

# Day 1: September 19, 2024

10:00 Welcome and Coffee

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## ***I Grandparenting and Grandparental Roles in Ancient Greece*** (Panel Chair: Lisa Brunet)

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- 10:30-10:50 Silvana Dayan (Fribourg)  
Making Sense of Diverse Representations of Grandparenthood in Classical Athens
- 10:50-11:10 Kornelia Kressirer (Bonn)  
Grandparents in Ancient Greek Art
- 11:20-11:40 Federico Cassela (Pavia)  
Grandparents and Children between Myths and Social Reforms in Plato's *Republic-Timaeus*
- 11:40-12:00 Georgios Tsolakis (Chicago)  
Passing the Torch: Grandfathers, Grandmothers and the Preservation of Family Heritage
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12:00 Discussion (30 min) and Lunch

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## ***II The Status of Grandparents in Ancient Civilizations*** (Panel Chair: Silvana Dayan)

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- 13:30-13:50 Edgar Kellenberger (Basel)  
Grandparents in the Old Testament
- 13:50-14:10 Angelika Kellner (Mannheim)  
Like Grandfather, Like Grandson: Genealogies in Ancient Greece and Mesopotamia
- 14:20-14:40 Andrea Fuentes Aragon (Roma)  
Family Roots: Grandparents to Remember
- 14:40-15:00 Alexis Daveloose (Ghent)  
*Papa and Teta*: Grandparenthood as a Source of Prestige in the Late Etruscan World
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15:00 Discussion (30 min) and Coffee

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## ***III Late Antique Grandparents*** (Panel Chair: Ville Vuolanto)

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- 16:00-16:20 Geoffrey Nathan (San Diego)  
Searching for Grandfathers in Late Antiquity
- 16:20-16:40 Shaun Tougher (Cardiff)  
Grandparents in the Constantinian Dynasty
- 16:40-17:00 Gerard Spaans (Basel)  
A Comparative-Linguistic View on the Proto-Albanian Societal Role of the Grandfather in Late Antiquity
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17:00 Discussion

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18:30 Guided Tour Antikenmuseum Basel and Dinner

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# Day 2: September 20, 2024

9:00 Coffee

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## ***IV Being a Grandparent in the Roman World*** (Panel Chair: Geoff Nathan)

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- 9:30-9:50 Ville Vuolanto (Tampere)  
Caring for Grandchildren, Caring for Grandparents. The Two Old Ages in the Roman World
- 10:00-10:20 Josip Parat (Zagreb)  
Grandparents on Roman Tombstones from Pannonia Inferior
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10:30 Coffee

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- 11:00-11:20 Sara Casamayor Mancisidor (Salamanca)  
Roman Grandmothers: An Emotional Perspective
- 11:30-11:50 Roxana Kath (Leipzig)  
Grandparents within the "Transparent" Roman House
- 12:00-12:20 Borja Méndez Santiago (Oviedo)  
Grandmothers in *The Parallel Lives*. From Cornelia to Cratesiclea
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12:30 Concluding Remarks

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13:00 Optional Lunch

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# GRANDPARENTS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

