**Ethnicity and Ethnic Constructs  
in the Long History of the Ancient Mediterranean and Black Sea**

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German Reading Room = ML 245  
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**Program**

**Wednesday, April 26th**

13:15–13:30 *Welcome & Introduction*

13:30–14:20 Richard Last, Trent University, Peterborough, ON

*Kinship Diplomacy in Paul’s Letters*

14:30–15:20 Benjamin Kelly, York University, Toronto

*Egypt in the Roman Ethnographic Imagination: The Case of the Nilotic Scenes*

15:30–16:20 Rabbi Benjamin E. Scolnic, Southern Connecticut State University, Hamden

*The Name Jason in Hellenistic Judaea, or: Caution! An Ancient Name …*

16:20–16:40  *Tea/Coffee Break*

16:40–17:30 Stone Chen, University of Waterloo / University of Guelph

*Ethnic Construct and Belonging on the Periphery: Evidence from Phokaia and Phokaian Colonies*

17:40–18:30 Altay Coşkun, University of Waterloo

*Ethnic Reconfiguration in Greek and Roman Foundation Legends – An Exploration of the Ethnic Identity Constructs of the Massaliotes*

19:00 *Dinner at Lobster Burger Bar, University Plaza*

**Thursday, April 27th**

9:00–9:50 Joanna Porucnik, Opole University, Poland and Eugenia Velychko, National Museum of the History of Ukraine, Kyiv (via zoom)

*A Child Burial from Kerch: A Cross-Cultural Approach to Infant Mortality in the North Pontic Region*

10:00–10:50 Philip Harland, York University, Toronto

*Judeans as Participants in Ethnographic Culture:* Sibylline Oracles *3*

11:00–11:50 Carly Daniel-Hughes, Concordia University, Montreal

*Adornments of Empire: Reconsidering Early Christian Discourses on Dress*

12:00–12:50 Maia Kotrosits, University of Waterloo

*Scythians as Heresy in Epiphanius, Bishop of Salamis*

13:00–14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00–14:50 Germain Payen, University of Lille, France (via zoom)

*Warfare and Ethnic Constructs: the Heniochoi, a Nation of Pirates?*

15:00–15:50 Alicia Batten, University of Waterloo

*Dress in the Portrayal of Ethnicity in Early Christian Texts*

16:00–16:30 *Concluding Discussion*

All are welcome.

If you wish to attend or have any questions or suggestions, please, contact [acoskun@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:acoskun@uwaterloo.ca) or [maiakotrosits@gmail.com](mailto:maiakotrosits@gmail.com).