

## CALL FOR PAPERS: **Continuity or Change? The Hellenistic Near East on a Local Scale**

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The Hellenistic period is commonly conceptualized and studied via political history and broad themes such as imperialism and resistance, cultural hybridization, and urbanization and cosmopolitanism. This session aims rather to investigate the Hellenistic Near East through focused probes into the lived, daily experiences of elites and non-elites as they are expressed in the material and historical record in order to understand the defining characteristics of the Hellenistic period on a local scale. “Continuity or Change” will focus on the rhythms of everyday life and the bearing that these routines have on how we conceptualize and define the Hellenistic period as a chronological, geographic, and cultural phenomenon. The question at the heart of this session is the degree to which there was a socio-cultural phenomenon in the Near East that can be convincingly described as “Hellenistic” when viewed at this level.

We are especially interested in, but will not limit consideration to, approaches such as production, use and consumption, individual mobility, exchange of ideas, elite vs. non-elite culture, and new theoretical and comparative perspectives.

**Abstracts due:** February 15, 2014 (abstracts will be accepted until March 1 with a \$25 late fee)  
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