

Current Research on Illyria and Epirus

4th century BC – 1st century AD

The regions of ancient Illyria and Epirus, although situated on the periphery of the Greek and Roman world, have received increasing attention in recent scholarship. While political history remains an important field of study, the constant growth in archaeological and epigraphical material has especially stimulated research on social and economic structures and developments.

With an interdisciplinary approach, new insights are to be gained into the interplay of political structures and events, the agency of states, tribes, cities and individuals, forms of social and family organisation, private and state-guided migration, settlement and landholding patterns, urban and rural spaces, maritime and overland connections and exchange, as well as phenomena of acculturation and identity formation.

The workshop aims to provide a forum for both established scholars and early-career academics to discuss ongoing projects and new findings on Illyria and Epirus with colleagues specialising in the study of these regions.



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11/12/13 April 2024



Thursday, 11th April

Opening

14:00 Reception and Introduction

Session 1: Illyria and Epirus through the Ages

Chair: Saimir Shpuza (Aix-Marseille)

14:15 Maja Miše (London)

Transformation and Integration. A Millennia of Political, Social, and Cultural Shifts in the Eastern Adriatic

15:00 Olgita Ceka (Darmstadt)

Administrative and Architectural Transformations in Southern Illyria, from the First Illyrian War in 229 BC to Augustan Rule

15:45 Break

Session 2: Sites and Settlement – The Case of Chaonia

Chair: Björn Forsén (Helsinki)

16:15 Julian Bogdani (Rome)

Chaonia in Epirus from the Archaic Period to the Hellenistic Age from an Archaeological Point of Observation

17:00 Nefeli Pirée Iliou (Oxford)

Looking inside the Fortified Farms of Coastal Chaonia

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 12th April

Session 3: Politics and Society in Epirus

Chair: Rebecca Kreßner (Trier)

09:00 Frank Daubner (Trier)

Territorial Extension and Political Structure of the Prasaibian League. A Reassessment

09:45 Milena Melfi (Oxford)

Religion and *poleis* in Ancient Epirus

10:30 Break

Session 4: Politics and Society in Illyria

Chair: Florian Feil (Trier)

11:00 Igor Borzić (Zadar)

Kopila Hillfort (Island of Korčula, Croatia) at the Crossroads of the Illyrian and Hellenistic/Roman Worlds

11:45 Julian Gieseke (Bielefeld)

A Man of the World. Skerdilaidas as a Political Broker between Illyria and Greece in the late 3rd century BC

12:30 Lunch

Session 5: Urban Cultures in Hellenistic Illyria

Chair: Manuel Fiedler (Rheinisches Landesmuseum Trier)

14:00 Saimir Shpuza (Aix-Marseille)

Degrees of Urbanization in Hellenistic Illyria. Orikos and Bushat (Albania) as Case Studies

14:45 Jonathan Ritter (Frankfurt)

The Hellenistic Funerary Imagery of Apollonia and its Hinterland

15:30 Break

Session 6: Gender and Social Structures

Chair: Milena Melfi (Oxford)

16:00 Karolina Frank (Warsaw)

A Feminine North? The Actions and Agency of Women in Ancient Epirus

16:45 Elisa Le Bail (Paris)

Men, Women, and their (Freed-)Slaves. A Gender Analysis of the Manumission Acts of Illyria and Epirus (4th century BC – 1st century AD)

17:30 Break

17:45 Rebecca Kreßner (Trier)

Absent Men, Powerful Women? The Interdependence of Social and Economic Structures on the Eastern Adriatic

20:00 Dinner

Saturday, 13th April

Session 7: The Impact of Rome I

Chair: Frank Daubner (Trier)

09:00 Sophia Zoumbaki (Athens)

Italian Economic Interests and Rome's Policy in Epirus

09:45 Tommi Turmo (Helsinki)

Trade and Technology of Segmented Mills

10:30 Break

Session 8: The Impact of Rome II

Chair: Nefeli Pirée Iliou (Oxford)

11:00 Björn Forsén (Helsinki)

Roman Roof Tiles in Epirus. Production, Patterns of Landowning and Trade

11:45 Florian Feil (Trier)

Roman/Italian Immigrants in Illyria and Epirus until the Age of Augustus

12:30 Break

12:45 Final Discussion and End of Conference

Optional: City tour with JProf. Patrick Reinard (Trier)