



SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
ON BLACK SEA ANTIQUITIES

The Black Sea: Hub of Peoples and Cultures
(8th century BC–5th/6th century AD)

Dedicated to the Memory of Prof. Alexandru Avram

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The International Hellenic University, Thessaloniki

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Papers within given sessions are alphabetical by (principal) author

Monday, September 26th

9.30

Opening Session, including formal welcomes and organisational and practical announcements

SESSION 1

Scythians, Taurians, Sarmatians, Dacians, Thracians, Colchians, the local populations of the southern Black Sea, etc.

10.15

Victor Cojocaru

The Sarmatian cultural phenomenon between migration and ‘network analysis’: From M.I. Rostovtzeff to recent historical debates

10.30

Altay Coşkun

Multiple Aiai in Argonautic land- and riverscapes. A study into the mythogeography of the (eastern) Black Sea region

10.45

Jan de Boer

‘Bird bowls’ as an indication for the foundation date of some of the earliest Greek settlement in the Black Sea region

11.00

Discussion

11.10

Tea and Coffee

11.30

Manolis Manoledakis

Phrygians in the Black Sea?

11.45

Ferdinando Ferraioli

Les relations entre les Bithyniens et les villes grecques de la Propontide asiatique aux époques archaïque et classique

12.00

Stefania Gallotta

Lysimachus of Thrace and Heraclea Pontica: A difficult relationship

12.15

Vladimir Goroncharovskiy

Sindoi: written tradition and archaeological data

12.30

Discussion

12.50-14.10

Lunch

14.15

Aleksei Kasparov

Economic activity at the settlements of barbarian mercenaries in the Hellenistic Crimea

14.30

Othmar Jaeggi

The chamber tomb at Kul-Oba

14.45

Metodi Manov

Kavaros, the king of Thrace in the 3rd century BC. Securing the protection of merchants sailing into the Pontus

15.00

Alexander Minchev

Scythian art in north-eastern Thrace: Evidence from small finds (6th–4th centuries BC)

15.15

Discussion

15.35**Tea and Coffee**

15.55

Alexander Podossinov

Why the Sea of Azov was called a lake in antiquity. On the problem of estuary lakes in the Pontus Euxinus

16.10

Karl Strobel

The Getae: Myth and reality

16.25

Maya Vassileva

Local identities under the Achaemenids: Two examples from Lycia and Phrygia

16.40

Y.A. Vinogradov

Traditions and innovations in the Aristocratic culture of the Cimmerian Bosphorus of pre-Roman times

16.55

Anna-Maria Wittke

Amazone – Halizones (Arbeitstitel)

17.10

Discussion

18.00**Opening reception and book presentation****Session 1 Posters**

Nicolaie Alexandru

The Getae population in the territory of Callatis. Hellenistic period

Lucretiu Mihailescu-Bîrliba

Natione Libycus or natione Liburnus. On an inscription from Ibida (Moesia Inferior)

Dorel Bondoc

A representation of Trajan's victory over the Dacians, on a Roman shield

Veronica Lighezan Constantin

Linguistique, mythologie, ethnographie et archéologie: Bïa, une divinite Presque oubliée?

Gabriela Filip

Marsyas representations on Roman gemstones from Dacia

Anton Genov, Dimitriya Spasova and Anastas Ifandiev

The rock sanctuary at Konatinski skali in the region of Brestovo village, Simitli municipality, south-western Bulgaria

Denver Graninger

Ethnos perspectives on 'Thracian Dioysos'

Dragoş Hălmagi

The Bastarnae at the mouth of the Danube: An exercise in Quellenforschung

Zahra Kouzehgari

Weapons of Scythian type in the Iranian Highlands and development of new war practices in the ancient Near East

Aleksandr Kovalenko

The eastern borderland of European Scythia in 350–275 BC

Vakhtang Licheli

Dynamics of geomorphological changes in central Colchis and settlement distribution in the mid-1st millennium BC

Oksana Lifantii

Goddesses' images in jewellery appliqués of Scythian ceremonial garments

Nathalya Limberis and Ivan Marchenko

About the Greek influence on the grey-clay pottery of the Maeotians

Vasilica Lungu

Autochthonous fortification at Babadag in the Greek period

Igor Makarov

On the interpretation of a graffito from the western Crimea

Vasil Markov

Rock arches in Thracian megalithic sanctuaries on the southern Black Sea coast of Bulgaria

Sorin Paliga

Where did those brave Dacians go?

