

Cognition and Culture Hellenistic Identity in the Northern Levant, Anatolia and Northern Mesopotamia

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In older studies, the "Hellenization" of the Northern Levant, Anatolia and Northern Mesopotamia has commonly included the adaption of "Greek culture" in the Orient, starting with the conquest of Alexander the Great, yet excluded contemporary Persian influence or local traditions. However, recent research indicates that 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 adaption of "Hellenistic" elements; therefore, the usability of the term needs to be further 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.

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