

WAWIC 2026 - Madrid
Programme (updated 3/06/26)

MONDAY 8 JUNE

	Salón de Actos (2nd floor)	
17.00	Registration	17.00
17.30	Welcome and Reception	17.30
18.00	Keynote Lecture Ángel Morillo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) “Roman Military Archaeology in the Iberian Peninsula: Sieges, Camps, and Fortifications”	18.00

TUESDAY 9 JUNE

8.30	Registration			8.30
	Room 014 (Basement)	Room 02 (Basement)	Room 01 (Basement)	
	Rethinking “Barbarian” Warfare Chair: Julian Gieseke / Alastair Lumsden	The Limits of Military Service in the Roman Empire Chair: Christian Barthel	Managing the Experience of War in Mediterranean Contexts Chair: Michael Zerjadtke	
9.00	Julian Gieseke (Universität Bielefeld) “Earning Their Freedom: The Military Value of Rome’s Germanic Allies During the Early Principate”	Murray Dahm (Sydney) (online) “One Last Swim for the Batavians: Crossing the Tigris, July AD 363”	Kyriakos Velos (Monash University in Melbourne) “Eunuch Commanders of the Hellenistic World”	9.00
9.30	Alastair Lumsden (University of St Andrews) “‘Without Cavalry, Battles Are Without Result’: Gallic Cavalry Equipment, Tactics, and Techniques c. 500–50 BCE”	Kakhaber Pipia (Sokhumi State University) & Eliso Baghaturia-Kner (Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State University) (online) “Roman Garrisons in Northwestern Colchis During the 1st–3rd Centuries AD (Sebastopolis and Pityus)”	Jonas Ortel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) “The Roman Reaction to Naval Losses Between 255 and 248 BCE”	9.30
10.00	Pablo S. Harding-Vera (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) “Is It a Bug or a Feature? Roman Military Technological Adoption in Its Mediterranean Context: Perspectives from Iberian Culture”	Carlos González Catalán (Universidad de Zaragoza) “ <i>Ius belli</i> and Civil war: Septimius Severus Against Didius Julianus”	Rodrigo Simões Ferreira Gomes (Universidade de Coimbra) “Managing Emotions on the Battlefield: Analysing the Descriptions of <i>salubre mendacium</i> Stratagems in the Roman Military Literature of the Early Principate (1st–2nd Centuries AD)”	10.00
10.30	Jan Martin Ott (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) “Thracian Warfare in the Context of Odrysian Hegemony”	Joanne Ball (Manchester Metropolitan University) “Total Recall? The Mustering of Discharged Veterans in the Aftermath of the Teutoburg Disaster (AD 9)”		10.30
11.00	Coffee break (Cafeteria)			11.00
	Rethinking “Barbarian” Warfare (cont.)	Women as Victims of War Chair: Nikola Burkhardt	Aspects of Warfare in Near Eastern Societies Chair: Martine Diepenbroek	
11.30	Ove Frank (Universität Koblenz) “The Reception of Roman Auxiliary Troops in Video Games”	Lara Ochtendung (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn) “Sexualised Violence in the Context of Armed Conflicts in Late Republican and Imperial Rome”	Peter F. von Danckelman (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg) (online) “The Role of the ‘Head of the Army’ at the Israelite Court”	11.30

12.00	Andrew M. Hill (Trinity College Dublin) “The <i>hieroi lochoi</i> of Thebes and Carthage: Parsing the Remnants of a Mutual Mythography”	Elisabeth Scharkin (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen) “Narrating the Silenced: Female Voices and the Suffering of War in Ancient Literature”	Eduardo Torrecilla (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha) “The Spoils of War: Qatna and the El-Amarna Letter EA 55”	12.00
12.30			Eva de Pinho (Sorbonne Université) “Neo-Assyrian Military Fashion Through Iconography and Archaeological Remains”	12.30

13.00	Lunch			13.00
14.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Round Table (Salón de Actos, 2nd floor) <i>“The Face of Battle: Fifty Years of a Turning Point in Warfare Studies (1976–2026)”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lee L. Brice (Western Illinois University) “‘The ‘Face of Ancient Battle’: The Mixed Impact of Keegan’s Efforts” Jeremy Armstrong (University of Auckland) “‘War, War Never Changes’... or Does It? The ‘Face of Battle’ and the ‘Universalist Paradigm’” Giorgia Proietti (Università di Trento) “‘The Subjective Experience of War: Keegan’s Indirect Contribution to the Study of the Memory of War’” Roel Konijnendijk (University of Oxford) “‘A Close-Up of the ‘Face of Battle’: The <i>Othismos</i> Debate”</p>			14.00
15.30	Coffee break (Cafeteria)			15.30

