

# CITY & MICRO-REGION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE I

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(AND BEYOND)

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## WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> 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, 22<sup>ND</sup> 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.<sup>a</sup> 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)

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, 24<sup>TH</sup> 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), Naoise 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Paul Scheding (German Archaeological Institute, Madrid)  
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### Organisation

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