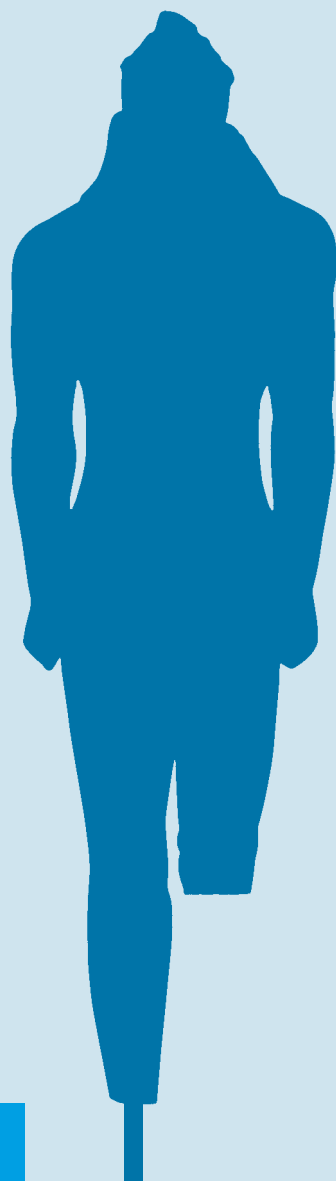


# INTERNATIONAL OPEN SYMPOSIUM

COSMOPOLITIES  
IN ANTIQUITY  
AND MODERNITY –  
MECHANISMS OF  
MULTIETHNICITY

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>–16<sup>TH</sup> 2026

ART SPACE PYTHAGORION, SAMOS



## PROGRAMME



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# COSMOPOLITIES IN ANTIQUITY AND MODERNITY

Day 1: Friday, 15.05.2026

## Welcome/ Greetings

- 09:30 Welcome/Greetings
- 09:50 Vignette 1, *The Concept of Cosmopolitanism*

## Keynote

- 10:00 [Camille R. Acosta \(University of California\)](#)  
*Multiculturalism, Migration and Belonging, Past and Present*

## Session 1: Samos – Archaeological Evidence and Its Significance for Theoretical Discourse on Early Iron Age Cultural Contacts in a ›Cosmopolitan‹ Setting

- 10:30 [Fotis Georgiadis & Stella Katsarou \(Ephorate of Paleoanthropology-Speleology; Hellenic Ministry of Culture\)](#) *Cosmopolitanism in Prehistoric Samos: Ceremonial Interactions in the Agriomernos Cave*
- 11:00 Coffee break ☕
- 11:30 [Jan Wagenführ \(Freie Universität Berlin\)](#) *The Relevance of Egyptian Bronze Figurines Found in the Heraion of Samos for Reconstructing Greek-Egyptian Contacts in the Late 8th and Early 7th Centuries BC.*
- 12:00 [Jan-Marc Henke \(Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Athen\)](#)  
*The Heraion of Samos from the Late 8th to the Early 6th Century BC: How Can We Learn About the Nature of Intercultural Contact in the Eastern Mediterranean from Material Culture?*
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:15 Lunch Break 🍴

## Session 2: ›Cosmopolitan‹ Cohabitation in 1st Millennium Egypt – Archaeological Evidence and Historical Sources

- 14:10 Vignette 2, *Cosmopolity*
- 14:15 [Alexandra Villing \(British Museum\)](#) *Naukratis – a ›Cosmopolitan‹ port in Egypt. Plurethnicity and interaction in the Late Period Nile Delta*
- 14:45 [Rogier E.M. van der Heijden \(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin\)](#) *Cohesion in Cosmopolis: Religious Spaces and Social Cohesion in Hellenistic Alexandria*
- 15:15 [Mario C.D. Paganini \(Università degli Studi di Roma ›Tor Vergata‹\)](#)  
*A Unique Insight into Ancient Multicultural Life: Case Studies from Hellenistic Egypt*
- 15:45 Discussion
- 16:30 Coffee Break ☕

## Session 3/1: Athens and Delos, the Organisation of Intercultural Coexistence and the Question of Identity

- 16:55 Vignette 3, *The Meaning of Foreignness*
- 17:00 [James Hua \(University of Oxford\)](#) *Forming Communities of Refugees in Classical-Hellenistic Athens and Samos: Cosmopolities of Exiles*
- 17:30 [Camille Acosta \(University of California\)](#) *Untangling Mobility and Material Culture: An Archaeology of Immigrant Burials in Classical Athens*
- 18:00 Discussion
- 19:30 Speakers Dinner 🍴

MECHANISMS OF MULTIETHNICITY

## Day 2: Saturday, 16.05.2026

09:00 **Excursion (speakers only):** Heraion of Samos (Jan-Marc Henke)

12:00 Lunch Break 

13:00 **Introduction into day 2**

### **Session 3/2: Athens and Delos, the Organisation of Intercultural Coexistence and the Question of Identity**

13:10 Vignette 4, *Sociology on Being Foreign 1/2*

13:15 [Sabine Neumann \(Philips-Universität Marburg\)](#)  
*Negotiating the Divine: Multiethnic Encounters and Local Agency in the Cults of the Greco-Egyptian Deities in Athens*

13:45 [Alexandre Vlamos \(CReAAH, Université de Rennes 2\)](#)  
*»Am I a Cosmopolitan While Knowing Nothing of It?«  
Approaches to Cosmopolitanism in Hellenistic Delos*

14:15 Discussion

14:45 Coffee Break 

### **Session 4: The True Cosmopolis – a Diachronic View**

15:10 Vignette 5, *Sociology on Being Foreign 2/2*

15:15 [Marina Bazzani \(University of Oxford\)](#) *Twelfth-Century Byzantium: Bastion of Orthodoxy or Cosmopolitan Hub?*

15:45 [Sibel Zandi-Sayek \(William & Mary College, Virginia\)](#) *Smyrna's »Paradise«: Heritage-Making in a Multiethnic Landscape*

16:15 [Esmeralda Agolli & Alexander Gramsch \(Universiteti i Tiranës; Deutsches Archäologisches Institut RGK\)](#)  
*Multiple Religious Identities in a Modern Rural Environment: An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to Burial Practices in Today's Albania*

16:45 Discussion

17:30 *Round Table*

19:00 Speakers Dinner 