



# Interconnectivity and Communication

## Cultural and Intellectual Transmission in Ancient Anatolia

**May 21–24, 2025**

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Invited Guest Speakers

**Michele Bianconi, Meltem Doğan-Alparslan, H. Craig Melchert**

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## May 21, 2025

### 09.00-09.30 Registration

### 09.30-10.00 Institutional welcome

**Daniele BAGLIONI** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Director of Department of Humanities)

**Conference organizers' welcome: Annick PAYNE** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

### 10.00-10.30 Keynote lecture: Meltem DOĞAN-ALPARSLAN (Istanbul)

*Hittites and Their Writings: The Importance of the Most Significant Tool of Communication and Transmission in a State in Central Anatolia*

### 10.30-12.20 Morning session: Mesopotamian and Eastern Influences in Anatolia

Chair: **H. Craig Melchert**

### 10.30-10.50 Alwin KLOEKHORST – Willemijn WAAL (Leiden)

*When Two Scripts Collide: Interactions Between Anatolians and Assyrians in the Old Assyrian Colony Period*

### 10.50-11.10 James BURGIN (Würzburg) – Marta PALLAVIDINI (Berlin)

*Anitta, Metaphor, and Governance*

### 11.10-11.40 Coffee break

Chair: **Petra Goedegebuure**

### 11.40-12.00 Joseph BARBER (Oxford)

*Babylonian Wisdom in Hattusa*

### 12.00-12.20 Valerii IVANOV (Marburg)

*Mesopotamian Elements in the Hittite Royal Substitution Rituals (CTH 419–421)*

### 12.20-14.00 Lunch break

### 14.00-15.00 Afternoon session: Mesopotamian and Eastern Influences in Anatolia

Chair: **Piotr Taracha**

### 14.00-14.20 Timothy D. LEONARD (Chicago)

*Šaušhalla: A Hurrian Goddess in a Palaic Festival?*

### 14.20-14.40 Henry J.A. LEWIS (Würzburg)

*The Saga of Gurparanzaḫ: Hittite, Hurrian, Akkadian, or All of the Above?*

### 14.40-15.00 Atila BATMAZ (Izmir)

*New Discoveries About Ottoman Tophane Pipes and Urartian Palace Wares: Bridging the Gaps of a Cultural Phenomenon*

### 15.00-15.30 Coffee break

### 15.30-17.00 Late afternoon session: Transmission Principles

Chair: **Michele Bianconi**

### 15.30-15.50 Valerio PISANIELLO (Chieti-Pescara) – Alfredo RIZZA (Verona)

*The Transmission and Editing of Foreign Materials and the Establishment of Textual Traditions at Hattuša*

### 15.50-16.10 Šárka VELHARTICKÁ (Venezia)

*On the Principles of the Transmission of Cuneiform Writing to Anatolia*

### 16.10-16.30 Sophia MARXER (Marburg / Bern)

*Pottery as a Reflection of Cultural Exchange: Between Stylistic Preferences and Technology*

### 16.30-17.00 Discussion

## May 22, 2025

### 09.30-10.00 Keynote lecture: H. Craig

**MELCHERT** (Carrboro NC)

*Luwian as a Linguistic and Cultural Intermediary*

### 10.00-12.30 Morning session: Hittites

Chair: **Alwin Kloekhorst**

### 10.00-10.20 Andreas MÜLLER-KARPE (Marburg)

*Samuha and the "Smugglers' Route" – Illegal Long Distance Trade During the Early Second Millenium BC*

### 10.20-10.40 Piotr TARACHA (Warsaw)

*Hittite State Cult Versus Local Cults. Cult Trips and Itinerant Festivals as Instrument of Religious Communication in North Central Anatolia*

### 10.40-11.00 Eleanor HOME (London)

*Determining Nature and the Divine: Systems of Classification in Hittite Prayers and Rituals*

### 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Chair: **Willemijn Waal**

### 11.30-11.50 Marina ZORMAN (Ljubljana)

*Tracing the Origin of Hittite per/parna-*

### 11.50-12.10 Livio WARBINEK (Florence)

*"takku kez ÍD-az ... takku edi ÍD-az": The Hittite Laws Revisited Once More, the Hittite Perception of the Foreigner*

### 12.10-12.30 Carlo CORTI (Rome)

*"May the Wine Greatly Satisfy!" The Resurgence of Viticulture in Hittite Anatolia*

