



ALI-ASGHAR PAYRAVI symposia and publications at UC Irvine Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture

Mr. Payravi was an enthusiast and lover of ancient Iranian history who collected and read many books on ancient Iran. Previously, the Payravi Family provided two graduate fellowships for foreign students interested in pursuing ancient Iranian history at UC Irvine.

Through the generosity of the late Mr.

Ali-Asghar Payravi and his family the Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies at the University of California, Irvine will host a conference and subsequent publications which will cover five periods in Iranian history: The Iranian Plateau and its Histories, Achaemenid; Hellenistic; Arsacid; and Sasanian Empires. The Third conference is organized by Professor Touraj Daryaee, Director of Dr. Samuel M. Jordan Center for Persian Studies & Culture at University of California, Irvine, Professor Robert Rollinger of the Institute für Alte Geschichte und Altorientalistik at the University of Innsbruck, and Professor Matthew Canepa, Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Presidential Chair in Art History and Archaeology of Ancient Iran at University of California, Irvine.



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PAYRAVI CONFERENCE ON ANCIENT IRANIAN HISTORY III

Iran and the Transformation of Ancient Near Eastern History: The Seleucids (ca. 312-150 BCE)

Organizers: Touraj Daryaee, Robert Rollinger, and Matthew Canepa



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2020

WELCOMING REMARKS (10:00-10:30)

Touraj Daryaee (*UC Irvine*), Robert Rollinger (*University of Innsbruck*), and Matthew Canepa (*UC Irvine*)

PANEL I: EMPIRE AND CONCEPTS (10:30-12:30)

Chair: Andromache Karanika (*UC Irvine*)

Krzysztof Nawotka (*University of Wrocław*)

Seleukos I and the Seleucid Dynastic Ideology

Julian Degen (*University of Innsbruck*)

Seleucus I between East and West: Appian on the Foundation of Seleukia-on-Tigris

Rolf Strootman (*University of Utrecht*)

How Iranian was the Seleucid Empire?

Kai Ruffing (*University of Kassel*)

The Economies of the Seleucid Empire

LUNCH (12:30 – 2:00)

PANEL II: IRAN, MESOPOTAMIA AND SYRIA (2:00-4:30)

Chair: Ali Mousavi (*UCLA*)

Johannes Haubold (*Princeton*)

Babylon and Iran: The End of Seleucid Rule in Mesopotamia

Rocco Palermo (*University of Groningen*)

Imperial Structures and Settlements in Seleucid Mesopotamia: A Landscape Archaeology Approach

COFFEE BREAK (3:00-3:30)

Anca Dan (*French National Centre for Scientific Research*)

How the Seleucids Saw their World: Greek, Iranian and Babylonian Perceptions

Sara E. Cole (*J. Paul Getty Museum*)

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 Institution*)

Ileana de Giuseppe (*University of Bologna*)

The Burning of Persepolis: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives

Omar Coloru (*University of Genoa*)

Seen from Ecbatana: Aspects of Seleucid Policy in Media

Vito Messina (*University of Torino*)

Pivot of Imperial Systems: The role of Seleucia-on-the-Tigris in Seleucid and Parthian Mesopotamia

Laurianne Seve (*University of Lille*)

Seleucid Religious Architecture in Ai Khanoum: A Case Study

LUNCH (12:00-1:30)

PANEL IV: CENTER AND BORDERLANDS (1:30-3:00)

Chair: Alka Patel (*UC Irvine*)

Matthew P. Canepa (*UC Irvine*)

The Seleucid Empire and the Creation of a New Iranian Visual and Spatial Culture of Power

Christoph Schäfer (*University of Trier*)

Seleucids and the Sea: An Ambivalent Relationship

Stanley Burstein (*CSU Los Angeles*)

The Seleucid Conquest of Koile Syria and the Incense Trade

COFFEE BREAK (3:00-3:30)

CONCLUDING REMARKS (3:30-4:00)

Antigoni Zournatzi (*Athens*)