From the Markets to the Associations

A Comprehensive View of the Greek Mercenary World in the Classical and Hellenistic Periods

Second International Conference

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Our first conference in 2016 focused on associations, that is the relationships between the public and private spheres of mercenary within the Mediterranean states such as Carthage, Rome, the Greek poleis (oligopolistic/monopolistic), Egypt, Achaemenid Persia and, finally, Hellenistic states such as the Kingdom of Pontus. In this second conference, held at Kyoto University, our interest will shift towards the markets: political and economic conditions for the existence of mercenaries. We will again cover a chronologically and geographically wide range, that is, Aetolia, Egypt, and Hellenistic states including cities, federal states, and kingdoms.

This conference will enhance the global vision, both in its geographical and the chronological framework, sketched on the answers to the key questions formulated in the previous conference: how mercenaries and professional recruiting markets worked and what economic prospects they had when they agreed to be part of, or even direct, a military force recruited by a foreigner. Thus, the ultimate goal of this encounter is to analyse the main aspects that defined the mercenary system as a market of recruitment and its evolution from the birth of mercenary to the Hellenistic period, over the different Mediterranean powers in the ancient world.
22 March
14:00 | Registration
14:30 | Welcome
14:40 | Introduction
14:50 | Pause
16:10 | Athenian Navy and Merchant Ships in the Fourth Century BC
17:00 | Professional–Foreign–Soldiers Before Coinage: Greek Mercenary Service in the Mediterranean World of the 10th – 6th Centuries BCE

23 March
10:00 | Registration/Coffee
10:20 | What is the Mercenary for the Koinon? From Military and Social Perspectives
11:10 | Scopas of Trichonium: A High-ranking Politician in Aetolia and a Mercenary General in Egypt
12:00 | Lunch
13:30 | The paroikoi at Rhamnous Revisited
14:20 | The Kardakon Kome in Lycia: Status, Foundation and Evolution of a Military Settlement
15:10 | Pause
15:40 | Contextualizing the 'Mercenaries' in the Later Hellenistic Middle Egypt
16:30 | The Economic Aspects of Hiring Naval Crews in the Hellenistic Period
17:20 | Concluding Remarks

VENUE
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