Alexander Portalsky

Sumela Monastery near Trabzon – probably a pre-Christian cult site (comparison with ancient sites in southern Bulgaria)

Peter Rothenhoefer

New evidence of the Scythian king Skilouros

Oleksandr Shelekhan

Horsemen with hoplites' armour. Greek influence on Scythian armaments

Alexandra Clara Țârlea and Franceska-Cristina Știrbu

We are what we own? Scythian material culture on the western coast of the Black Sea (6th–5th centuries BC)

Eugenia Velychko

Goldwork textiles from barbarian mounds of the first centuries AD in the northern Black Sea region

Tuesday, September 27th

SESSION 2

Relations of Greece, Rome and Anatolia with the local peoples of the Black Sea: cultural, political, commercial

9.30

Eka Avaliani

Retracing connections through artefacts: A bone plaque with an image of a naked woman from ancient Armazi

9.45

Valentin-Victor Bottez, Gabriel Mircea Talmațchi, Alexandra Clara Țârlea and Anca-Maria Constantin

Greek messages for Roman authorities: Coins and the imperial cult in the cities of the West Pontic koinon

10.00

Pascal Burgunder

Des Scythes à Athènes?

10.15

Alexander Butyagin

The art of the Greeks and Scythians or Graeco-Scythian art: The structure of interaction in the art of the Bosporan kingdom in the 5th–4th centuries BC

10.30

Discussion

10.50

Tea and Coffee

11.10

Thibaut Castelli

La diffusion des instruments économiques d'origine grecque parmi les populations autochtones de l'ouest de la mer Noire

11.25

Dmitry Chistov

From dugouts and huts to houses: Notes on the initial period of Greek urbanisation in the northern Black Sea region

11.40

Irina Demetradze-Renz

Writing, writing tools and literacy in Roman Iberia

11.55

Mario Denti

East and West: Sharing of Greek material culture, ritual and ideological elements in the 7th century BC

12.10

Discussion

12.30-13.55**Lunch**

14.00

Zdravko Dimitrov, Vladislav Zhivkov and Emil Nankov

The relations of the Thracian tribes with the colonies of the Black Sea during the Classical period: New archaeological excavations of local settlements near Novi Pazar

14.15

Tedo Dundua and Natia Phiphia

Greek colonisation of Colchis (western Georgia): Failure of an Hellenic experiment

14.30

Ştefan Honcu and Lucian Munteanu

Supporting the army. The development of rural settlements during the 4th century in the province of Scythia minor

14.45

Liviu Mihail Iancu

Was there an eastern Mediterranean market for Thracian and Pontic slaves in the Archaic period?

15.00

Discussion

15.20**Tea and Coffee**

15.40

Emzar Kakhidze and Miranda Akhvlediani

Pichvnari – contact zone of Classical world and eastern Black Sea area

15.55

Michel Kazanski

L'Empire d'Orient, le Bosphore Cimmérien, les Goths et les Huns (Ve–VIe siècles)

16.10

Ekaterine Kobakhidze

The Greek inscriptions of Colchis as an historical source

16.25

Shota Mamuladze, Emzar Kakhidze and Sul Khan Mamuladze

Beliefs of Roman soldiers stationed at Apsarus, eastern Black Sea region

16.40

Antigoni-Maria Mastorakou

Abdera and Phanagoria: An early 'Tale of Two Cities'

16.55

Marc Mayer i Olivé

Quaestiones Ovidianae: Ovide au Pont Euxin

17.10

Lucian-Mircea Mureşan and Ioana Mureşan

Between the curse and the law. Lawful and unlawful religious practices and funerary behaviour

17.25

Discussion

Session 2 Posters (part 1)

Andrei Baltag and Bogdan Chiriloaie

Spindle-whorls, toy car wheels or fishing weights? Analysis of material discoveries I Scythia Minor (4th–6th centuries AD)

Giulia Baratta

Bleierne Votivspiegel am Schwarzen Meer

Alexey Belousov

Materiality of Pontic curse tablets

Ekaterina Berzon and Oleg Gabelko

New data on Seleucid politics in the Pontic region?

