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Section 2 Work in Progress

Call for Papers: Regions and Levels of Identity in the Ancient World (Celtic Conference in Classics in Cardiff, 9-12 July 2024)

Dear all,

We are delighted to share with you the call for papers for our panel, ‘Regions and Levels of Identity in the Ancient World’, to be held at the next Celtic Conference in Classics in Cardiff, 9-12 July 2024.

Identity in the ancient world was diverse, fluid and situational, and functioned on multiple levels. In this panel, we aim to put the focus on identity formation and articulation in regions across the ancient world. Suggested topics for talks include, but are not limited to:

- How were levels of identity formed?
- How was it expressed?
- Relationship between myth and identity
- Regions within regions or larger empires
- Multi-level identity and political systems in ancient regionalism
- Emic and etic versions of identity levels
- Interregional/trans-regional relationships between identity groups
- Geography and identity

The panel will aim to further our understanding of why and how trans-regional, regional, sub-regional, and local identities formed in the ancient world, as well as what the initial impetus was for the ancient understanding of these regions. It will also look into the relationship between identity groups on multiple levels and the states which formed around them.

The panel aims to answer these questions through an interdisciplinary approach analysing the development of regional communities and how identity affected their political developments, as well as the social and economic relationships between individuals and communities within and across regional boundaries.

Papers should be approximately 40 minutes long. We invite papers focused on identity in any ancient region. Abstracts from people in all areas of classical and ancient-world related scholarship are welcome: postgraduate researchers, early career researchers, independent scholars, and established academics. Those interested in participating can send a short abstract of 300 words to ancientregionslevelsofidentity@gmail.com by Wednesday 31st January 2024. Notice of acceptance will be given by mid-February.

Best wishes,

Thomas Alexander Husøy and George Allen