



Macedonia after Alexander: The Antigonids & Their Kingdom

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Conference Abstract

The Antigonid dynasty, one of the four Hellenistic kingdoms that emerged after the death of the Alexander the Great, was established in 306 BC by its eponymous founder Antigonus I Monophthalmus ('the One-Eyed') and his son Demetrius Poliorcetes ('the Besieger'). Originally based in Asia Minor and Syria, the family later gained control over the territory of Macedonia in 275 BC under the aegis of Antigonus II Gonatas (277-74, 272-239 BC). The kingdom subsequently came to prominence, reaching its peak during the reign of Philip V (221-179 BC), before coming to an end following successive conflicts with Rome and the defeat of its final ruler, Perseus, in 168 BC.

While the Antigonids were an important part of the political scene in the Hellenistic period, study of them has been largely overshadowed by that of the Ptolemies, Seleucids and Attalids, which (other than the Attalids) were longer-lasting and saw a greater engagement with non-Greek peoples. This lack of attention has obscured the significance of this dynasty in the politics and culture of the ancient Mediterranean. It is the aim of this conference, therefore, to pave the way to rectifying this situation as the first event of a new international Antigonid Network. Alongside conference papers touching on a range of different aspects, discussion sessions will help build relationships between individuals and institutions, as well as offer the space to develop collaborative projects and resources.

Conference programme

9.00-9.35 TEA/COFFEE

9.35-9.40 Introduction

Panel 1 – Chair: Emma Nicholson

9.40-10.00 John Holton (Newcastle) on **“Antigoneia: The Evolution of an Original Paradigm of Hellenistic Basileia”**

10.00-10.20 Pat Wheatley (Otago) (Skype) **“The King as Time-Lord: Demetrius and the Mysteries in 303 BC”**

10.20-10.50 Discussion

10.50-11.20 TEA/COFFEE

Panel 2 – Chair: Daniel Ogden

11.20-11.40 Franca Landucci Gattinoni (Milan) on **“At the Court of Antigonos Gonatas, the Heir of Two Dynasties”** [presented by Monica D’Agostini]

11.40-12.00 Kyle Erickson (UWTSD), **“Antigonid Princesses in the Seleucid Court”**

12.00-12.30 Discussion

12.30-1.30 LUNCH

Panel 3 – Chair: Lynette Mitchell

1.30-1.50 Emma Nicholson (Exeter) on **“Polybios’ Darling (*eromenos*) of the Greeks: Philip V of Macedon in his Early Years”**

1.50-2.10 Monica D’Agostini (Milan), **“Philip V and the Macedonians before Rome”**

2.10-2.40 Discussion

2.40-3.10 TEA/COFFEE

Panel 4 – Chair: Monica D’Agostini

3.10-3.30 Chris Fleming (UWTSD), **“Philip V, diplomacy, and the Second Macedonian War”**

3.30-3.50 John Thornton (Rome) on **“Il giudizio su Perseo e il problema della tendenziosità di Polibio” (“The Judgement of Perseus and the Problem of Polybios’ bias”)**

3.50-4.20 Discussion

4.30-5.30 Closing remarks and The Antigonid Network

List of Participants

- Adriene Baron Tacla (UFF)
- Alex Howard (Exeter)
- Annelies Cazemier (Southampton)
- Christopher Fleming (UWTSD)
- Cristina Gonzalez Mestre (UCL)
- Daniel Ogden (Exeter)
- Els Meijer (Reading)
- Emma Nicholson (Exeter)
- Eoghan Moloney (Winchester)
- Franca Landucci (Milan)
- John Holton (Newcastle)
- John Thornton (Rome)
- Kyle Erickson (UWTSD)
- Lisa Kröger (Cologne)
- Luca Mazzini (Exeter)
- Lynette Mitchell (Exeter)
- Michael Kleu (Cologne)
- Monica D'Agostini (Milan)
- Pat Wheatley (Otago)
- Richard Stoneman (Exeter)
- William Richardson (Exeter)