Livia Buzoianu and Irina Sodoleanu

The presence of Tauric Chersonesus in the western coast of the Pontus Euxinus

Laurenţiu Cliante and Alexandra Clara Țârlea

Just have one for the road... Early Roman glass jugs from funerary contexts in Tomis (Romania)

Tamaz Darchidze

Early mediaeval archaeological materials from Pichvnari

Svetlana Derkacheva

Byzantium and Cyzicus at the gates of the Pontus: Politics, Money, Trade and Fishing

Iulia Dumitrache

Garum or tarichos? Evidence of fish-processing on the western shores of the Black Sea in Roman times

Gelly Fragou

The identification of Chain stamps on handles located in the Black Sea region

Oleg Gabelko

On the approach to the Pontus Euxinus: The Monopoly War of 220 BC

Ivy Faulkner-Gentry

Scythian warrior women as cross-cultural negotiators

Bianca-Elena Grigoraş and Alina Streinu

Living with the Romans: Gothic pottery in a Roman city, Dinogetia

Martin Gyuzelev

The Odessos–Mesambria road according to the Tabula Peutingeriana and the road station Templum Iovis

Michał Halamus

The Epigraphic Culture of the Bosporan Kingdom and its long-term developments

Ana Honcu

Tituli operum publicorum provinciae Moesiae Inferioris

Iulia-Alexandra Iliescu, Valentin Radu and Alexandra Clara Țârlea

One last meal. Patterns of food consumption in the final habitation phased of the 6th-century insula from the ACS Sector in Histria (Romania)

Petya Ilieva

Relations of Greece, Rome and Anatolia with local peoples of the Black Sea: cultural, political, commercial

Tatiana Iorganda and Franceska-Cristina Știrbu

Scythians at home and abroad: An iconographic study of the depiction of Scythian warriors on Greek vase-paintings and Scythian toreutic articles

Piotr Jaworski

Did the Boranoi seaborne incursion in Colchis afflict the Roman fort in Apsarus? Latest numismatic evidence from Gonio, Georgia

Richard Kendall

Meaningful misremembrance: Considering the post-Getic role of Achilles and Apollo in Olbia

John Brendan Knight

'Betwixt Heaven and Earth'. The antique reception of early northern wisemen

Viktoriiia Kotenko and Denis Grechko

Tauric Chersonesus and local populations of the Black Sea in the Hellenistic period

Elena Kuznetsova

Stamps on Mendaian amphorae of the 4th century BC (from material in museum collections)

Alexandra Lițu and Alexandra Clara Țârlea

The Black Sea area – a world of objects

Wednesday, September 28th

Mid-Congress excursion. Time and meeting point will be announced at the end of Session 2.

Visit to Thessaloniki (see map): Archaeological Museum; Museum of Byzantine Culture; Ancient (Roman) agora; Galerius palace; White tower; Old city and fortification.

Thursday, September 29th

SESSION 2 CONTINUED

9.30

Nikoloz Murghulia, Besik Lortkipanidze and Davit Lomitashvili

An alternative route to the Silk Road through Svaneti (western Georgia) to the Black Sea in the 6th century AD

9.45

Andrei Opait

Postponing the end of the Lower Danube limes

10.00

Ulrike Peter and Vladimir Stolba

An enigmatic coin type of Tomis

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10.15

Florian Matei-Popescu

Roman army veteran in the western Pontic cities

10.30

Discussion

10.50

Tea and Coffee

11.10

Mariana-Cristina Popescu

Over the mountains: Geto-Dacians from the Carpathian basin and their relations with the Pontic apoikiai

11.25

Adrian Robu

Byzance et les cites grecques de la mer Noire: à la recherché de l'ethnos pontique

11.40

Lynn Roller

Phrygian cults and Greek colonies on the Black Sea: The cult of Meter Kybebos in Amisos

