

Cities, Benefactors and the Family in the Greek East



This graduate seminar consists of 14 meetings. Its purpose is to study the role of families in the cities of the Greek East in the Hellenistic-Roman period, roughly speaking the period between the death of Alexander the Great (323 BC) and the third century crisis, which started in AD 235 and lasted until the reign of Diocletian (AD 285). The course will move from a very general outline of the political, social and cultural changes of the Hellenistic-Roman period to a more detailed discussion of the leading men, women, adolescents and children in a number of cities in the Greek East.

The main focus of our studies will be euergetism, a term which was coined by modern scholars to describe the way in which city elites used their own money to provide benefactions to their community. The money was used to provide an immense range of amenities, facilities and cultural highlights. Individual benefactors or a combination of husband and wife or a married couple and their children could sponsor a building, a festival, a market, an embassy to a king or to the emperor in Rome, or pay for the free distribution of olive oil in the gymnasium or the import of grain at a reduced price during a period of famine. In return for their generosity these rich benefactors received honors and privileges, ranging from a golden crown or a statue to a burial at state expense. However, even the awarding of honors could be used as an occasion for demonstrating euergetism. Many benefactors chose to pay for these honors themselves rather than receive them at state expense.

In addition to the 10 meetings devoted to the ancient material there will be 4 meetings in which we will specifically concern ourselves with a number of strategies in research. At these meetings we will practice certain skills which I think are essential in the fields of Classics and Ancient History. In order to do so I will choose material on the topic at hand and practice a number of assignments with you. Our first meeting of the semester is meant to enable us to take stock of the general trends in the history of the Hellenistic-Roman Greek East. If necessary, a fifteenth meeting (in the final week of the semester) could be organized to serve as a roundtable discussion about the topic of your essay.

The strategy meetings will focus on:

Week 12: Reading an academic publication for argument (This is an abbreviated mission statement; we will be doing a lot more).

Week 13: How to identify a historical problem.

Week 14: How to see the big picture.

Grading: The final grade for this seminar will consist of three components:

75% of the final grade is based on the paper that you write.

10% is for participation and discussion.

15% is awarded for your performance in the three exercises in weeks 12, 13, and 14.

Program

All meetings take place in the Greek and Latin Reading Room of Memorial Library on Monday from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

9/8: Week 1: Tracing the implications of Alexander the Great's conquest.

A. Cities in the Greek East after Alexander the Great.

9/15: Week 2: The development of the Hellenistic-Roman cities in Asia Minor.

9/22: Week 3: Rivalry and competition between cities.

B. The glories and miseries of euergetism.

9/29: Week 4: Royals as benefactors.

10/6: Week 5: The ideology of the benefactor.

10/13: Week 6: The miseries of euergetism.

C. The role of the family in euergetism and local politics.

10/20: Week 7: Benefactions as a family affair.

10/27: Week 8: Consolation decrees.

D. Women benefactors in the Hellenistic-Roman world.

11/3: Week 9: The Archippe dossier: the first five texts.

11/10: Week 10: The Archippe dossier: the three new decrees.

11/17: Week 11: The Plancia Magna dossier.

11/24: Week 12: How to read an academic publication for argument.

12/1: Week 13: How to identify a historical problem.

12/8: Week 14: How to make connections and see the big picture.

12/15: date of submission of final paper.

A. Cities in the Greek East after Alexander the Great.

A1. The development of the cities.

Stephen Mitchell, *Anatolia. Land, Men, and Gods in Asia Minor, volume I: the Celts in Anatolia and the impact of Roman rule*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 1993, 198-227.

A2. Rivalry and competition between cities.

Texts:

Pliny the Younger, *Epistles* 39; 40; 47; 48; 70; 71 (transl. by Betty Radice for the Loeb Classical Library, Cambridge, Mass. 1969).

Dio Chrysostom, *Discourse* 40: delivered in his native city on concord with the Apameans; Dio Chrysostom, *Discourse* 41: to the Apameans on Concord (transl. by H. Lamar Crosby for the Loeb Classical Library, Cambridge, Mass. 1986).

