NECROPOLEIS RESEARCH NETWORK

ANNUAL MEETING IX | PROGRAMME

30 October – 1 November 2026 · Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Türkiye

30 OCTOBER · FRIDAY

08:30–09:00 Registration
09:00–09:30 Opening of the conference and exhibition

Connected Poleis and Connected Necropoleis

Morning Session · Chair: Eurydice Kefalidou

09:30–09:50 **Constantina Kallintzi – Maria Chrysafi**
The Presence of the Klazomenians in Abdera: Evidence from the Chortolivado Cemetery

09:50–10:10 **Bilge Hürmüzlü – Yaşar Ersoy**
The Necropoleis of Klazomenai- In Memory of Prof. Dr. Güven Bakır

10:10–10:30 **Elif Koparal**
Heterotopias of Polis: Spatial politics of rural necropoleis and tumuli in Ionia

10:30–10:50 **Ramazan Bozkurttan**
Funerary Connectivity in Teos: Mortuary Practices and Cultural Interaction from the Protogeometric to the Late Antique Period

10:50–11:10 Discussion
11:30–14:00 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session 1 · Chair: Elif Koparal

14:00–14:20 **Varvara Ioannidou**
One cup for all? Ionian cups (skyphoslar) from burial contexts of Klazomenai, Teos and Abdera (mid-7th – early 3rd century BC)

14:20–14:40 **Ömür Dilek Erdal**
First Anthropological Observations of Klazomenai Necropoleis

14:40–15:00 Discussion
15:00–15:20 Coffee Break

Afternoon Session 2 · Chair: Maria Chrysafi

15:20–15:40 **Reine-Marie Bérard**
Connected Poleis, Connected Necropoleis? Funerary practices, memory and identity in ancient Megarian cities (VIIIe-Ve c.BC)

15:40–16:00 **Michael Milidakis – Michael Iliakis**
Ritual practices in Attic burials (600-480 BC): Archaeological evidence and symbolism

16:00–16:20 **Dimitra Tarantou**
The "Royal Stables" and the Northeastern Necropolis of Ancient Athens

16:20–16:40 **Okan Özdemir**
The Gündüzler Temple Tomb in Eastern Rough Cilicia: Architectural and Mortuary Analysis of an Overlooked Monument

16:40–17:00 Discussion
17:00–17:20 Coffee Break

Afternoon Session 3 · Chair: Constantina Kallintzi

17:20–17:40 **Marko Kiessel**
An unknown burial terrace at the north-eastern coast of the Karpas Peninsula, Cyprus

17:40–18:00 **Ute Kelp**
Creating civic identiy through the ages. From Hellenistic funerary marker to 'Vase de Pergame'

18:00–18:20 **Ahmet Bilir**
Negotiating Connectivity through Cremation: New Evidence from Hellenistic Burials in the Acheron Necropolis of Heraclea Pontica

18:20–18:40 **Mustafa Şahin**
The Cemetery of the Church of the Holy Fathers in Nicaea (İznik)

18:40–19:15 General Discussion (Moderator: Prof. Dr. Felix Pirson)

31 OCTOBER · SATURDAY

Connected Poleis and Connected Necropoleis

Morning Session 1 · Chair: Ute Kelp

09:00–09:20 **Ralf Becks**
Early Bronze Age Burial Customs in the Lake District of SW Turkey-Yarıköy Gavureri Tepesi Cemetery in Context

09:20–09:40 **Fikret Özcan**
Funerary Landscapes of Central and Northern Pisidia in Greek and Roman Times

09:40–10:00 **Mehmet Özhanlı**
The Necropoleis of Pisidia Antiocheia

10:00–10:20 **Dilara Uysal**
Object Biographies and Identity Formation in the PQ4 Burials at Sagalassos: A Use- Wear Analysis of Worked Bone Hairpins

10:20–10:40 Discussion
10:40–11:00 Coffee Break

Mourning and Image

Morning Session 2 · Chair: Bilge Hürmüzlü

11:00–11:20 **Eurydice Kefalidou**
Achilles in Abdera: Reflections on a Fifth-Century BC Attic "Parade Cup" from a Burial Tumulus

