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**University of Edinburgh
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The Thirteenth A. G. Leventis Conference in Greek

**The fabric of Hellenism
Hellenic culture and civic identity in the Imperial Greek world**

**John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh
16-19 November 2023**

Programme

Thursday 16 November

1pm Registration and coffee

2.00 Welcome

2.30-4.00 Chair: Keith Rutter (Edinburgh)

Tony Spawforth (Newcastle) Claudius Atticus and the *mastigosis* at Sparta

Lina Girdvainyte (Edinburgh) Malleable civic identity as a strategy of survival
in the Greek cities of the early imperial period

4.00-4.30 Tea and coffee

4.30-5.15 Chair: Paul Cartledge (Cambridge)

Judith Mossman (Coventry) Eternal City? Delphi, Hellenism and the civic in
Plutarch

5.15 Keynote Lecture (Chair: tbc)

Ewen Bowie (Edinburgh/Oxford) Performing Hellenism in imperial Greek cities

6.15 Reception

7.30 Dinner for speakers (St Leonards/St Trinnean's)

Friday 17 November

8.30 Registration

9.30-11.00 Chair: Catherine Steel (Glasgow)

Thomas Schmidt (Fribourg)

Defining Hellenism: the ideal Greek city according to Dio and Plutarch

Lucia Athanassaki (Crete)

The fabric of civic life in Alexandria in Plutarch, Dio of Prusa and others

11.00 Tea and coffee

11.30-1.00 Chair: Ben Gray (Birkbeck)

Anne Gangloff (Rennes)

The pride of being Greek in Rhodes and Prusa *ad Olympum*

Michael Trapp (KCL)

Aelius Aristides on Smyrna and Rhodes

1.0 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Chair: Simon Swain (Warwick)

Janet Downie (UNC)

Spaces of Hellenism: Smyrna and Pergamum in the Roman World

Katerina Oikonomopoulou (Patras)

Questioning Greek civic identity at the imperial symposium: Plutarch and Athenaeus

3.30 Tea and coffee

4.00-5.30 Chair: Niels Gaul (Edinburgh)

Athena Kavoulaki (Crete)

Religious visibility according to ancestral custom: Greek festive traditions, poetic, ritual and other

Zahra Newby (Warwick)

Hellenic culture and civic identity in the festivals of Roman Asia Minor

7.30 Conference dinner at Scotch Malt Whisky Society, Queen Street (Taxis to and from venue will be provided).

Saturday 18 November

9.30-11.00 Chair: Andrew Morrison (Glasgow)

Owen Hodkinson (Leeds)

Hellenic culture and identity in the *Epistles* and other 'minor' works of the Philostratean corpus

Jason Koenig (St Andrews)

Hellenism and landscape in the city praise tradition: Aelius Aristides and Alciphron

11.00 Tea and coffee

11.30-1.00 Chair: Calum Maciver (Edinburgh)

Sophie Lalanne (Paris Sorbonne)

The elite and the demos: status, functions and the balance of power in the Greek cities of the ancient novels (1st-3rd c. AD)

Daniel Jolowicz (Oxford)

The Latinity of the Greek Novels: A Threat to Hellenism?

1.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Chair: Ben Russell (Edinburgh)

Paraskevi Martzavou (Columbia)

Akraiphia and its material past in the Ptoia of the Late Hellenistic and Early Imperial Period

Bert Smith (Oxford)

Theoi Sebastoi Olympioi: Hellenising imperial images in the Greek East

3.30 Tea and coffee

4.00-5.30 Chair: Andrew Erskine (Edinburgh)

Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis (St Andrews) Bodies, landscape and entanglement in imperial Attica

Anna Kouremenos (WCSU) Reviving Attic Besa: Placing a Forgotten Deme on the Map of Roman Imperial Greece

7.30 Dinner at South Hall, followed by Ceilidh

Sunday 19 November

9.30-11.00 Chair: Mary Whitby (Oxford)

Tim Whitmarsh (Cambridge) *Pros Hellēnas*: Second-century Hellenism and the Christian problem

Stephen Mitchell (Exeter) Christian Greek literature and the tradition of Hellenic *paideia* in the mid-third century

11.00 Tea and coffee

11.30-1.00 Chair: Ewen Bowie (Edinburgh/Oxford)

Lucy Grig (Edinburgh) The fabric of Hellenism and popular culture in the imperial Greek city: materiality and resistance

Estelle Strazdins (ANU) Greek cities thinking about the future

1.00 Lunch

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