



NECROPOLEIS RESEARCH NETWORK

ANNUAL MEETING IX | PROGRAMME

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

30 OCTOBER • FRIDAY	
09:30–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:30	Opening of the conference and exhibition
Connected Poleis and Connected Necropoleis Morning Session · Chair: Eurydice Kefalidou	
10:45–11:05	Constantina Kallintzi – Maria Chrysafi The Presence of the Klazomenians in Abdera: Evidence from the Chortolivado Cemetery
11:05–11:25	Bilge Hürmüzlü – Yaşar Ersoy The Necropoleis of Klazomenai- In Memory of Prof. Dr. Güven Bakır
11:25–11:45	Elif Koparal Heterotopias of Polis: Spatial politics of rural necropoleis and tumuli in Ionia
11:45–14:00	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	Ramazan Bozkurttan Funerary Connectivity in Teos: Mortuary Practices and Cultural Interaction from the Protogeometric to the Late Antique Period
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-Yariköy 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 Özdişlek 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 Canvassing 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 – Işıl Dayı – 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 Mıynat	
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	