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# Negotiating Identities, Constructing Territories: Pre-Roman Iberia, 900-200 BCE

October 17-19, 2024

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## Thursday, October 17

- Session 1**    **Theoretical Frame: Approaches and Questions**  
*Chairs:* **Michael Dietler** (University of Chicago)  
**Carolina López-Ruiz** (University of Chicago)
- 4:30 p.m.    **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Michael Dietler** (University of Chicago)  
**Carolina López-Ruiz** (University of Chicago)
- 5:00 p.m.    “Sailing to Spain: The View from the East”  
**David Schloen** (University of Chicago)
- 5:30 p.m.    Reception

## Friday, October 18

- 8:30 a.m.    **Coffee**
- Session 2**    **The Atlantic Shores: Levantines and Locals between the Tagus and Guadalquivir Valleys**  
*Chair:* **Carolina López-Ruiz** (University of Chicago)
- 9:00 a.m.    “Home Sweet Home: Locals and Phoenicians in the Atlantic Frontier. Farthest Horizons in the Tagus Valley”  
**Ana Margarida Arruda** and **Elisa De Sousa**  
(University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- 9:35 a.m.    “Recent Discoveries and Earliest Contacts in the Core of the Tartessos”  
**Clara Toscano** (University of Huelva, Spain)
- 10:10 a.m.    “The Phoenician Diaspora and its Interactions with Local Populations in the Cadiz-Seville Axis”  
**Mariano Torres** (Universidad Complutense, Spain)
- 10:40 a.m.    **Coffee Break**

### **Session 3 From the Straits to the Bay of Málaga: New Phoenician Horizons**

**Chair: David Schloen** (University of Chicago)

11:00 a.m. “Phoenician and Local Networks in the Bay of Malaga and its Environs”  
**José Suárez Padilla** (Universidad de Málaga, Spain)

11:35 a.m. “Cultures of Resilience: Local Communities, Phoenicians, and Greeks in the Face of Coastal Disasters in Southern Iberia (c. 1000 - 500 BCE)”  
**Manuel Álvarez Martí-Aguilar**  
(Universidad de Málaga, Spain)

12:05 p.m. **Lunch**

### **Session 4 Extended Territories and Identities (Guadiana Valley)**

**Chair: Manuel Álvarez Martí-Aguilar**  
(Universidad de Málaga, Spain)

1:30 p.m. “Tartessos: An Expansive Geographical and Chronological Framework”  
**Sebastián Celestino** (IAM/CSIC, Badajoz, Spain)

2:05 p.m. “Archaeological Novelties in the Hinterland of Tartessos: Defining New Geographical and Chronological Horizons”  
**Esther Rodríguez** (IAM/CSIC, Badajoz, Spain)

2:35 p.m. **Coffee Break**

3:00 p.m. **General Discussion**

## Saturday, October 19

8:30 a.m. **Coffee**

**Session 5 The Northeastern and Eastern Coasts of Iberia (Catalunya-Valencia): Greek and Phoenician Input**

**Chair: Jonathan Hall** (University of Chicago)

9:00 a.m. “Phoenicians and Indigenous Peoples in the Lower Segura: Cultural Transformations and Interaction Processes”

**Alberto Lorrio** (Universidad de Alicante, Spain)

9:35 a.m. “The Greek Input: From Early Contacts in Huelva to Extremadura and Northeast Iberia”

**Adolfo Domínguez Monedero** (Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, Spain)

10:10 a.m. “Indigenous Communities and Mediterranean Connections in Southeast Iberia (c. 800 – 300 BCE)”

**Jaime Vives-Ferrándiz** (Museu de Prehistòria de València, Spain)

10:40 a.m. **Coffee Break**

**Session 6 Peering into the Roman Period**

**Chair: Esther Rodríguez** (IAM/CSIC, Badajoz, Spain)

11:00 a.m. “The Lure of the Mines: Long-term Perspectives on Mining Landscapes, Communities, and Economies in Roman Iberia”

**Linda R. Gosner** (Texas Tech University)

11:35 p.m. “Sons of the Past: Memory and Ethnic Identity among the Phoenician Communities of Southern Iberia in Roman Times”

**Francisco Machuca** (Universidad de Málaga, Spain)

12:10 p.m. **Lunch**

## **Session 7 Perspectives beyond Iberia**

**Chair: Michael Dietler** (University of Chicago)

- 1:30 p.m. “Persistent Changes: Local Traditions and Practical Innovations in Iron Age Sardinia”  
**Peter van Dommelen** (Joukowsky Institute of Archaeology, Brown University)
- 2:05 p.m. “An Iberian School of Landscape Archaeology: Regionalism, Scales, Ecologies”  
**Catherine Kearns** (University of Chicago)
- 2:40 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Final Discussion**  
**Michael Dietler** (University of Chicago)  
**Carolina López-Ruiz** (University of Chicago)

## About the Conference

Beginning in the ninth century BCE the coasts and fertile valleys of Iberia were tapped by Phoenician and Greek merchants and settlers coming from the eastern Mediterranean. An extended international network was created, which attracted the participation of Etruscans, Sardinians, Cypriots, and others. This conference interrogates how these diverse groups first knitted an interconnected space which led to the making of new economic, cultural, and environmental horizons before the Mediterranean was politically connected under Rome. This conference presents novel data and perspectives with a focus on the negotiation and construction of identities and territories, as well as new explorations of past environmental challenges.

This conference was organized by **Michael Dietler** (University of Chicago, Anthropology) and **Carolina López-Ruiz** (University of Chicago, Divinity School and Department of Classics) as part of the **Negotiating Identities, Constructing Territories** research project at the Neubauer Collegium.

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