

**At the Edges of Empires: Territories and Processes
nearby and between Emerging Great Powers in Antiquity**

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The rise and fall as well as all developments of empires and great powers have not only effects within the realm but also radiate to territories at the edge-zones and cause various processes, e.g. with regard to diplomatic policies, economy, social structures, legal and religious (ex-)changes etc. Particularly interesting are territories between two empires where one can observe multiple facets of actions and re-actions. The workshop will explore those processes in territories nearby and between empires and great powers via case-studies in Western and Eastern ancient civilizations and, in the tradition of IHAC, will include the fields of Assyriology/Hittitology, Ancient Egypt, Classics as well as Chinese ancient civilizations, as well as a round table on the changes and challenges of comparative studies. Our excursion will lead the participants to one of such fringes nearby the conference location.

Confirmed Speakers / Topics

- 1.) Prof. Dr. Josef Wiesehöfer (Univ. Kiel): KEYNOTE-SPEAKER (tba)
- 2.) Dr. Kee-Hyun Ban (Korea University, Seoul): Armenia between Rome and Persia: A Geopolitical View on the Christianization of Armenian Kingdom
- 3.) Dr. Sebastian Fink (Univ. Helsinki): Political Changes in the Border Regions during the Ur III period
- 4.) Dr. Huipeng Ge (IHAC, Changchun): Boundary Stelae in Egypt
- 5.) Prof. Dr. Sven Günther (IHAC, Changchun): Theoretical Remarks / Coin Circulation at the Edges of Empires
- 6.) Dr. Gina Konstantopoulos (Univ. Helsinki): The Use of the Sea as a Conceptual Border in Mesopotamia
- 7.) Prof. Dr. Simonetta Ponchia (Univ. Verona): Eastern Border of Assyria and Babylonia
- 8.) Prof. Dr. Robert Rollinger (Univ. Innsbruck): tba
- 9.) Prof. Dr. Kai Ruffing (Univ. Kassel): Economic Life on the Fringes of the Roman Empire
- 10.) Dr. Hendrikus van Wijlick (Peking University, Beijing): Rome's Client Kings in the Late Roman Republic
- 11.) Tong Wu, MA (IHAC, Changchun): Diodorus' Concept of the Barbarian