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WEDNESDAY, 21ST OF MAY

- 18:00 h** Welcome
Isabel Izquierdo, Museo Arqueológico Nacional, Madrid
Paul Scheduling, German Archaeological Institute, Madrid
- 18:10 h** Introductory remarks by the organizers
Felix Pirson and Paul Scheduling
- 18:30 h** Andrew Wallace-Hadrill
Max Weber's City and the Missing Microregion: The Case of Pompeii
- 19:30 h** Reception at the MAN

THURSDAY, 22ND OF MAY

SESSION 1 CITY AND MICRO-REGION CONFIGURATIONS AS COMPLEX SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

Chair: Paul Scheduling

- 09:00 h** Jeroen Poblome
It's All in the Mix: Finding Historical Meaning in Ancient Urban Growth Trajectories Affecting Regional Development Potential, Applied to Roman Imperial Asia Minor
- 09:30 h** Bilge Hürmüzlü / Semih Togan
Micro-Region of Pisidian Seleukeia and Human Environment Interaction
- 10:00 h** Fabiola Salcedo Garcés / Samira Sehili
Dinámicas socio-económicas y culturales entre espacio urbano y espacio rural en el África romana: las altas estepas tunecinas
- 10:30 h** Sami Ben Tahar
The Jeffara Plain in Ancient Times: A Micro-Regional Approach to a Complementary Socio-Economic System
- 11:00 h** Coffee Break

Chair: Martin Zimmermann

11:30 h Hélène Wumser

From the House of Fourni to the Delos-Rheneia-Mykonos Micro-Region: Land Use and Development, Resource Management and Optimisation

12:00 h Alexander Hoer

Munigua: Redefining Roman Urbanism Through the City-Micro-Region Lens

12:30 h Barbara Borg

Rome and Its Suburbium as a Socio-Ecological Micro-Region: The IN-ROME Project

13:00 h Discussion

13:30 h Lunch

Chair: Elif Koporal

15:00 h Agostino Sotgia / Peter Attema /
Luca Alessandri / Francesca Bulian /
Jan Sevink

The Salt Demand of the Early Etruscan City-State Within Its Socio-Ecological Context

15:30 h Robert Witcher / M.^a Carmen Moreno Escobar
Monumentality and the Reconfiguration of Urban and Rural Settlement in the Hinterland of Late Republican and Early Imperial Rome

16:00 h Coffee Break

16:30 h Francesco De Stefano / Paolo De Paolis
The Metapontines and Their Territory: An Integrated Study on the Changing Landscapes of the Lucanian Coast from the Archaic to the Hellenistic Period

17:00 h Fabian Becker

From Slopes to Sediments: Landscape Geoarchaeology of Human-Environment Interactions in the Pergamon Micro-Region (and Beyond)

17:30 h Discussion

21:00 h Conference Dinner (for participants)

FRIDAY, 23RD OF MAY

**SESSION 2 TEMPORAL SCALES AND DYNAMICS IN THE
TRANSFORMATION OF CITY AND MICRO-REGION
CONFIGURATIONS**

Chair: Jeroen Poblome

09:00 h Paul Scheduling

The Last Frontier. City, Microregions and Shifting Boundaries

09:30 h Philipp Margreiter

Fortified Micro-Regions in Late Antique North Africa: The Upper Medjerda Valley and the Northern High Tell

10:00 h Johannes Fouquet

Kainepolis: Inventing a Micro-Region on the Early Roman Mani Peninsula

10:30 h Christian Schöne

Elusa and Its Hinterland: Unveiling the Settlement and Economic History of the Desert Metropolis

11:00 h Coffee Break

Chair: Andrew Wallace-Hadrill

11:30 h Katja Sporn

Elateia: A Large City and Its Micro-Region

12:00 h Alexander Free

The Connection Between Urban Space and District in Roman Egypt

12:30 h Discussion

13:00 h Lunch

Chair: Felix Pirson

14:30 h Alejandro Quevedo / Jesus García Sánchez

Micro-Regional Dynamics Between the Southeastern Iberian Peninsula and the Central Maghreb: The Case Studies of Águilas and Tipasa

15:00 h Macarena Bustamante Álvarez /
Mar Castro / María Campo
*From the Coast to the Interior of Baetica:
Rethinking the Role of Ocuri (Ubrique,
Cádiz, Spain)*

15:30 h Coffee Break

16:00 h Günter Schörner / Ines Guth
*Beyond the Plain: Regina Turdulorum
and the Campiña Sur (Extremadura) as a
Micro-Region*

16:30 h Felix Teichner / Florian Josef Hermann /
María del Carmen Moreno Escobar
*Micro-Regions and Spatial Definitions in
the Roman Far West: Small Towns and
Privileged Communities in Their Territorial
Context (Lusitania)*

17:00 h Roundtable: Synthesis Group

Moderation: Katja Sporn

E. Koparal, F. Pirson, J. Poblome,
P. Scheduling, A. Wallace-Hadrill and
M. Zimmermann

19:00 h Reception

21:00 h Flamenco Event

SATURDAY, 24TH OF MAY

10:00 h Visit of Exhibition at the MAN



CONFERENCE SERIES

This conference series explores ancient cities and their surrounding micro-regions as interconnected socio-ecological systems. Rather than viewing urban and rural spaces in isolation or hierarchy, the project emphasizes their mutual entanglement across time and place. It is guided by an international advisory board consisting of Manuel Fernández-Götz (Oxford), Elif Koparal (Istanbul), Naoíse MacSweeney (Vienna), Jeroen Poblome (Leuven), Andrew Wallace-Hadrill (Cambridge) and Martin Zimmermann (Munich).

The first conference, held at the German Archaeological Institute in Madrid from 21st – 23rd May 2025, focuses on configurations of city and micro-region within the ancient Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions. Particular attention will be given to socio-ecological complexity, temporal dynamics, and the ways in which these configurations were represented, perceived, and planned. The setting in Madrid offers a framework for discussing Mediterranean urbanism within a long-term perspective.

The second conference will take place at the German Archaeological Institute in Istanbul from 30th October – 1st November 2025. This event shifts the focus to issues of connection, integration, and broader global perspectives, including maritime interaction and comparative approaches to city-region relations beyond the ancient Mediterranean. By concluding the series in Istanbul, the dialogue expands to encompass the diversity of urban life in the Mediterranean and beyond.

Coordinators

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