C. P. Jones, *The Roman World of Dio Chryststom*, Cambridge, Massachussets and London 1978: Harvard University Press, 1-8; 83-95.

B. The benefactor and the glories and miseries of euergetism.

B1. Royals as benefactors.

Texts:

W. Dittenberger, *Orientalis Graecae Inscriptiones Selectae*, Leipzig 1903-1905, 763.

W. Dittenberger, *Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum*, Leipzig 1915-1924, 306.

Klaus Bringmann, 'The King as Benefactor: Some Remarks on Ideal Kingship in the Age of Hellenism', A. Bulloch, E. Gruen, A. A. Long, and A. Stewart (eds.), *Images and ideologies: self-definition in the Hellenistic world*, Berkeley 1993: University of California Press, 7-24.

B2. The ideology of the benefactor.

Text:

C. T. Newton (ed.), *Greek Inscriptions from the British Museum*, IV, 1000, four volumes, London 1876-1916 = Johannes Kraus (ed.), *Die Inschriften von Sestos*, 1, Bonn: Habelt 1980: the inscription for Menas.

B3. The miseries of euergetism.

Texts:

Speeches by Dio Chrystostom (transl. by H. Lamar Crosby for the Loeb Classical Library, Cambridge, Mass. 1986):

46: Delivered in his native city prior to his philosophical career.

47: A speech in the public assembly at Prusa.

48: A political address in assembly.

49: A refusal of the office of archon delivered before the council.

C. P. Jones, *The Roman World of Dio Chrystostom*, Cambridge, Massachusetts and London 1978: Harvard University Press, 19-26; 95-104; 104-115.

C. The role of the family in euergetism and local politics.

C1. Benefactions as a family affair.

Texts:

R. Cagnat, *Inscriptiones graecae ad res romanas pertinentes (IGR)*, 4 volumes, Paris 1901-1927, III 800, 801; 802.

R. Van Bremen, 'A family from Sillyon', *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 104 (1994), 43-56.

C2. Consolation decrees.

Texts:

Inscriptiones Graecae IV² 83; *Inscriptiones Graecae* IV² 86.

D. Women benefactors and the Hellenistic-Roman World.

D1. The Archippe dossier: the five decrees.

Helmut Engelmann, *Die Inschriften von Kyme*, Bonn 1976, nr. 13.

D2. The Archippe dossier: the three new decrees

H. Malay, 'Three decrees from Kyme', *Epigraphica Anatolica* 2 (1983), 1-20.

D3. The dossier of Plancia Magna from Perge

Sencer Şahin, *Die Inschriften von Perge*. Band 1: *Vorrömische Zeit, frühe und hohe Kaiserzeit*, Bonn 1999, nrs. 108-125.

Archippe and Kyme:

Main texts:

SEG 33, 1035-41 (available in Greek and Latin Reading Room).

Helmut Engelmann, *Die Inschriften von Kyme*, nr. 13, pp. 27-43 (CN415 C9 I57 1976).

H. Malay, 'Three decrees from Kyme', *Epigraphica Anatolica* 2 (1983), 1-20.

Publications on Archippe:

G. Dunst, 'Zu den neuen Inschriften aus Kyme', *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 3 (1968), 165-170.

A. Hönle, 'Neue Inschriften aus Kyme', *Archäologischer Anzeiger* 1967, 46-62.

Ivana Savalli-Lestrade, 'Archippe de Kyme, la bienfaitrice', Nicole Loraux (ed.), *La Grèce au féminin*, Paris 2003: Les Belles Lettres, 249-295.

Riet van Bremen, *The Limits of Participation: women and civic life in the Greek East in the Hellenistic and Roman period*, Amsterdam: J. C. Gieben 1996, 13-8 (HQ1134 B74 1996).

Publications on Kyme:

J. Bouzek, 'The hellenistic town of Kyme in Asia Minor', P. Oliva and J. Bouzek (eds.), *Soziale Probleme im Hellenismus und im römischen Reich*, Prague 1972, 265-275 (DE3 S67).

Jan Bouzek (ed.), *Anatolian Collection of Charles University: Kyme I*, Prague 1974 (DS156 C87 A5).

