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Memory and Oblivion

Ancient Societies in Perspective

International conference organized by the Basel Doctoral Program in Ancient Civilizations, 23–24 November 2026

Program

Monday, 23 November 2026

09.00–09.15	**Massimo Cè** (Basel)**, Cinzia Tuena** (Basel) Welcome
09.15–10.00	**Verena Schulz** (LMU Munich) *Forms of Forgetting in Roman Literature* (Zoom)
10.00–10.30	**Jonas Osnabrügge** (Heidelberg) *Decay and Renewal: Roman Funerary Monuments Between Inevitable Decay and Conspicuous Repair*
10.30–11.00	Coffee break
11.00–11.30	**Kiana Rezakhanlou** (Basel) *More than Wunderkammer? Memory and Citation(ality) in ‹Longinus› and Aelius Theon*
11.30–12.00	**Asia Cerri** (Basel) *Reconstructing Genealogies: Macrobius, Vergil, and the Memory of Early Latin Poetry*
12.00–12.30	General discussion
12.30–14.30	Lunch
14.30–15.00	**Leonhard Gerke** (Heidelberg) *Being Remembered like Odysseus and Penelope: Homeric References and the Construction of Memory in Greek Funerary Inscriptions*
15.00–15.30	**Cecilia Perinelli** (St Andrews) *Aeneas and Roman Power in the Hellenistic Troad: Primordialisation, Partition, and Constraint*
15.30–16.00	Coffee break
16.00–16.45	**Leire Olabarria** (Birmingham) *Emergence and Temporality at Sheikh Abd el-Qurna: Approaching Memory in Ancient Egypt through Assemblage Thinking*
16.45–17.15	General discussion
18.30	Conference dinner

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Tuesday, 24 November 2026

09.00–09.30	**Ole Siems** (Basel) *Remembering Wars among Allies in Republican Italy*
09.30–10.00	**Christopher Parr** (Warwick) *Memories of a Deified Caesar: Creating a God at the Temple of Divus Iulius*
10.00–10.30	**Joséphine Bovay** (Lausanne) *Hoist Pompey's Colours High! A Numismatic Curiosity at Soloi/Pompeiopolis (Cilicia)*
10.30–11.00	Coffee break
11.00–11.30	**Simon Bühler** (Basel) *Landscapes of Memories and Myths: Roman Origins in the Literary Realm*
11.30–12.00	**Debra Freas** (Virginia Tech) *Mediae Sabinae: Rape and Cultural Memory in Lucan's Pharsalia*
12.00–12.30	Final discussion

Conference Venue:	Hotel Odelya, Missionsstrasse 21, 4055 Basel, CH
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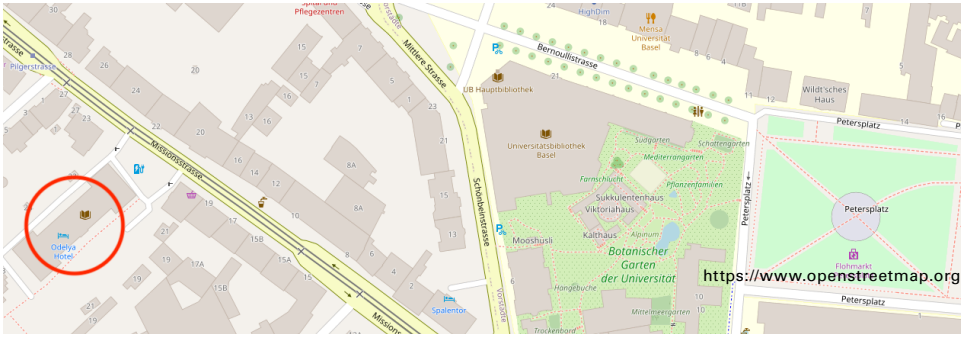

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