

## AnatoLinks

### Connections within and beyond Ancient Anatolia

AnatoLinks is a conference dedicated to fostering interdisciplinary dialogue on Ancient Anatolia through the integrated perspectives of Linguistics, Philology, History, and Archaeology. The conference brings together PhD candidates and early career researchers whose work engages with the ancient Anatolian world from diverse methodological and analytical viewpoints.

By creating a space for scholars working on language, texts, scripts, material culture, landscape, and cultural interactions, AnatoLinks encourages collaborative approaches to shared research questions.

While maintaining a primary focus on Ancient Anatolia, the conference encompasses contributions examining broader regional dynamics and interactions with neighboring areas, including Mesopotamia, Syria, the Levant, and the Aegean, employing both traditional and innovative methodologies.

Like the geometric dome that crowns the the Great Hall in the Schwarman Centre – its intricate structure unifying distinct architectural elements into a cohesive whole – the conference brings together diverse perspectives and voices to create a unified forum for scholarly exchange. AnatoLinks aims to forge meaningful links: between the disciplines engaged in Anatolian studies and among the emerging scholars advancing this field.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Giulia Torri**, Università degli Studi di Firenze

**David Sasseville**, École pratique des hautes études, Paris

**Lorenzo D'Alfonso**, Università di Pavia – New York University

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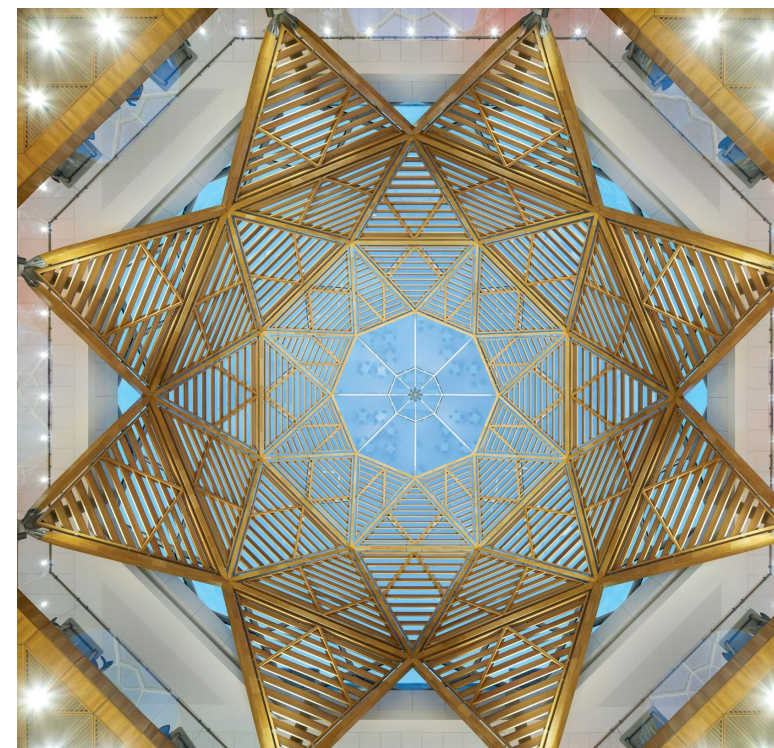
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**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

Schwarzman Centre, Oxford University

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

Ertegun House, Oxford University

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

9.00-9.15 **Registration**

9.15-9.30 **Welcome address**

**Annick Payne** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

**Michele Bianconi** (University of Oxford)

9.30-10.15 **David Sasseville** (École pratique des hautes études, Paris), *The Impact of Restoring Palaic Clay Tablets on Anatolian Historical Grammar*

10.15-11.00 **FIRST SESSION**

10.15-10.30 **John Clayton** (University of California, Los Angeles), *New Encoding Protocols for Hittite Transliteration and their Applications*

10.30-10.45 **Helen Young** (Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Würzburg), *Lexicographical Research in the TLHdG Digital Repository of Hittite Texts on Hittite Words for "Palace"*

10.45-11.00 **Lucrezia Manganeli** (Freie Universität, Berlin), *Sargon of Akkad as a Model of Heroic Kingship: Textual Reception in Northern Mesopotamia and Anatolia*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **SECOND SESSION**

11.30-11.50 **Marco Ammazzini** (Università degli Studi di Firenze), *The Proto-Anatolian Second Person Singular Pronoun \*ti: A Reassessment of Competing Hypotheses*

11.50-12.10 **Muhammad Rehan** (University of California, Los Angeles), *The Development of Word-Final Stops in Hittite*

12.10-12.30 **Caroline M. J. Cambré** (Universiteit Leiden), *The Absence of Simple Thematic Present Verbs and the Core Indo-European Subjunctive in Anatolian*

