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RECONSIDERING THE CHRONOLOGICAL
ANCHOR OF ARCHAIC AND CLASSICAL GREECE

23–26 June 2022

Conference Center Soeterbeeck
Ravenstein, The Netherlands



Utrecht
University

Keynote lecture by

Astrid Lindenlauf (Bryn Mawr College)

Responses and discussion by

Marek Węcowski (University of Warsaw)

Andrew Stewart (University of California, Berkeley)

For the history of Greece, one of the main ‘anchor’ dates is 480 BCE. In that year, the Persian armies led by king Xerxes occupied large parts of Greece. For the history of Greece, both before and after the Persian wars, the watershed of 480 has developed as one of the main anchors on which the interconnected fabric of relative dates seems to depend. The solidity of this framework is the topic of this conference. The conference brings together specialists in subdisciplines of Greek history and archaeology to share, debate, and test shifting views on the significance of 480 on the chronology of Greek history of the Archaic and Classical periods.

Thursday, 23 June 2022

13.00–17.30 Arrival

18.00–18.10 Josine Blok (Utrecht University)
Welcome

18.10–18.45 Janric van Rookhuijzen (Utrecht University)
Introduction

19.00 Buffet dinner and drinks

Friday, 24 June 2022

8.00 Breakfast

SESSION 1 (9.00–12.30)

Moderator: André Lardinois

- 9.00–10.00 Susan Rotroff (Washington University in St. Louis; via Zoom)
Not Everything Has To Be 480: Another Look at the Stoa Gutter Well
- 10.00–10.15 Coffee break
- 10.15–11.15 Kathleen Lynch (University of Cincinnati; via Zoom)
"Delayed" Persian Destruction Deposits around the Athenian Agora: How Delayed, and Why?
- 11.15–11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30–12.30 Floris van den Eijnde (Utrecht University) & Michael Laughy (Washington and Lee University)
Digging up Democracy: The Story of the Fifth Century Public Wells and the Development of the Athenian Agora

12.30–14.00 Lunch

SESSION 2 (14.00–19.00)

Moderator: Janric van Rookhuijzen

- 14.00–15.00 Giorgia Proietti (Università degli Studi di Trento)
The long post-war: coping with trauma in post-480 Athens
- 15.00–15.10 Coffee break
- 15.10–16.10 Angelika Kellner (Universität Innsbruck)
Herodotus. The Pater Chronologiae of Archaic Greece?
- 16.10–16.20 Coffee break
- 16.20–17.20 André Lardinois (Radboud University)
480 as Marker in Greek Literary History
- 17.20–17.45 Refreshment
- 17.45–18.45 Hans van Wees (University College London; via Zoom)
A Persian version? Ctesias' account of Xerxes' invasion
- 18.45–19.00 *Conclusion of the day*

19.00 Dinner (vegetarian)

Saturday, 25 June 2022

8.00 Breakfast

SESSION 3 (9.30–12.00)

Moderator: Josine Blok

- 9.30–10.30 Anja Slawisch (University of Edinburgh)
Ex Occidente Nox: the Consequences of Over-Dependence on Athenian Chronologies on Archaeology in Asia Minor
- 10.30–10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45–11.45 Federico Figura (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa)
Revolution or Evolution? Reassessing the Relationship between Vase and Free Painting after 480 BCE
- 11.45–12.00 *General discussion*

12.00–13.00 Lunch

SESSION 4 (13.00–18.00)

Moderator: Eric Moormann

- 13.00–14.30 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Astrid Lindenlauf (Bryn Mawr College)
480 BCE and the Narration of Time and Change
- 14.30–14.40 Coffee break
- 14.40–15.40 Gianfranco Adornato (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa)
A Western Perspective: Pindar, the Deinomenids, and the Battle of Himera. Sources, Monuments, Chronology
- 15.40–15.50 Coffee break
- 15.50–16.50 Marion Meyer (Universität Wien)
After Evacuation and Victory: A Turning Point in the Making of the Athenian State-Burial
- 16.50–17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00–18.00 Andrew Stewart (University of California, Berkeley; via Zoom)
Response to several papers & discussion

19.00 Dinner + wine tasting (Wijnhuis Lodewijk, Ravenstein)

We will gather at the center entrance at 18.30 for a 20 minute walk to the restaurant.

Sunday, 26 June 2022

8.00 Breakfast

SESSION 5 (9.00–12.30)

Moderator: Floris van den Eijnde

9.00–10.00 Suzanne Marchand (Louisiana State University)
Drawing the Line between History and Myth: 480 in Nineteenth-Century German Historiography

10.00–10.15 Coffee break

10.15–11.15 Janric van Rookhuijzen (Utrecht University)
Wilhelm Dörpfeld and the Creation of 480 BCE as a Watershed

11.15–12.15 Marek Węcowski (University of Warsaw)
General response

12.15–12.30 Janric van Rookhuijzen & Josine Blok (Utrecht University)
Conclusion

12.30–13.30 Lunch

13.30 Departure