

# Master Class in Ancient History

5pm, 14 November 2016  
Kyoto Prefectural University

## Speakers

**Takuji Abe** (*Kyoto Prefectural University*)

Proskynēsis: A Persian court protocol in Greek literature

**Koji Kinoshita** (*Kyoto University*)

The Roman personal relationships with the East in the first century BCE

**Yuriko Nozaki** (*Kyoto University*)

A short report on the Syrian people in the third-century Pannonia:  
Their contribution to the prosperity of the province

**Maho Oyamada** (*Kyoto University*)

A reconsideration of the 'Arkteia' in Brauron: Did the age qualification for participants exist?

**Kyohei Sakeshima** (*Kyoto University*)

Rhetores and Strategoi in Hellenistic Athens

**Hinako Sugimoto** (*Kyoto University*)

The nature and function of commercial network in fourth century Athens

## Organisers

Takuji Abe (*Kyoto Prefectural University*)

Takashi Fujii (*Kwansei Gakuin University*)

## Invited Commentators

Daniel Gomez-Castro (*Kwansei Gakuin University*)

Toni Naco del Hoyo (*University of Girona*)

Matthew Trundle (*University of Auckland*)

Christopher Tuplin (*University of Liverpool*)

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# From the Markets to the Associations

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

First International Conference



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This conference will discuss the trajectories of mercenaries operating within the private networks and the public system of warfare. Private networks were one of the main catalysts for the political, social and, in particular, economic development of the ancient Hellenic society. This appears to be very clearly the case in ancient Greece, where private partnerships between aristocratic families eased the widely spread recruitment of Greek mercenaries in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Modern research commonly accepts that the weakness of an incipient state organization fostered a “clan” structure. In these settings, aristocratic private networks filled in for a well-organized public entity. In short, these processes led to what some scholars have defined as an “oligopolistic” state, in contrast to the monopolistic state of the Classical period.

Although the monopolistic state did have significant regulatory intentions, its ultimate capacity has been overestimated. In fact, private initiative based on market laws continued to play a major role in political, social and economic terms within the monopolising state. In this context, mercenarism was actually a cohesive element that glued both the public and private spheres.

It was an actual “revolving door” that allowed greater flexibility in the laws of the regulating state and fostered private enterprise (whether at the political or economic level) to defend their own interests outside the laws of the polis.

According to the above-mentioned premises, our conference will address the following key questions:

1. What sociopolitical or socioeconomic conditions favoured the creation of a market of mercenaries. Here the focus lies especially on the Arcadian tribal societies and the xenia relationships between the aristocratic families.
2. In what circumstances this market was active like, for example, economic crises, imperialistic projects, wars in East/West or civil unrest in a particular State.
3. How and for how long the mercenarism was maintained and considered useful. In other words, in what theoretical frame we should view this phenomenon.
4. The actual evidence needed in order to accurately establish the type of association between ‘employer’ and ‘employee’, while taking into special consideration the ‘private networks’ (including private associations) model.

9:45	Registration	
10:00	Welcome	<b>Takashi Fujii</b> ( <i>Kwansei Gakuin University</i> )
10:10	Opening Remarks	<b>Daniel Gomez-Castro</b> ( <i>Kwansei Gakuin University</i> )
10:30	Markets, mercenaries and the Achaemenid Empire.	<b>Christopher Tuplin</b> ( <i>University of Liverpool</i> )
10:55	Why mercenaries? Explaining the Greek mercenary explosion of the fourth Century BCE.	<b>Matthew Trundle</b> ( <i>University of Auckland</i> )
11:20	Discussion	
12:00	Lunch	
14:15	Victories and defeats of the international public diplomacy: Fighting private networks recruiting mercenaries in the fourth century BC.	<b>Daniel Gomez Castro</b> ( <i>Kwansei Gakuin University</i> )
14:40	Mercenaries of the Carthaginian military: An exceptional case?	<b>Yu-Jin LEE</b> ( <i>University of Andong</i> )
15:05	Discussion	
15:40	Pause	
16:00	The association of Neaniskoi in Ptolemaic Egypt.	<b>Yuichiro Habe</b> ( <i>JSPS/Osaka University</i> )
16:25	Mercenaries, associations, and local economic activities in Hellenistic Egypt: A view from the Hermopolite nome.	<b>Yoshiyuki Suto</b> ( <i>Nagoya University</i> )
16:50	Rome, military markets and conflict escalation in the Late Hellenistic East.	<b>Toni Ñaco del Hoyo</b> ( <i>University of Girona</i> )
17:15	Discussion	
17:50	Concluding Remarks	

## VENUE

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