

Conference
June 10–11, 2023
University of Bern
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Cognition and Culture

Hellenistic Identity in the Northern Levant,
Anatolia and Northern
Mesopotamia

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Friday, 9th of June 2023

13:30–14:00 Registration

Welcome and Introduction

14:00–14:15 **Fabrizio Bättscher, Selin Gür, Joëlle Heim, Sophia Marxer** (Bern)

14:15–14:30 **Aleksandra Mistireki** (Bern)
Opening Lecture: The term “Hellenism”

14:30–14:45 Coffee Break

Session I: Architecture

Moderation: Joëlle Heim

14:45–15:15 **Winfried Held** (Marburg)
Seleucid Sacred Architecture

15:15–15:45 **Stefanos Karampekos** (Marburg)
The Greek Three-Room Suite (Flügeldreiraumgruppe) and its Adaptation to the Domestic and Palatial Architecture of the Seleucid Empire

15:45–16:00 Discussion: Architecture

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

Session II: Small finds

Moderation: Fabrizio Bättscher

16:30–17:00 **Adi Erlich** (Haifa)
A New Concept of Hellenism: The Pantheon of Maresha between Greek and Local Traditions

17:00–17:30 **Kasia Langenegger** (Bern/ Hamburg)
Nothing new in the East?
Burials between the end of the Iron Age and the beginning of Hellenism in Palestine

17:30–18:00 **Patrick Wyssmann** (Bern)
The Coin Imagery of Samaria as a Test Case for a pre-Alexandrian Hellenization in the Southern Levant

18:00–18:15 Discussion: Small Finds

18:15–18:30 Coffee Break

Project Sirkeli Höyük

18:30–19:00 **Fabrizio Bättscher, Selin Gür, Joëlle Heim, Sophia Marxer** (Bern)
Sirkeli Höyük in the Hellenistic Period

20:00 Dinner (Altes Tramdepot, Grosser Muristalden 6, 3006 Bern)



Saturday, 10th of June 2023

Session III: Ceramics

Moderation: Sophia Marxer

09:00–09:30 **Eva Strothenke-Koch** (Münster)
Change, Tradition and Development.
The pottery of the Iron Age and Hellenistic period at Dülük Baba Tepesi.

09:30–10:00 **Andrea M. Berlin** (Boston), **Déborá Sandhaus** (Tel Aviv)
The Kantharos divide, and wine-drinking in the late Persian-early Hellenistic Levant.

10:00–10:30 **Elisabeth Katzy** (Berlin)
Pottery of the Seleucid-Parthian Period from Tell Halaf
Creation of hybrid forms or result of cultural contacts?

10:30–10:45 Discussion: Ceramics

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break

Session IV: Culture and identity

Moderation: Selin Gür

11:15–11:45 **Veronica Iacomi**

Cilician Identities between Continuity and Acculturation: A View from the Alban District

11:45–12:00 Coffee Break

12:00–13:00 **Plenum**

General Discussion

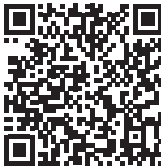
Moderation: Mirko Novák

13:30 **Apéro** (Antikensammlung Bern, Hallerstrasse 12, 3012 Bern)



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Abstracts

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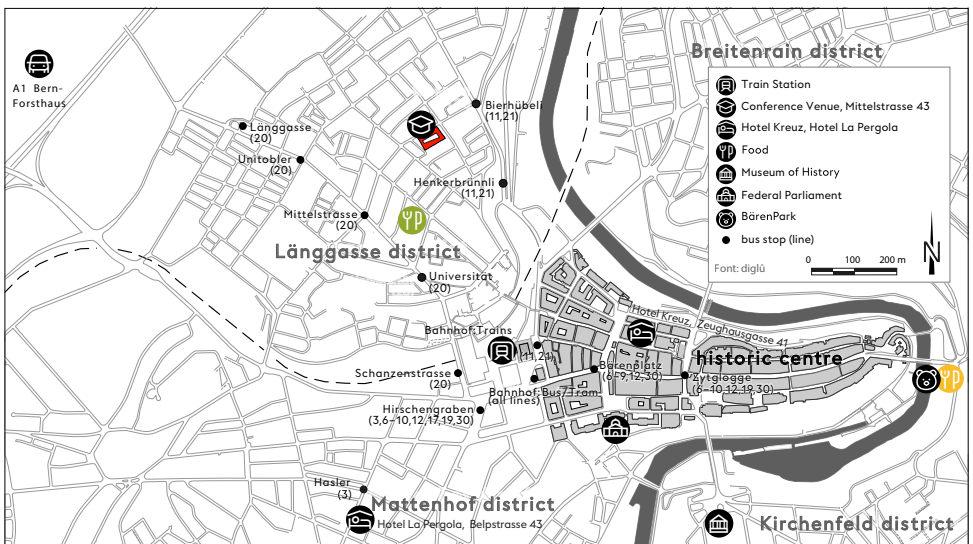


The **conference** will take place at the University of Bern, at the **Uni Mittelstrasse, room 216**. 

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About the conference

In older studies, the “Hellenization” of the Northern Levant and Cilicia has commonly included the adaptation of “Greek culture” in the Orient, starting with the conquest of Alexander the Great, yet excluded contemporary Persian influence or local traditions. Recent research indicates there was no break between the Late Iron Age and the Hellenistic Period regarding material culture, but rather a continuity of local traditions with an adaptation of “Hellenistic” elements. This continuity in the material culture from the Iron Age to the Hellenistic period complicates understanding the term “Hellenization” as an active process of acculturation, and the usability of the term needs to be discussed. This conference seeks to bring scholars from different fields of ancient studies together to improve the understanding of the cultural position of the Northern Levant and Cilicia populations in the Hellenistic period.

The Organizing Committee

Fabrizio Bättscher, Selin Gür, Joëlle Heim, Silvana Hunger and Sophia Marxer (Bern)

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