



FLUID COMMUNITIES

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

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

Programme

Friday, 05.12.

13.30	INTRODUCTION	
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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 Grammatikoi in Greek Epigram
15.50	Jelena Gvozdenović (Vienna)	The (Mis)fortunes of a Ploughman
16.20	Break	
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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	
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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 Heuriger 10er Marie (Ottakringer Str. 222-224, 1160 Vienna)	

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	Break	
11.00	KEY NOTE: ANDREA GAUCCI (BOLOGNA)	WRITING IN LIMINALITY: MOBILITY AND IDENTITY IN ETRUSCAN EPIGRAPHY
12.00	Lunch with Buffet	

FAMILY AND KINSHIP

Moderation: Felix Michler

13.00	Alena Kronseder (Munich)	Zur sozialen Mobilität in Terenz' Adelphoe
13.30	Fabio Spalla (Vienna)	(Illegitimate?) Family matters: slaves' and freed slaves' affective identities in verse epitaphs from the Gauls and Germanies
14.00	Break	

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	Break	

from 16.00 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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



Venue:

Main building, Hörsaal 1 (left entrance, lower ground floor – Tiefparterre)
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