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	Warfare in the Sixth-Century Roman Empire and Beyond Chair: Christopher Lillington-Martin / Conor Whately (transcontinental)	Over the “Border”. Questioning the Classical Mirrors on Ancient “Eastern” Warfare Chair: Orestis Belogiannis / Vittorio Cisnetti	Silent Wars: Intelligence Activities in Antiquity Chair: Jorge Barbero Barroso / Martine Diepenbroek	
16.00	Christopher Lillington-Martin (Cardiff University) “Battle Tactics and Medicare”	Alejandro Mizzoni (Universidad de Buenos Aires) (online) “A Practice-Based Approach to Warfare in the Iron Age Levant”	Marsha McCoy (Southern Methodist University) “Defector: Alcibiades and the Peloponnesian War”	16.00
16.30	David Parnell (Indiana University Northwest) (online) “Late Antique Generalship: The Tension Between Manuals and Histories”	Vittorio Cisnetti (Università di Bologna) “A Greek Sea? Evidence and Bias(es) on Pre-Hellenistic Naval Warfare in the Eastern Mediterranean”	Christian San José Campos (Universidad de Alcalá) “Alexander the Great and Hamilcar Rhodanus: A Carthaginian Spy?”	16.30
17.00	Conor Whately (University of Winnipeg) (online) “Agathias and the Transformation of the Roman Military”	Flore Provoost (Université de Strasbourg) “Demonstrating Military Power Through Peaceful Images: The Great King’s View of the Persian Army”	Jorge Barbero Barroso (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) “Gaius Laelius: A Diplomat and Spy in the Second Punic War?”	17.00
17.30	Coffee Break (Cafeteria)			17.30
18.00	Isabell Tscheinig (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) “Pre-Battle Speeches in Procopius’ <i>Bella</i> ”	Florian Posselt (Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck) “Cambyses, Polycrates, and the Homeric Hymn to Apollo: World Rule and Worldviews”	Evgeny Teytelbaum (Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University) “Struggling for Resources: Polybian Views on Conducting Military Campaigns”	18.00
18.30	Ahmed Hashim (Deakin University) (online) “Ancient Iranian Ways of War: A Comparison of the Achaemenid, Arsacid, and Sassanian Empires”	Marco Ferrario (Northeast Normal University, Changchun) “Blessed Wars? Eukratides and Menander: Religion as Politics”	Martine Diepenbroek (University of Johannesburg) “The <i>cursus publicus</i> as Rome’s Silent Weapon: Intelligence, Surveillance, and Strategic Communications in the Empire”	18.30
19.00		Stefano Miglioli (Università della Repubblica di San Marino)		19.00

		“Mark Antony’s Anabasis and the Iranian Environment: How a Western Narrative Was Made, and Why It Must Be Rewritten”		
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WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

8.30	Registration		8.30
	Room 014 (Basement)	Room 02 (Basement)	
	Military Order, Stereotypes, and Reality in the Greco-Roman Historiography of Warfare Chair: Giusto Traina	The Reception of Ancient Greek and Latin Military Literature. Knowledge, text and language Chair: Immacolata Eramo / Philip Rance	
9.00	Jean-Christophe Couvenhes (Sorbonne Université) “Order and Disorder at Mantinea (207 BCE): Reality and Ideology According to Polybius and Plutarch”	Philip Rance (Freie Universität Berlin) “Urbicius’ <i>Taktikon</i> and the Reception of Arrian’s <i>Technē taktikē</i> : Military Texts, Erudition and Antiquarianism in Late Antique Constantinople”	9.00
9.30	Luis Ballesteros Pastor (Universidad de Sevilla) “Military Units Equipped <i>à la romaine</i> in the Late Hellenistic Kingdoms of Asia Minor”	Immacolata Eramo (Università degli Studi di Bari) “The Reception of Polyaeus’ <i>Strategemata</i> : Witnesses, Circumstances and Forms”	9.30
10.00	Maxime Petitjean (Sorbonne Université) “Order and Harmony in Cavalry Warfare: Ancient Mathematics and Geometrical Battle Formations in the Greek Authors of <i>Taktika</i> ”	David Paniagua (Universidad de Salamanca) “Rabanus Maurus’ <i>De procinctu Romanae militiae</i> : Adapting Vegetius’ <i>Epitoma rei militaris</i> for a Carolingian King”	10.00
10.30	Anne Vial-Logeay (Université Rouen) “Image or Reality of the Battle of Pharsalus. Some Observations on the Account of the Battle in Lucan (<i>Bellum civile</i> , VII) and Appian (<i>Civil Wars</i> , II)”	Ugo Mondini (University of Oxford) (online) “Technical Terminology in Medieval Greek Military Treatises: Language, Style, and Function”	10.30
11.00	Coffee break (Cafeteria)		11.00
	Military Order, Stereotypes, and Reality in the Greco-Roman Historiography of Warfare (cont.)	The Aftermath of Conflict: War, Memory, and Emotions in Late Antique Iberia (5th–7th Centuries) Chair: Purificación Ubric Rabaneda / Esther Sánchez Medina	
11.30	Samuele Rocca (University of Haifa) “The Battle of Ascalon Revisited: Amateurs vs. Professionals?”	Andrew Fear (University of Manchester) “Visigothic Crusaders? The Religious Dimension of War in Early Medieval Spain”	11.30
12.00	Giusto Traina (Sorbonne Université / Università del Salento) “Late Antique Historians on Barbarian War Machines”	Henar Gallego Franco (Universidad de Valladolid) “Victims, Mediators, and Protagonists: Women and War Narratives in Late Roman-Iberian Historiography”	12.00
12.30	Jeroen Wijnendaele (Universiteit Ghent) “Eastern Roman Retainership. Between Private Force and Public Fashion”	Pablo Poveda Arias (Universidad de Valladolid) “Emotional Expressions of War and Violence in Post-Roman Iberia”	12.30
13.00		Jesús Huertas Gómez (Universitat de Girona) “Peace After the Storm: Post-Conflict Consensus and Internal Violence in the Visigothic Kingdom”	13.00