11.55

Aliénor Rufin Solas

Greek representations of the Thracians: The history of a modern misjudgment

12.10

Discussion

12.30-13.50

Lunch

14.00

Veronika Sossau

Origins and traditions – but whose, and for whom exactly? Exploring the roles of provenance and stylistic ‘statements’ in sculptural works discovered in the Black Sea region

14.15

Gabriel Mircea Talmațchi

Coin and commerce in the local environment south-west of the Istro-Pontic territory. Remarks on archaeology and numismatics of the Hellenistic period

14.30

Ivo Topalilov

On the colonisation policy of Mesambria Pontica

14.45

Dimitra Voutyrea

Aegean and Black Sea maritime trade. Revealing vestiges of late-antique amphora shipwrecks in the Fournoi archipelago

15.00

Konrad Zimmermann

Fichteller von der rumänischen Schwarzmeerküste

15.15

Discussion

15.35**Tea and Coffee****Session 2 Posters (part 2)**

Sergey Monakhov

A new collection of amphora complexes from the Kuban region: General overview

Anna Namoilik and Nadezhda Novoselova

Owners and guests of the house of Archelaos in Tauric Chersonesus (based on epigraphic evidence from the collections of the State Hermitage and the Museum-Preserve of Tauric Chersonesus)

Liana Oța

The early Roman burials from Histria

Adriana Panaite

Observations on milestones dates to the second half of the 3rd century and beginning of the 4th in Lower Moesia

Joanna Porucznik

Child burials in the northern Black Sea region during the Roman period

Hristo Preshlenov

Cultural memory and sacred topography. Pagan and Christian temples of Mesambria

Oksana Ruchynska

Benefactions and financing of Agonistic festivals in Tauric Chersonesus

Mustafa Sayar

The Bosphorus and its sanctuaries

Vanya Lozanova-Stancheva

The sacred sea spaces of Byzantium and the myth of its origins

Daniela Stoyanova

New evidence for the Late Classical and Early Hellenistic roof systems from the western Pontic coast

Gabriel Mircea Talmațchi and Gabriel Custurea

Aspects of monetary circulation in the province of Scythia in the 6th–7th centuries AD. A case study: Tropaeum Traiani (Adamclisi, Constanța, Romania)

Alexandra Clara Țârlea, Irina Sodoleanu, Alexandra Lițu and Laurențiu Cliante

Damsel in distress. The ‘Dama di Callatis’ tomb revisited 50 years after its discovery

Viktorya Vasilyan

Tyche-Fortuna: The complex image of a city-state between Europe and Asia

Livio Zerbini

Les relations et les rapports entre Rome et les royaumes de la Colchide et de l’Iberie

Session 3: Macedonia and the Black Sea**15.55**

Nikos Akamatis

From Athens to North Greece and the Black Sea: Red-figure vases of the Group of the Vienna Lekanis

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16.10

Luigi Gallo and Francesca Fariello
Macedonia and the Scythians in the second half of the 4th century BC

16.25

Christos Giamakis and Jane Rempel
Different regions, same strategies: Networks of power in Macedonia and the Black Sea

16.40

Stefan Novaković
Between Macedonia and the Black Sea: New observations on the paths of Greek influence in (south-) eastern Serbia during the Iron Age

16.55

Marina Vakhtina
The complex of Karagodeuasckh mound: The question of Bosporan connections in the last decades of the 4th century BC

17.10

Discussion

Session 3 Posters

Georgia Aristodemou

From rivers to gods. Highlighting the importance of river gods as seen through their representations in art during the Roman period in the regions of Macedonia and Thrace

Archil Balakhvantsev

Alexander the Great, gold mines of Syspiritis and the problem of the origins of the Iberian kingdom

Emanuel Petac

Who's who: Uncertain Black Sea: about the tetradrachm Price 1212/1320. Not Tomis and not Dioscuridas

Pela Plika

Comparative research into the andrones from the Hellenistic houses of Macedonia and the Black Sea

Maria-Magdalena Ștefan, Valeriu Sîrbu and Dan Ștefan

A monumental funerary expression of Macedonian political involvement in the western Black Sea poleis. The Documaci tumulus