Jan Bouzek, Phillipos Kostomitsopoulos and Iva Ondřejová (eds.), *The results of the Czechoslovak expedition: Kyme II*, Prague 1980 (DF221 K9 B6 1980).

R. Hodot, 'Le décret de Kyme en l'honneur de Labéon', *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 19 (1975), 121-133.

R. Hodot, 'Décret de Kymè en l'honneur du prytane Kléanax', *Journal of the Getty Museum* 10 (1982), 165-180.

G. Petzl and H. W. Pleket, 'Ein hellenistisches Ehrendekret aus Kyme', *Chiron* 9 (1979), 73-81 (DE3 C47).

Plancia Magna and Perge:

Main texts:

Sencer Şahin, *Die Inschriften von Perge. Band 1: Vorrömische Zeit, frühe und hohe Kaiserzeit*, Bonn: Habelt 1999, nrs. 108-125 (CN415 P36 I57 1999).

Publications on Plancia Magna:

Mary T. Boatwright, 'Plancia Magna of Perge: women's roles and status in Roman Asia Minor', in Sarah B. Pomeroy (ed.), *Women's History and Ancient History*, Chapel Hill 1991: The University of North Carolina Press, 249-272.

M. T. Boatwright, 'The City Gate of Plancia Magna at Perge', E. D'Ambra (ed.), *Roman Art in Context, an Anthology*, Englewood Cliffs 1993: Prentice Hall, 189-207 (N5760 R64 1993).

Sencer Şahin, 'Studien zu den Inschriften von Perge. 3, Marcus Plancius Rutilius Varus und C. Iulius Plancius Varus Cornutus: Vater und Sohn der Plancia Magna', *Epigraphica Anatolica* 27 (1996), 115-126.

Catherine de Grazia Vanderpool, 'Fashioning Plancia Magna: memory and revival in the Greek east during the second century AD', John Pollini (ed.), *Terra Marique: Studies in Art History and Marine Archaeology in Honor of Anna Marguerite McCann*, Oxford and Malden 2005: Oxbow Books, 12-30.

Publications on the Plancii and on Perge:

H. Abbasoglu, 'The founding of Perge and its development in the Hellenistic and Roman periods', in David Parrish (ed.), *Urbanism in Western Asia Minor: New studies on Aporodisias, Ephesos, Hierapolis, Pergamon, Perge and Xanthos*, Portsmouth, RI, 2001, 172-188 (DS156 T87 U73 2001).

Michael Heinzelmann, 'Städtekonkurrenz und kommunaler Bürgersinn: die Säulenstrasse von Perge als Beispiel monumentaler Stadtgestaltung durch kollektiven Euergetismus', *Archäologischer Anzeiger* 2003, 197-220 (AP D497 A668 JA).

S. Jameson, 'Cornutus Tertullus and the Plancii of Perge', *Journal of Roman Studies* 55 (1965), 54-58 (electronic resource).

C. P. Jones, 'The Plancii of Perge and Diana Planciana', *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* 80 (1976), 231-237 (electronic resource).

H. Lauter, 'Das hellenistische Südtor von Perge', *Bonner Jahrbücher* 172 (1972), 1-11 (AP B7165).

Jale Inan et al. 'Vorbericht über die Untersuchungen an der Fassade des Theaters von Perge', *Archäologischer Anzeiger* 2000, 285-340 (AP D497 A668 JA).

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S. Mitchell, 'The Plancii in Asia Minor', *Journal of Roman Studies* 64 (1974), 27-39 (electronic resource).

Charlotte Roueché, 'Floreat Perge', in Mary Margaret MacKenzie and Charlotte Roueché (eds.), *Images of Authority: Papers presented to Joyce Reynolds*, Cambridge 1989, 206-228 (P26 R49 I5).

Sencer Sahin, 'Studien zu den Inschriften von Perge. 2, Der Gesandte Apollonios und seine Familie', *Epigraphica Anatolica* 25 (1995), 1-24.

Peter Weiss, 'Auxe Perge: Beobachtungen zu einem bemerkenswerten städtischen Dokument des späten 3. Jahrhunderts n. Chr.', *Chiron* 21 (1991), 353-392 (DE3 C47).

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