13.30	Lunch		13.30
14.30	Keynote Lecture (Salón de Actos, 2nd floor) Hans van Wees (University College of London) “Classical Greek Armies: Inclusion and Exclusion”		14.30
15.30	Coffee break (Cafeteria)		15.30

	Room 014 (Basement)	Room 02 (Basement)	
	The Modern Historiography of Ancient Warfare Chair: Fernando Echeverría (transcontinental)	Blurring Boundaries: Rethinking the War–Diplomacy Binary in Antiquity Chair: Borja Vertedor Ballesteros / Gregor Diez	
16.00	Fernando Echeverría (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)	Jan Trosien (Universität Hamburg)	16.00

	Introduction and “150 Years of Ancient Greek Warfare Studies”	“Sphacteria and Athens. Negotiating a Losing Battle”	
16.30	Sarah C. Melville (Clarkson University) (online) “Toward a Military History of the Assyrian Empire”	Gregor Diez (Universität Graz) “πρεσβευταὶ αὐτοκράτορες in the Hellenistic period”	16.30
17.00	Amir Gilan (Tel Aviv University) (online) “Hittite Warfare as Mirrored in Modern Research”	Gabriel Rosselló Calafell (Universitat de les Illes Balears) (online) “Diplomacy Under Constraint: Restricted Councils and Coercive Negotiation in Carthaginian Political Practice”	17.00
17.30	Coffee Break (Cafeteria)		17.30
18.00	John Hyland (Christopher Newport University) (online) “The Emerging Historiography of Achaemenid Persian Warfare”	Borja Vertedor Ballesteros (Universidad de Zaragoza) “Grey Zones of Power: Military Camps and the Blurring of War and Diplomacy”	18.00
18.30	François Gauthier (University of British Columbia) “The Historiography of Roman Warfare in the Republic: An Overview”	Enrique García Riaza (Universitat de les Illes Balears) “Diplomacy Under the Shadow of War: Coercion, Compellence, and Roman Statecraft”	18.30
19.00	Anthony Spalinger (University of Auckland) (online) “Decoding the Military of Ancient Egypt: Abu Simbel as <i>fons et origo</i> ”		19.00

