

Schedule

Wednesday, 9 January – Sociology

0900–1000 Keynote: Julia Jennings (University at Albany, SUNY)

1000–1030 discussion *Chair: Jason Silverman.*

1030–1100 coffee break

1100–1300 Paper session I (3, 40 minute papers). *Chair: Jason Silverman.*

Farzad Abedi. The Philo-Persian Societies in Classical Greece

Nenad Marković. Memphis, Sais, Buto and Beyond: Indigenous Priesthood Networks in Persian Egypt (c. 526–484 BCE)

Melanie Wasmuth. Negotiating Authority: The Acceptance of Cambyses as Egyptian Pharaoh as Means of Constructing Elite Identity

1300–1430 Lunch break

1430–1550 Paper session II (2, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Jutta Jokiranta.*

Francis Borchartd. Ezra–Nehemiah and Torah as a Product of Social Authority

Maarja Seire. The Authority and Autonomy of Archival Scribes in Mid-First Millennium BCE: the client-scribe relationships in Bēl-rēmanni and Marduk-rēmanni archives

1550–1620 break

1620–1740 Paper session III (2, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Jutta Jokiranta.*

Jacob Stavis. Monuments and Memory at Pasargadae

Nina Nikki and Lauri Laine. The Promise of Socio-Cognitive Approaches as Middle-Range Theories

1740–1900 Concluding discussion/ response *Chair: Jutta Jokiranta.*

Response: Petri Ylikoski

1900 Reception

Thursday, 10 January – Political Science

0900–1000 Keynote: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (New York University)

1000–1030 discussion *Chair: Caroline Wallis.*

1030–1100 coffee break

1100–1300 Paper session I (3, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Caroline Wallis.*

Ossi Arpe. Political Science Approaching Abstract Plan

Seán W. Pieper. The Achaemenid Lion: Proto-Heraldry and the Significance of Imagery for Elite Culture

Wu Xin. Drinking from the Old Cups: Elite of Central Asia in the Achaemenid Empire

1300–1430 Lunch break

1430–1630 Paper session II (3, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Jason Silverman.*

Kacper Ziemia. Law-Codes and Local Elites: case for the southern Levant

Uzume Z. Wijnsma. Barking Dogs Never Bite? Elite criticism and quietism in First Persian Period Egypt

Melissa Benson. How do Networks Relate to Ideas of 'Authority' and What Does 'Authority' Mean in the Persian Empire, on a Social Level?

1630–1700 break

1700–1820 Paper session III (2, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Jason Silverman.*

Andrew Deloucas. Dancing Around the Akītu: Envisioning a Lost Subject of the Persian Period

Leila Makvandi. Local Calendars and Problem of their Adaptation in the Achaemenid Empire Archives

1820–1900 Concluding discussion/ response

Response: Joanna Töyräänvuori

1930 Workshop Dinner

Friday, 11 January – Economics

0900–1000 Keynote: Jari Eloranta (University of Helsinki)

1000–1030 discussion *Chair: Melanie Wasmuth.*

1030–1100 coffee break

1100–1220 Paper session I (2, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Melanie Wasmuth*

Maurits W. Ertzen. Agencies of Empire: a comparative History of the Importance of Daily Activities in Building Imperial Power

Raz Kletter. Writing the Economies of Judah/ Yehud: Ideologies and Practices

1220–1350 Lunch break

1350–1550 Paper session II (3, 40 minute papers) *Chair: Rick Bonnie*

Rhyne King. De-urbanizing Political and Economic Power in the Achaemenid Persian Empire

Caroline Wallis. Taxes as a Nexus: good for me, good for you, good for us? On collective well-being and utilitarianism in the Persian Empire

Jason M. Silverman. Economics without Society or Politics? The Interrelation of Assumptions Concerning Models in the ANE

1550–1620 break

1620–1800 Final discussion / response *Chair: Rick Bonnie*

Response: Olli Tutunen

Keynotes' Biographies

Julia Jennings

Professor Jennings is an Assistant Professor at the University at Albany, SUNY. She received her PhD from Pennsylvania State University in Anthropology and Demography. She investigates how economic, environmental, household, and family contexts shape past and present populations. Her ongoing research in North Orkney, Scotland, focuses on historical variation in household and family patterns and its implications for population and economic change. Another project in Orkney examines fertility and mortality responses to grain price fluctuations in the nineteenth century. She is also interested in demographic responses to climate variation, intergenerational transmission of fertility, and the effects of household composition on fertility, mortality, and migration.

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita

Professor Bueno de Mesquita is Silver Professor and Professor of Politics at New York University. He received his PhD from the University of Michigan. An expert on foreign policy and nation building, his current research focuses on political institutions, economic growth, and political change. He is also known for his research on policy forecasting for national security and for business concerns. His most recent books include *The Dictator's Handbook: Why Bad Behavior Is Almost Always Good Politics* (Public Affairs Press, 2011) and *The Predictioneer's Game: Using the Logic of Brazen Self-Interest to See and Shape the Future* (Random House, Inc., 2009).

Jari Eloranta

Professor Eloranta is Professor of Economic History at the University of Helsinki. He received his PhD from the European University Institute in Florence. His main areas of study are: the history of military spending; the cost and impact of conflicts in history; the history of state formation and welfare states; economic history and development of the Nordic countries; Finnish economic history; business history as a discipline; and small countries in world trade in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. The main sources of appeal of economic and business history for Professor Eloranta are, in his words, "the interdisciplinary and comparative nature of these fields. They are also more theoretical than history in general, which I find interesting."