Claire) | Elam as a Borderland of the Neo-Assyrian and Neo-Babylonian Empires

*Lunch 12:30-14:00*

14:00-15:30 **Panel 3: The Achaemenids and the Aegean**  
Chair: Hendrik Stanway (Innsbruck)

John Hyland (Newport) | The Aegean World as a Borderland of the Achaemenid-Persian Empire

Julian Degen (Trier) | The Macedonian Miracle: Argead Macedonia as a Borderland

*Coffee break 15:30-16:00*

16:00-17:30 **Panel 4: The Achaemenids and the Seleucids in Central Asia**

Chair: Valentina Cambuzzi (Innsbruck)

Marco Ferrario (Trient) | «τὰ Κῦρα, ἔσχατον ὄν Κύρου κτίσμα». Strabo, Naršaḥi and the Northeastern Border of the Achaemenid Empire

Krzysztof Nawotka (Wrocław) | Seleucid Border in Central Asia: Demodamas beyond the Jaxartes

*Coffee break 17:30-18:00*

18:00-18:45 **Local Open Lecture**  
Chair: Andreas Rudigier (Bregenz)

Brigitte Truschneegg (Innsbruck) | Bregenz (Brigantium) and the Germanic Borderlands in the 3rd to 5th c. CE: A Hotspot of Communication and Identity Shaping

**Day 3 | Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022**

09:00-11:45 **Panel 5: Iran and Afghanistan**  
Chair: Rahim Shayegan (Los Angeles)

Matthew Canepa (Irvine) | Imperial Competition, Shifting Frontiers and Material and Conceptual Entanglements in Iranian Imperial Borderlands

Michael Alram (Vienna) | The Shahi Kingdoms – the Last Stronghold against Muslim Expansion in the East

*Coffee break 10:30-11:00*

Chair: Rahim Shayegan (Los Angeles)

Giorgio Rota (Vienna) | Some Remarks on Safavid Persia and its Vassal States

11:45-14:45 **Panel 6: Egypt**  
Chair: Nina Holtmann (Innsbruck)

Agnieszka Wojciechowska (Wrocław) | Pelusium from “the Stronghold of Egypt” to the Hellenistic Town

*Lunch 12:30-14:00*

Chair: Nina Holtmann (Innsbruck)

Angelika Lohwasser (Münster) | The Kingdom of Kush as Borderland and its Borderlands

14:45-16:45 **Panel 7: China and East Asia**  
Chair: Clemens Steinwender (Innsbruck)

Guolong Lai (Gainesville) | Between Hua (the Civilized) and Yi (the Barbaric): The Concept and Management of Imperial Borderlands in Early China

*Coffee break 15:30-16:00*

Chair: Clemens Steinwender

Byung-Joon Kim (Seoul) | Empire’s Periphery or another Center? The Case of the Korean Peninsula between 2nd c. B.C. and 4th c. A.D.

16:45-17:45 **Key Lecture 2**  
Chair: Robert Rollinger (Innsbruck/Wrocław)

Manfred Bietak (Vienna) | Egypt and its Borderlands

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**Day 4 | Thursday, June 23rd, 2022**

09:00-10:30 **Panel 8: Central Asia**  
Chair: Alexander Steiner (Innsbruck)

Melanie Malzahn & Hannes Fellner (Vienna) | The Pre-Islamic Tarim Region as Borderland

Florian Schwarz (Vienna) | The Oxus Region from the Sasanian to the Early Islamic Period (4th to 9th c. CE): Dynamics of a Borderland

*Coffee break 10:30-11:00*

11:00-15:30 **Panel 9: The Hellenistic World**  
Chair: Jessika Armbrüster (Innsbruck)

Hilmar Klinkott (Kiel) | Ideologically in the Center, Politically at the Edge – Greece as Hellenistic Borderland

Piotr Głogowski (Wrocław) | Hellenism in the West, the Roman Empire and Neo-Phoenician Identity

*Lunch 12:30-14:00*

Chair: Kai Ruffing (Kassel)

Erich Kistler (Innsbruck) | The Parochial City at Hellenistic Monte Iato (Western Sicily) – Nature of a Borderland Bottom-up

Rolf Strootman (Utrecht) | Rome as a Borderland of the Hellenistic World

*Coffee break 15:30-16:00*

16:00-17:30 **Panel 10: The Roman Empire**  
Chair: Bernhard Palme (Vienna)

Patrick Reinard (Trier) | Roman Blemmyes? The Integration of Nomadic Groups into Imperial Structures