Friday, September 30th

SESSION 4

New excavations and projects

9.30

Mikhail Abramzon

Gold danakes among Bosporan and Roman coins from the necropolis at Phanagoria

9.45

Alexandre Baralis, Teodora Bogdanova, Dimitar Nedev and Nicolas Morand

Metallurgy and metallurgical workshops in Apollonia Pontica during the Archaic period. The 'industrial zone' of Iujna krepostna stena

10.00

Alexandra Bivolaru and Christophe Morhange

Harbours and navigation in the western Black Sea in antiquity. A geoarchaeological survey

10.15

Teodora Bogdanova, Alexandre Baralis, Maguelone Bastide and Dimitar Nedev; Nicolas Morand Settlement pattern and exchange networks on the borders of Apollonia Pontica's territory: The Malkoto Kale project

10.30

Valentin-Victor Bottez, Irina Adriana Achim and Adrian Şerbănescu

New information concerning the Late Roman topography of Istros (Constanța County, Romania)

10.45

Tea and Coffee

11.05

Margarit Damyanov

Drinking to Apollo: Archaic cups from the island of St Kirik, Apollonia Pontica

11.20

Şevket Dönmez

The beginning of early Zoroastrian architecture in Anatolia: the Oluz Höyük Atashkadeh and its sanctuary

11.35

Owen Doonan, Alexander Bauer, Krzysztof Domzalski, Andrew Goldman, Ulrike Krotschek, Paolo Maranzana, Evangelina Piskin, Jane Rempel, Sue Sherratt, Anna Smokotina, Emine Sökmen and Huseyin Vural

Sinop Kale excavations, 2017–2019: Findings and interpretations

11.50

Ayşe Erol and Deniz Tamer

Red-slipped pottery obtained from Cıngirt Kayası, Late Hellenistic to Early Roman period (mid-2nd century BC–1st century AD)

12.05

Paul Everill

The scientific analysis of material from Nokalakevi in Samegrelo, Georgia

12.20

Jochen Fornasier

The so-called proasteion of Herodotus. New results of a Ukrainian-German project in Olbia Pontica

12.40-13.50

Lunch

13.55

Nadiya Gavrylyuk

Archaic household ceramics of Borysthenes (based on V.V. Lapin's collection)

14.10

Lavinia Grumeza

'In the shadow of Rome': Roman finds in the East Carpathian Barbaricum and north-west of the Black Sea. Some considerations about a new research project

14.25

Marcin Matera

New data about the fortifications of western Tanais

14.40

Eleni Mentesidou

The temple of Apollo in Sinope. A preliminary study

14.55

Sergey Olkhovskiy, Anna Smokotina and Tatiana Egorova

Ceramic material from the harbour of Panticapaeum (preliminary report)

15.10

Marta Oller Guzmán

Views de femmes à travers les inscriptions pontiques: un projet prosopographique

15.25

Tea and Coffee

15.45

Annamária-Izabella Pázsint

Prosopographia Ponti Euxini. Callatis et Odessus

16.00

Preslav Peev and Alkiviadis-Alexandros Ginalis

An interdisciplinary approach to the systematisation of Late Antique and Mediaeval ports along the Bulgarian Black Sea

16.15

Iryna Shramko and Stanislav Zadnikov

Female burials with gold jewellery in forest-steppe Scythia

16.30

Akın Temür

Samsun-Vezirköprü/ancient Neoclaudiopolis. Territory surveys and inventory studies

16.45

Despoina Tsiafaki; Yiannis Mourthos

Social memory, Attic pottery and the polis. Case-studies from the Thracian Black Sea Coast

17.00

Angelina Zedgenidze

Strabo's Ancient Chersonesus: New discoveries (phrourion, acropolis, temple on the acropolis)

17.15

General Discussion

Session 4 Posters

Andrei Agafonov and Olga Samar

Concerning early Athenian red-figure vases from Panticapaeum

Maria Akhmadeeva

Discovering Theodosia: A new archaeological project of the State Hermitage Museum

Cristina-Georgeta Alexandrescu

Murighiol Project: Overview and perspectives of the multidisciplinary approach to the strategic micro-region around ancient Halmyris

