

13^e Rencontres d'Archéologie de l'IFÉA Istanbul 2026

**Lycia and the Lycians in the age of the Achaemenids:
interdisciplinary approaches and new perspectives**



Marble frieze slab from the Nereid Monument; Audience scene, Xanthos, ca. 380 B.C. (British Museum 879) © The Trustees of the British Museum.

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Istanbul, 24-25 September 2026, Liszt Institute – Hungarian Cultural Center

DAY ONE: Theory, iconographic patterns and archaeological discoveries

9:00 – 9:30

Opening | Welcome remarks by the Consul General of France in Istanbul

9.30 – 11:00

Session I Chair: **Wouter F.M. Henkelman**

Pierre Briant, Collège de France, France

À propos de la Dependenz Theorie de Jürgen Borchhardt: retour sur l'Ethno-Classe Dominante (ECD)

Fabienne Colas-Rannou, Université Clermont Auvergne / Centre d'Histoire "Espaces et Cultures" – UR 1001, France

Patterns and details, realia and symbols. How can we analyse and interpret references to Achaemenid imagery in Lycia?

Margaux Spruyt, Université Clermont Auvergne, France

The iconography of the lion: from Persepolis to Xanthos and back

11:00 – 11:15 : Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15

Session II Chair: **Mustafa Sayar**

Martin Seyer, Austrian Archaeological Institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

The newly discovered sanctuary of Zeus at Limyra

Taner Korkut, Akdeniz Üniversitesi, Türkiye

Urbanism and architectural organization in Tlos during the Archaic and Classical periods

12:15 – 14:30 : Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30

Session III Chair: **Florian Réveilhac**

Erkan Dündar, Akdeniz Üniversitesi, Türkiye, and **Jonathan Kagan**, independent scholar, USA

Patara in the Achaemenid period: new perspectives in light of the Tepecik excavations and recent coin finds

Şafak M. Türkoğlu, Demre Müzesi, and **Recai Tekoğlu**, Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi, İzmir, Türkiye

A sarcophagus with Lycian inscription from Patara

15:30 – 15:45 : Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45

Session IV Chair: **Marco Ferrari**

Helmut Lotz, Universität Wien, Austria

From Lycian coins to history

Koray Konuk, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique / Ausonius, France

Between Lycia, Caria and Lydia: reassessing the enigmatic script of a Kuprilli stater in the light of a new specimen

DAY TWO: Administration, languages and external representations

9:00 – 10:30

Session V Chair: **Hamdi Şahin**

Wouter F.M. Henkelman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, France

Lycians in Parsa: institutional contexts

John Hyland, Christopher Newport University, USA

Dynastic Lycia revisited: Achaemenid contexts and satrapal interactions from Artaphernes to Tissaphernes

James D. Moore, Ohio State University, USA

The Achaemenid imperial program for Lycia

10:30 – 10:45 : Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15

Session VI Chair: **Maria Gorea**

Pietro Vannicelli, Sapienza Università di Roma, and **Marco Ferrari**, Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

Early traditions of the Persian conquest of Lycia: Herodotus and the elites of Achaemenid Xanthos

Francesca Gazzano, Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy

Ethnography and empire: Greek literary representations of Lydians and Lycians under Achaemenid rule

Christopher Tuplin, University of Liverpool, UK

Symmachus of Pellana's poem for the dynast Erbbina

12:15 – 14:30 : Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30

Session VII Chair: **Metin Alparslan**

Rostyslav Oreshko, Centre Antiquité Classique et Tardive (UMR 8167), France

Winged, uberous, and fateful. Luwian light on the birdlike creatures of the Harpy Monument

Ignasi-Xavier Adiego, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

The Lycian "diamond-letter"

15:30 – 15:45 : Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45

Session VIII Chair: **Meltem Doğan-Alparslan**

David Sasseville, École Pratique des Hautes Études, France

The politics of Pajawa: a new edition of TL 40

Florian Réveilhac, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique / HiSoMA, France

Iranian names in the Greek inscriptions of Lycia

16:45 – 17:00

Final discussion and closing remarks

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