

2nd Trends in Classics – Historiography Conference: *All the King's Writers: Tradition and Renewal in the Ancient Histories of Alexander the Great*

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The official language of the conference is English.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

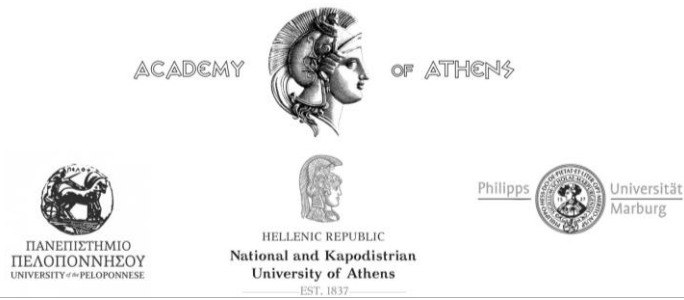
9:00 – 9:30

Registration, Greetings and General Introduction

Opening Address by **Antonios Rengakos**, Emeritus Professor of Ancient Greek Literature, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Member of the Academy of Athens

Welcome Address by **Athanassios Stefanis**, Director of the Research Center for the Greek and Latin Literature, Academy of Athens

Welcome Address by **George Andreiomenos**, Professor of Modern Greek Literature, Dean of the School of Humanities and Cultural Studies, University of the Peloponnese



Welcome Address by **Sophia Papaioannou**, Professor of Latin Literature, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, International Relations and Outreach, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

9:30 – 10:30

Keynote Lecture

Elias Koulakiotis (University of Ioannina): Agency in the Greco-Roman Alexander Narratives: Destiny, Decision, and Desire

10:30 – 12:00

Panel 1: The lost histories I

Chair: Anja Bettenworth (University of Cologne)

10:30 – 11:00

Cinzia Bearzot (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart): Callisthenes and Chares on Parmenion

11:00 – 11:30

Vasileios Liotsakis (University of the Peloponnese): Navigating Truth: Nearchus between Strategic Leadership and Narrative Authority

11:30 – 12:00

Sabine Müller (University of Marburg): Chares of Mytilene, the Commemoration of Alexander, and Artifice

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee Break

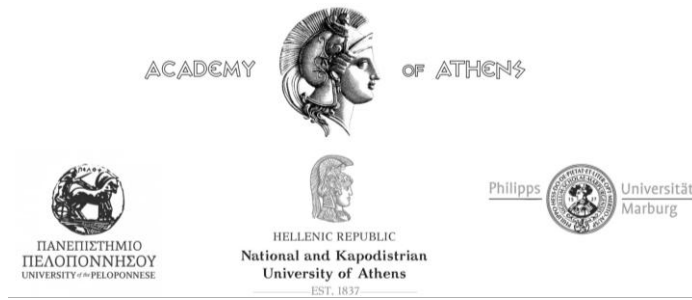
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Panel 2: The lost histories II

Chair: Sulochana Asirvatham (Montclair State University)

12:30 – 13:00

Philip Bosman (Stellenbosch University): Onesicritus' Impact on the Alexander Narratives



13:00 – 13:30

Lennart Gilhaus (Humboldt University of Berlin): Kleitarchos in the Context of Alexandria: Foundations of the Alexander Tradition

13:30 – 14:00

Frances Pownall (University of Alberta): Ptolemy as Apologist for Alexander

14:00 – 14:30

Giustina Monti (University of Lincoln, UK): Aristoboulos of Cassandreia: Engineering Alexander's Legacy?

14:30 – 16:30

Lunch Break

16:30 – 17:30

Panel 3: Principal Sources of Alexander in the Hellenistic Period and the Roman Republic

Chair: Julian Degen (University of Innsbruck)

16:30 – 17:00

Craige Champion (Syracuse University): A Curious Triangulation: Polybius, Alexander, and Rome

17:00 – 17:30

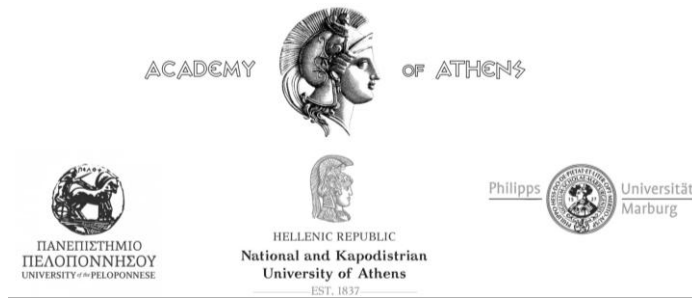
Franca Landucci (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart): Alexander the Great in Justin's Epitome of Trogus' *Philippic History*

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:00 – 11:00

Panel 4: The four main surviving sources

Chair: Vasileios Liotsakis (University of the Peloponnese)



9:00 – 9:30

Jennifer Finn (Loyola University Chicago): *The Enemy Within: Alexander and His Opponents in Diodorus Book 17*

9:30 – 10:00

Anja Bettenworth (University of Cologne): *Pudor* as a Guiding Force: On Curtius Rufus' Contribution to the History of Alexander the Great

10:00 – 10:30

Christopher Pelling (University of Oxford): Plutarch and the Alexander Tradition

10:30 – 11:00

Julian Degen (University of Innsbruck): Making Alexander Great Again: Arrian's Response to the Images of Alexander in His Time

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Panel 5: Alexander in Fiction and Secondary Historical Sources

Chair: Frances Pownall (University of Alberta)

11:30 – 12:00

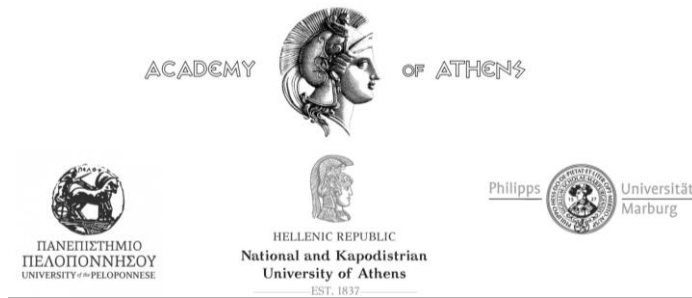
Ioannis M. Konstantakos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens):
The World Is Not Enough: The Alexander Romance
between Popularised History and Travel Tale

12:00 – 12:30

Ory Amitay (University of Haifa): Josephus on Alexander

12:30 – 13:00

Matthew Watts (University of Otago): The Depiction of Alexander's Friendship
with the East in the *Metz Epitome*



13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:00

Panel 6: Alexander and Greco-Roman *Literati*

Chair: Philip Bosman (Stellenbosch University)

11:30 – 12:00

Sulochana Asirvatham (Montclair State University): Alexander in the Latin Sources, over Time

12:00 – 12:30

Christian Thue Djurslev (Aarhus University): Sophists for Alexander: Greek Alexandrology in the Second Century AD

16:00 – 16:30

Closing Remarks

20:00

Conference Dinner