Valentin-Victor Bottez, Sorin Ailincăi, Alexandra Clara Țârlea, Iulia-Alexandra Iliescu, Alfred Vespremeanu-Stroe, Adrian Șerbănescu and Radu Penea

On the frontier between Greeks/Romans and the indigenous population. The Beidaud Project (Tulcea County, Romania), 2021–2030

Valentin-Victor Bottez, Alexandra Clara Țârlea, Alexandra Lițu, Virgil Apostol and Iulia-Alexandra Iliescu
A 6th–7th-century AD insula in Istros/Histria (Romania). Excavations of the University of Bucharest (2013–2021)

Alexander Butyagin, Vladimir Kolosov and Nadezhda Milikhina
New find of sculpture from Myrmekion

Mila Chacheva
Hellenistic glass from Mesambria Pontica

Nataliya Churekov
Experience in creating the database of Greek amphorae: The APE project (<https://ape.sgu.ru/>)

Laurențiu Cliante, Alexandra Clara Țârlea and Iulia-Alexandra Iliescu
Cast a glow or cast a shadow? Simulation of realistic lighting in a virtual reconstruction of a room belonging to the 6th-century AD insula from the ACS Sector in Histria (Romania)

Sergey Dudarev
New finds of horse protectors and parts of an antique horse harness in the northern Caucasus

Anca Cezarina Fulger and Mihai Munteanu
Tropaeum Traiani. War and propaganda at the edge of empire

Maria Girtzi and Athanasia Bountidou
Travelling in the Ionian and Dorian colonies of Thracia Pontica: Results of the implementation of an innovative museological project

Bianca-Elena Grigoraș and Adriana Panaite
New data on early Roman Tropaeum Traiana, Constanța county, Romania

Radosław Karasiewicz-Szczypiorski, Shota Mamuladze and Jakub Kaniszewski
Roman garrison baths at Apsarus. An attempt at reconstruction (Gonio-Apsarus Polish-Georgian expedition)

Alexandra Kattsova
Ancient Kytaiion. New Excavations

Sergei Kovalenko
Coin circulation in Panticapaeum from the Late Archaic to the Hellenistic periods

Natalia Alaxandria Lockley
The building activity of Legio V Macedonica around the Black Sea during the principate

Sasha Lozanova and Stela Tasheva
Architectural motifs in ancient mosaics (eastern Mediterranean)

Emil Nankov
The Greek kitchen abroad: mobile cooking supports (lasana) from Emporion Pistiros (re)considered

Nikolay Nikolaev
Chronology of the Olbian ‘Borythenes’ in the context of the eponymous catalogue

Ioan Carol Opreș and Alexandru Rațiu
From 2nd-century barracks and 4th-century headquarters to 6th-century habitation and 10th-century dwellings for stratiotai. The Late Roman principia from Capidava

Mona Saba

An important bothros from Oluz Höyük: the oldest Zoroastrian ritual finds of Anatolia

Emine Sökmen

What does a Roman dam of the Middle Black Sea region hold behind its sluice gate?

Radu-Octavian Stănescu, Aurel Stănică and Alina Streinu

Cremation graves with ceramic building materials from the necropoleis of Noviodunum (Isacca, Romania)

Alina Streinu, Adrian Şerbănescu, Marius Streinu, Vasilica Lungu and Alexandre Baralis

Occupying the land: New research into the Roman rural settlement at Panduru

Nadezhda Suvorova

Die Schaffung der Grundlage der Fingerabdrücke von Antiken Koroplasten

Barbora Weissova and Adéla Sobotkova

From individual mounds to mounded landscapes: National registers and archaeological crowd-sourcing

Viktor and Aleksey Zin'ko

The sanctuary of Dionysus-Harpocrat from the excavations of the Bosporan city of Tyritake

18.00

Chairman: Gocha Tsetskhladze

Closing Session. Speeches and announcements

Farewell Reception

Saturday, October 1st

Post-Congress excursion commences. IHU – Thessaloniki (Aristotelous Square) – Maroneia archaeological site – Abdera archaeological site and museum – Xanthi (overnight at the Nestos Hotel).

Sunday, October 2nd

Xanthi – Amphipolis archaeological site and museum – Thessaloniki - IHU