Tracing the local(s). The local world of Mediterranean landscapes in Greek and Roman coinage

The ancient Mediterranean was a cultural landscape inhabited by various local groups that formed these landscapes before the expansion of the Greeks and Romans. In this year’s VLAC II conference, the presence and reception of local elements of different peoples and cultural groups from Italy to Asia Minor and from Gaul to Egypt, will be examined on the basis of local coinage.

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Friday 29th November

14:30 Welcome: Fleur Kemmers (Goethe University Frankfurt) and Johannes Wienand (University of Braunschweig)

14:45 Introduction:
Hülya Vidin (Goethe University Frankfurt) and Saskia Kerschbaum (DAI Munich)

Panel Ia:
How to localise: different strategies of localisation in regional patterns

15:00 Gunnar Dumke (University of Halle): Eastern bulls in the west. Using animals as expression of local identity

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Dario Calomino (Warwick University): Tracing the ‘locals’ in the agonistic festivals of the Roman east

17:00 Ulrike Peter (BBAW): Local traces in the coinages issued under Gordian III and Philip the Arab in the Balkan area

17:45 Break

Panel Ib:
How to localise: different strategies of localisation in the interaction with Roman culture

18:00 Robyn Le Blanc (The University of North Carolina at Greensboro): Localizing a Roman colonial identity on civic coinage: the Marsyas of the forum type in its local contexts

18:45 Denise Wilding (Warwick University): Local worlds on local tokens? The Roman lead tokens of Gaul and Egypt as media of local expression

19:30 Wine reception

20:30 Dinner for speakers

Saturday 30th November

Panel II:
Between tribes and cities: the urbanification of local features

9:00 Pero Ardanliev (Archaeological Museum, Skopje): The coinage of the Dassaretai and their urban centre

9:45 Simone Vogt (August Kestner Museum, Hannover): Roman or Oscan? The coinage of Atella (Campania)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Saskia Kerschbaum (DAI Munich): Between image and language: local features on early Sicilian coinage

11:45 Johannes Heinisch (DAI Munich): The tetradrachms from Segesta – adoption of local patterns as a sign of victory

12:30 Lunch

Panel III:
The landscapes of Asia Minor dealing with new political impacts

14:00 Hülya Vidin (Goethe University Frankfurt): Caria – autochthonous elements on coins between expression of local identity and making politics

14:45 Annalisa Polosa (Sapienza University, Rome): Coins of Cilician cities between Greek models, Seleucid ideologies and local traditions

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Andrea Gorys (BBAW) – Bernhard Weisser (Münzkabinett Berlin), Thebe – Adramyttion – Edremit. Münzgeschichte und historisches Gedächtnis in einer mysischen Landschaft

16:45 Koray Konuk (CNRS – Bordeaux Montaigne University) Lycian coinage as a reflection of local identities

17:30 Discussion
Moderation: Fleur Kemmers (Goethe University Frankfurt)

18:00 Close

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