12.30-13.00 **Discussion**

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 **THIRD SESSION**

14.00-14.15 **Ryan Schnell** (New York University), *Approaching a Synthesis of Monumental Anatolian Hieroglyphic Writing North of the Taurus*

14.15-14.30 **Gabriele Biancalani** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), *Karatepe Inscriptions Revisited: Geography, Audience and Hybridization*

14.30-14.45 **Agne Pilvisto** (University of Tartu), *Atargatis in Asia Minor*

14.45-15.00 **Şebnem Balım Çapkan** (Lancaster University), *Tracing the Sound of Seikilos: Imperialism, Landscape Transformation and Heritage Displacement in Western Anatolia*

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.30 **FOURTH SESSION**

15.30-15.50 **Emily Smith** (University of Chicago), *A Feature Not a Bug: The Multifunctionality of the Hittite Reflexive Particle 𐎶𐎵(𐎶)*

15.50-16.10 **Eleanor Home** (University College London), *Assessing Variation in Classifier Use Across Hittite Text Genres*

16.10-16.30 **Melvin Pötzsch** (University of Marburg), **John Clayton** (University of California, Los Angeles), *The Etymology of 'God' in Luwic*

16.30-16.45 Coffee Break

16.45-17.05 **Julia Irons** (University of Chicago), *Hipponax and the Anatolian Palmus*

17.05-17.25 **Jasper Chen** (Columbia University), *Sardis: A Millennium of Adaptation*

17.25-18.00 **Discussion**

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

9.00-9.45 **Giulia Torri** (Università degli Studi di Firenze), *Excavating the Manuscripts of the Hittite Laws*

9.45-11.00 **FIRST SESSION**

9.45-10.00 **Naomi Harris** (University of Chicago), *"The Sun's in My Heart": Literary Style in The Disappearance of Telipinu (CTH 324) and Singin' in the Rain*

10.00-10.15 **Claire Hobbs** (University of New Hampshire), *New Hittite Rhetorical Strategies of Group Differentiation and Exclusion through the Lens of Fascist Studies*

10.15-10.30 **Ethan Coulson-Haggins** (University of Liverpool), *Hoplites Beyond Borders: Rethinking 'Greekness' in Lycian Martial Iconography*

10.30-10.45 **Philip Christian Höhre** (Philipps-Universität Marburg), *Hellenistic Royal Agents in Anatolia – Podilos, Charmidas, and Lakrines of Crete*

10.45-11.00 **Alan Avdagić** (University of Würzburg), *Egypto-Carian qan 'dog' and the development of PIE palato-velars in Luwic*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **SECOND SESSION**

11.30-11.50 **Oscar Billing** (Uppsala Universitet), *Labiovelars in Lycian and Relative Chronology*

11.50-12.10 **Fiona Philips** (University of Oxford), *The Archaic Carian Alphabet*

12.10-12.30 **Alexander Robert Herren** (Universität Basel), **Cinzia Tuena** (Universität Basel), *Idrieus and Ada in the Greek-Carian Bilingual of Sinuri*

12.30-13.00 **Discussion**

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.45 **Lorenzo D'Alfonso** (Università di Pavia and New York University), *Between Phrygia and Urartu: Cimmerians and the Invisible Late Iron Age of the Anatolian Plateau (7<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE)*

14.45-15.15 **THIRD SESSION**

14.45-15.00 **Ashley Cercone** (Middle East Technical University, Ankara), *A Game of Mimicry: Ceramic Production and Interaction Along the 'Great Caravan Route' in EB/III Anatolia*

15.00-15.15 **Iringó Tatár** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), *Drills and Saws in Stoneworking Traditions: From Boğazkale to Tell es-Salihiyeh*

15.15-15.45 Coffee break

15.45-17.45 **FOURTH SESSION**

15.45-16.05 **Kevin Parachaud** (University of Toulouse), *The Territorialisation of the Galatians in Central Anatolia (3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Centuries BC) Through Archaeological, Historical, and Linguistic Data*

16.05-16.25 **Giulia Adelaide Grandi** (University of Turin), *Tradition and Transformation in Middle Bronze Age Anatolia: Red Slip Ware Ceramic Transition between the Kârum Period and the Old Hittite Kingdom through Machine Learning Approaches*

16.25-16.40 Coffee break

16.40-17.00 **Sarvenaz Parsa** (University of Konstanz), *Religious Connections Between Persia and Anatolia: Tracing Fire Temples, Zoroastrian Religion and Persian Influence in Anatolia*

17.00-17.20 **Finn Conway** (Trinity College, Oxford), *Lydians in Miniature: New Coins with Lydian Legends*

17.20-17.45 **Discussion**

17.45-18.00 **Closing remarks**

18.30 **Social Event**