### 12.30-14.00 Lunch break

### 14.00-14.40 Afternoon session: Hittites

Chair: **Šárka Velhartická**

### 14.00-14.20 Magdalena KAPEŁUŚ (Warsaw)

*Communication and Relationship Between the Living and the Dead – An Analysis of Some omina Regarding the Dead*

14.20-14.40 **Vladimir SHELESTIN** (Moscow)

*The Horse Cults in Hittite Anatolia*

14.40-15.10 Coffee break

15.10-18.10 **Late afternoon session: Hittites and Luwians**

Chair: **Annick Payne**

15.10-15.30 **Clelia MORA – Maria Elena BALZA** (Pavia)

*Anatolian Hieroglyphs Between Anatolia and Syria in the 2nd and 1st Millennia BC*

15.30-15.50 **Lorenzo D'ALFONSO** (Pavia / New York)

*Rethinking the Neo-Hittite Element in South-Central Anatolia: Between Local Tradition and the Impact of the Syro-Hittite City-States*

15.50-16.10 **Charlotte FERNANDES** (Paris)

*Lost in Translation? Dynamics of Communication and "Travelling Knowledge" Between the Hittites and Their Vassals*

16.10-16.40 Coffee break

Chair: **Nathan Lovejoy**

16.40-17.00 **Petra GOEDEGEBUURE** (Chicago)

*"The People of Hatti Often Speak About My Match!"  
Emic Evidence for Luwian as the Language of the Population in 13th Century BCE Anatolia*

17.00-17.20 **Gabriele BIANCALANI** (Venezia):

*Reflections on the Südburg Inscription*

17.20-17.40 **Adahan GÜNEY** (Pavia)

*A Geospatial Approach to the Iron Age Processional Route of South Cappadocia, and the Cultic Definition of Territory in Central Anatolia*

17.40-18.10 **Discussion**

## May 23, 2025

09.30-10.00 **Keynote lecture: Michele BIANCONI** (Oxford)

*Lost in Translation? Carian Interpreters and the Origins of ἐρμηνεύς*

10.00-12.30 **Morning session: Western Anatolia and the Mediterranean**

Chair: **Emanuele Alleva**

10.00-10.20 **Sarah P. MORRIS** (Los Angeles)

*All Quiet on the Western Front: Hittites, Ahhiyawa and Western Anatolia*

10.20-10.40 **Müge DURUSU-TANRIÖVER** (Philadelphia)

*The Hittite Empire and the Late Bronze Age Mediterranean Trade Networks*

10.40-11.00 **Winfried HELD** (Marburg)

*How Did the Karian Chersonesos Become Rhodian?*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Chair: **Nicolò Bordoni**

11.30-11.50 **Alessandro POGGIO** (Lucca)

*Visualising Contacts. Interconnectivity and Material Evidence in 1st-millennium BC Western Anatolia*

11.50-12.10 **Leticia R. RODRIGUEZ** (Houston)

*Conforming Identities? The Semiotics of Self-Representation in an Archaic Sculpture from Samos*

12.10-12.30 **Adrian KINZIG** (Marburg)

*Diktynna Abroad: Retracing a Network of Minority Cults in the Ancient World*

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-17.00 **Afternoon session: Lydian and Phrygian Aspects**

Chair: **Sveva Elti di Rodeano**

14.00-14.20 **Emanuele ALLEVA** (Venezia)

*"Let Bas Not Give Bread to Him": Curse Formulae in Phrygian Inscriptions and Their Ancient Parallels*

14.20-14.40 **Katrin EULER-SASSEVILLE**

(Marburg)  
*Anatolian Architectural Terracottas as an Expression of Power Display. The Evidence from the Phrygian and Lydian Kingdoms*

14.40-15.00 **Mustafa SAYAR** (Istanbul)

*The Struggle of the Anatolian Kingdoms for Existence Against the Persian Kingdom in the First Millennium BC*

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

Chair: **Gabriele Biancalani**

15.30-15.50 **Fiona PHILLIPS** (Oxford)

*Polychromy in Lydian Inscriptions: Sardian Epigraphic Culture and Its External Influences*

15.50-16.10 **Nicolò BORDONI** (Venezia)

*Some Remarks on the Classical Maeonians*

16.10-16.30 **Jorit WINTJES** (Würzburg)

*"Spare Me Lydian Sauces and the Touch of the Whip!" – Cuisine as a Means of Intercultural Communication*

16.30-17.00 **Closing discussion**

## May 24, 2025

12.00 **Museo archeologico nazionale di Venezia**

(Upon prior registration.)