

—International conference—

Macedonia and Sparta: A Tale of Two Kingdoms in the Hellenistic Period

**American School of Classical Studies
Cotsen Hall, 9 Anapiron Polemou St., Athens
December 3-5, 2025**

DAY I: Wednesday, December 3

6.00 pm Opening Remarks

Bonna D. Wescoat and Olga Palagia, Organizers
Theodoros Veroutis, Vice-governor of Laconia
Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Director, Ephorate of Antiquities of Pella and of the City of Thessaloniki

6.30 Keynote lectures

Paschalis Paschidis, “Antigonid Macedonia between archaism and modernity: an outlier in the Hellenistic state system”
Paul Christesen, “Historical perspectives on Hellenistic Sparta”

Discussion

8:00 Reception

DAY II: Thursday, December 4

Session I: Historical perspectives

Chair: Paul Christesen (Dartmouth College)

10.00-10.20 Ioannis Xydopoulos, “Heracles as a common ancestor: a tale of three states”
10.20-10.40 Panagiotis P. Iossif, “Between Leuctra and Chaeronea. Boeotia as middle ground between Macedonia and Sparta: a prelude on things to come”
10.40-11.00 Ioanna Kralli, “Why did Sparta remain independent until 192 B.C.?”

11.00-11.40 Discussion and coffee break

Session II: Piety and impiety

Chair: Paschalis Paschidis (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

11.40-12.00 Manolis Voutiras, “The spread of the cult of Isis and Sarapis in Macedonia: the case of the “Sarapieion” of Thessalonica”
12.00-12.20 Annelies Cazemier, “The ‘impiety’ of kings reassessed: Philip V, Nabis and Rome”

12.20-12.40 Discussion

Lunch for speakers and Chairs

Session III: Public spaces

Chair: Bonna D. Wescoat (American School of Classical Studies)

2.30-2.50 Athanasia Kyriakou, Alexandros Tourtas, Daphne Maikidou-Putrino,
“Vergina/Aigai: modelling the public space during the Hellenistic period in the first
capital of the Macedonian kingdom”

2.50-3.10 Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Lisa Nevett, Stratos Nanoglou, David Stone,
“Hellenistic Pella as a dynamic urban environment: new investigations by the
Ephorate of Antiquities of Pella in collaboration with the University of Michigan”

3.10-3.30 Nikos Akamatis, “Bathing habits in the Hellenistic period: Macedonia and the
Peloponnese”

3.30-4.20 Discussion and coffee break

Session IV: Fortifications

Chair: Manolis Voutiras (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

4.20-4.40 Λεωνίδας Β. Σουχλέρης, «Το βόρειο τμήμα της κοιλάδας του Ευρώτα στους
ελληνιστικούς χρόνους και η συνάντηση με τους Μακεδόνες»

5.00-5.20 Luke Madson, “La(a)s and the problem of Hellenistic fortifications in Lakonia”

5.20-5.40 Discussion

8.00 Dinner for speakers and Chairs

DAY III: Friday, December 5

Session V: Tombs, palaces and material relations

Chair: Olga Palagia (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

10.00-10.20 Anastasios Kakamanoudis, “Identity formation and social representation in the
funerary landscape of Hellenistic Macedonia”

10.20-10.40 Elisavet-Bettina Tsigarida, Alexandra Skitsa, Ryuichi Yoshitake,
“Reconstructing royal authority: the architecture and functions of the palace of Pella”

10.40-11.00 Dan Stewart, “Silence as a gift: Spartan material relations in the Hellenistic
period”

11.00-11.40 Discussion and coffee break

Session VI: Art and luxury

Chair: Kostas Buraselis (Academy of Athens)

11.40-12.00 Myrina Kalaitzi, Maria Stamatopoulou, Giovanni Verri, Maria Kokkori,
“Hidden in plain sight: new insights into a painted frieze from Hellenistic
Thessaloniki”

12.00-12.20 Olga Palagia, “Sparta embraces modernity: an archaic relief of the
Dioskouroi”

12.20-12.40 Athanasios Sideris, "Changing attitudes towards toreutic luxury in Hellenistic Macedonia, Central Greece and the Peloponnese"

12.40-1.00 Discussion

Session VII: All that money can buy

Chair: Panagiotis P. Iossif (Museum of Cycladic Art)

1.00-1.20 Thomas Clements, "Buying freedom: a Hellenistic development of helotage?"

1.20-1.40 Selene Psoma, "Sovereignty and coinage in ancient Greece: the case of Hellenistic Sparta"

1.40-2.00 Sophia Kremydi, "Hoarding patterns and monetary circulation in Lacedaemonian territory"

2.00-2.20 Discussion

2.20-2.30 Concluding Remarks

Bonna D. Wescoat