11:20–11:40 **Kyriaki Chatziprokopiou**
Terracota sarcophagi with relief decoration from the cemeteries of Abdera

11:40–12:00 **Hazar Kaba**
Mourning through Myth: The Visual Language of Death in the Gelincik Sarcophagus from Sinope

12:00–12:20 **Banu Özdilek**
Funerary Iconography on Sarcophagi, Ostotheks and Grave Stelae in the Adana Archaeology Museum Collection in the Light of Mourning and Image in Relation to Literary Texts on the Theme of Death

12:20–12:40 **Sadık Tuğrul – İdil Malgil – Vedat Keleş**
Images for a Child: Non-invasive Imaging, Polychromy and Contextual Analysis of Terracota Figurines from ATM 2 at Parion

12:40–13:00 Discussion
13:00–15:00 Lunch Break

Mourning and Image

Afternoon Session 1 · Chair: Mustafa Şahin

15:00–15:20 **Heba Alrez**
Light Beyond Death: Symbolism and Function of Roman Oil Lamps in the Funerary Context of Tyre (Lebanon)

15:20–15:40 **Kaja Stemberger Flegar**
Motives of Death: Oil lamps from Roman Slovenia

15:40–16:00 **Ecem Usumi**
Relief-Decorated and Inscribed Sarcophagi from Rural Settlements in the Boğaçay River Basin

16:00–16:20 **Nicholas Aherne**
Canvasing the Dead at Roman Baalbek: Affectss of Adornment and Emotional Engagement

16:20–16:40 **İlknur Ünsel Gümüştekin – Peter L. Talloen**
Funerary Altars and the Construction of Identity in Roman Imperial Sagalassos

16:40–17:00 Discussion
17:00–17:20 Coffee Break

31 OCTOBER · SATURDAY (CONTINUED)

17:20–17:40 **POSTER SESSION**

Fani Antoniou, Elissavet Ganiatsou, Athanasia Koutoula, Christina Kakasa, Asterios Aidonis, Chrysa Tsimopoulou, Angelos Souleles, Vasileios Nanis, Tania Protopsalti, Stavroula Tzevreni, Krino Konstantinidou, Stella Vasileiadou, Christina Papageorgopoulou
"Stable Isotopes and machine learning reveal diverse weaning practices in Byzantine Thessaloniki (4th c. – 14th c. AD)"

Sinem Sadık, Christina Kakasa, Asterios Aidonis, Elissavet Ganiatsou, Panagiota Xanthopoulou, Chrysanthi Marinaki, Christina Papageorgopoulou
"Bioarchaeological Insights into the Cemetery of Pellina (Trilaka, Greece): Demography and Physiological Stress (11th – 16th c. AD)"

Abdullah Bakır
"Burials without Cemeteries: Apollania in Late Ottoman"

Beste Tomay
"Perre Necropolis and the Organization of Funerary Space in Eastern Commagene"

Amin Namazlı
"Inventio and Translatio Practices in Caucasian Albania in the Context of the Cult of Saints and Relics"

Ozan Gümeli
"Who are they? The Represantation and Perception of "self" from Funerary Material in Seleukeia Sidera"

Public Archaeology Session

17:40–18:00 **Güldem Baykal Büyüksaraç – Işılay Gürsu – Songül Murat**
The Immanence of Death: Funerary Stones and Everyday Life in Gönen (Konana)

Burial Customs of the Seljuk and Ottoman Period

Afternoon Session 2 · Chair: Ali Mınyat

18:00–18:20 **Ali Rıza Bilgin – Bilge Hürmüzlü**
Continuity and Change in an Anatolian Cemetery: Seljuk to Early Republican Burials at İslamköy

18:20–18:40 **Mahsa Najafi**
Tracing Funerary Traditions between Great Seljuk Iran and Anatolian Seljuk

18:40–19:00 **Özge Sönmezler Duran**
Sacrifice and Offering Practices among the Kryashen Tatars

19:00–19:30 General Discussion & Closing (Moderator: Prof Dr Lidewijde de Jong)

1 NOVEMBER · SUNDAY

10:00 · EXCURSION

SELEUKEIA SIDERA
İSLAMKÖY: THE SELJUK-OTTOMAN PERIOD VILLAGE