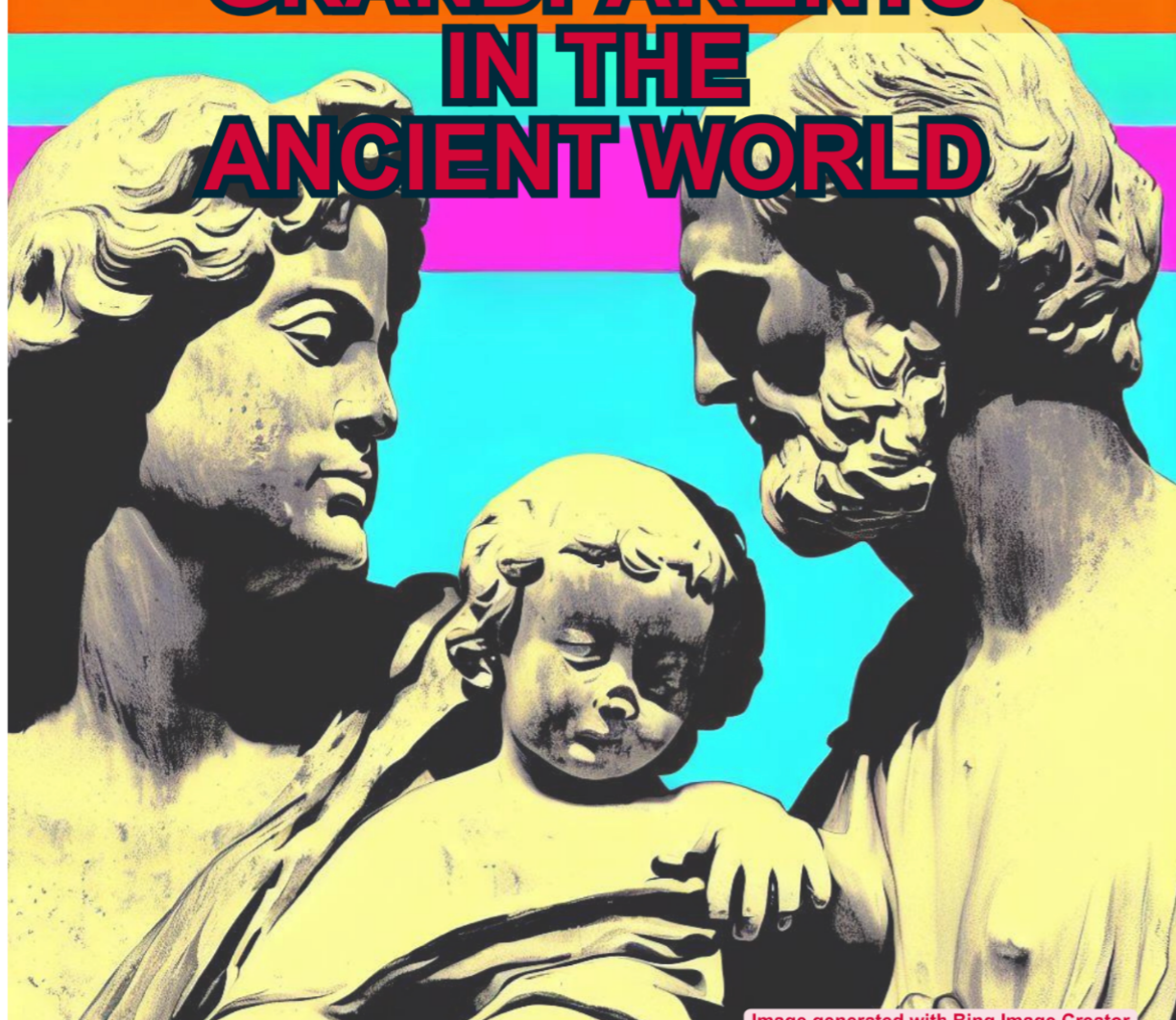


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Location: Kollegienhaus, Regenzimmer 111  
Attendance in person and remote.  
Please register with [lisa.brunet@unibas.ch](mailto:lisa.brunet@unibas.ch) to receive the link.

## Grandparents in the Ancient World

“The age of the grandparent has arrived”  
The Economist, Jan. 15, 2023

With the ageing demographics and the gradual downsizing of our households, grandparents are more present than ever. Fast forward to 2050 and we find ourselves in a scenario where grannies and grandpas are estimated to outnumber the under-15s. In this shifting landscape, grandparenthood has emerged as a subject of newfound scholarly fascination. Noteworthy, yet equally intriguing, is the relative paucity of research dedicated to grandparents in previous civilizations. Moreover, the occasional reference to ancient grandparents tends to linger within the realm of clichéd representations or hold an assumption of uniformity, despite the evident cultural diversity that characterises grandparenthood within contemporary societies.

This interdisciplinary conference will be the first to bring together knowledge on grandparents and grandparenthood from civilizations around the Mediterranean, including ancient Carthage, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome. The conference will examine what can be ascribed to socio-cultural patterns and expectations towards grandparents as well as individual realities and attitudes. What were the daily concerns and difficulties experienced by grandparents in the ancient world? And, (how) can we unravel the intricate interplay of continuity and change within the perceptions and societal roles attributed to grandparents when adopting a trans-Mediterranean perspective?

## Organization

### Organizer:

SNSF-Project « *In nomine patris, filii et...avi?*  
Grandparenthood in early Christian Families»  
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### Registration:

Attendance via Zoom is possible, please  
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