THURSDAY 11 JUNE

8.30	Registration		8.30
	Room 014 (Basement)	Room 02 (Basement)	
	Hold Your Fire! Agents and Strategies in Scenarios of Halted Hostilities in Ancient Rome Chair: Denis Álvarez Pérez-Sostoa / Leire Lizazategui Elu	Instruments and Practices of War Chair: Jonas Ortel	
9.00	Denis Álvarez Pérez-Sostoa (Universidad del País Vasco) “Breakdown of the Truce During the Punic Wars”	Raphaël Vaubourdolle (Sorbonne Université / École Normale Supérieure) “Put to the Sword: Questions About the Existence of a Single-Edged Sword in the Greek World During the Archaic and Classical Periods”	9.00
9.30	Lee L. Brice (Western Illinois University) “Declaring Truce and Halting Hostilities During Roman Civil Wars”	Myrto Kokkalia (Université Libre de Bruxelles) & Antonio Bianco (Università di Pisa) “Chariots on Clay: Imagery, Contexts, and Social Memory in Early Greek Pottery”	9.30
10.00	Leire Lizazategui Elu (Universidad del País Vasco) & Elena Torregaray Pagola (Universidad del País Vasco) “Agency vs. Legitimacy to Act: The Diverse Roles of Women in Scenarios of Halted Hostilities”	Paul Ionescu (University of Toronto) “The Training and Physical Capabilities of a Roman Legionary”	10.00
10.30	Alyson Roy (University of Idaho) “Regulating Bodies: Sovereignty over Persons in the Roman Settlement in Greece”	John H. Reid (Trimontium Trust) & Manuel Fernandez-Götz (University of Oxford) & Stuart Campbell (University of Manchester) “Killed in the Fort by the Enemy: Ballistic Revelations at the Roman Fort of Ambleside”	10.30
11.00	Coffee break (Cafeteria)		11.00
	War Crimes in Antiquity? Chair: Christian Barthel / Michael Zerjadtko	Aspects of Warfare in Ancient Greece Chair: Isabell Tscheinig	
11.30	Michael Zerjadtko (Universität Trier/HSU Hamburg) “War crimes in Classical Greece”	Ethan Coulson-Haggins (University of Liverpool) “The ‘Other Greeks’: Reinterpreting Ionia in Classical Greek Warfare”	11.30
12.00	Lennart Gilhaus (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) “The Incorporated Honour of the Citizen as Regulatory Force for War Violence in Classical Greece”	Roberto Russo (University of Edinburgh) “Becoming a Naval Power: the Syracusan Navy in the 5th Century BCE”	12.00
12.30	Theresia Raum (Freie Universität Berlin)	Maurizio Ravallesse (Sapienza Università di Roma) (online)	12.30

	“Illegal Peace and Legal Massacres? War Crimes in the Roman Republic”	“Opening the Gates to the Enemy: Fifth Columns in Thucydides and Xenophon”	
13.00	Christian Barthel (Universität Greifswald/Universität Passau) “War Crimes and Punishment in the Early Roman Empire”		13.00

13.30	Lunch		13.30
14.30	Keynote Lecture (Salón de Actos, 2nd floor) Toni Naco (ICREA, Universitat de Girona) Jordi Principal (Dir. Museu d’Història de Catalunya) “War Economy in the North-Western Mediterranean in the Middle Republic”		14.30
15.30	Coffee break (Cafeteria)		15.30

	Room 014 (Basement)	Room 02 (Basement)	
	The Many Faces of the Snake’s Head: The Multifaceted Nature of Ancient Greek Military Leadership Chair: Han Pedazzini	Beyond Rome and Carthage: Third Actors in the Second Punic War Chair: Miguel Esteban-Payno / Diego Suárez-Martínez / Gerard Ventós	
16.00	Lynette Mitchell (University of Exeter) “Models of Command in Xenophon’s <i>Cyropaedia</i> ”	Eduardo Sánchez Moreno (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) “Portraits in Chiaroscuro, Tales from the Margins: Local Powers and Regional Networks in the Crucial Phase of the Second Punic War in Iberia (209–206 BC)”	16.00
16.30	Jonathan Reeves (McMaster University) “Strategy and Sustainment in Ancient Greek Warfare”	Alberto Pérez Rubio (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) “Γαλάται and Galli: The Bravest Ones”	16.30
17.00	Alessandro Carli (Università di Siena) “Can the Strict Schoolmaster Always Achieve Discipline? Lights and Shadows in the Generalship of the Spartan Clearchus”	Kieran Blewitt (Cardiff University) “Coins and Their Role in the Legitimacy of Power in the Second Punic War”	17.00
17.30	Coffee Break (Cafeteria)		17.30
18.00	Davide Morassi (University of Otago) “Homeric Models and Historical Practice: Emotion and Authority in Greek Command Speeches”	Mark C. Davies (University of Southampton) “Beyond the <i>socii navales</i> : Captives, Mercenaries, and Conscripts as Actors in Rome’s Naval War (218–201 BCE)”	18.00
18.30	Han Pedazzini (Università di Torino) “Armed Diplomacy: Military Commanders and Diplomacy in Classical Greece (5th–4th Centuries BC)”	Jacopo Napoli (University of Kent) “Massinissa’s Long Game: How a Numidian King Leveraged Roman Power in and After the Second Punic War”	18.30
19.00	Sonya Nevin (University of Cambridge) “The Sacred Responsibilities of Classical Greek Military Leaders”	Emiliano A. Panciera (Newcastle University) “Attalus I’s Strategic Autonomy During the Second Punic War”	19.00

	Salón de Actos (2nd floor)		
19.30	Concluding remarks / Conference close		19.30