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Panel 20: The Epigraphy of Exiles and Expelled Poleis in Ancient Greece

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The study of exiles and expelled peoples in the ancient world has seen much recent research, and is made ever more pertinent by current global events. Informed by refugee crises and modern studies on displacement, the recent publication of seminal volumes on forced migration in antiquity has significantly shifted our understanding of ancient societies, lived experiences, and history (e.g. Adali, Gray, Isayev, Jewell, Kacar, Mazurek and Mokrisova 2026; Fachard and Harris 2021; Isayev and Jewell 2023; Moatti and Chevreau 2021; Garland 2014 [see end for references]), and opened new questions on the ancient world. This has touched not only Greek and Roman contexts (e.g. Delp 2022, Węcowski 2022; Bräckel 2021) but also Egyptian (Langer 2021), Achaemenid Persian (Matarese 2021), and other regions and periods. The epigraphic evidence (e.g. decrees granting aid and hospitality to refugees; reconciliation and amnesty decrees; tombstones of exiles in host-cities; religious-military dedications by refugees) is key to study of this topic, and holds significant contributions and untapped resources.

This Long Open Panel aims to bring this topic into deeper conversation with the epigraphic evidence, in particular examining new evidence, approaches, interpretations of past inscriptions, and syntheses of epigraphic corpora relating to exiled and wandering individuals, groups, and populations in the ancient Greek world, from their expulsion to their return (and commemoration of their exile).

The contributions of this Panel aim to address this topic from a variety of approaches, and draw out its value to other studies in epigraphy and ancient history today. In particular, thematic approaches focusing on exiles and expulsion, such as their social, economic, and gendered aspects, are especially welcome, as are regional and chronological approaches, synoptic studies of the epigraphic output of exiles, diachronic approaches tracing developments, the different types of inscriptions produced by exiles, and new inscriptions to be adduced to this phenomenon, among other topics.

Overall, this Panel aims to offer new insights onto this topic from a variety of approaches. Throughout, questions about the spectrum of ‘forced’ movement will be addressed, in particular on the frequency and degree to which the expelled people were relocated to a fixed new place or were left wandering. The relationship of the many forms of exile (captives, exiles of different social classes, economic migrants, refugees), both voluntary and more forcible, will be contextualized in the contributions, as well as the links between the epigraphy of exiles and their parallel representations in the





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archaeological, literary, and oratorical sources. Finally, discussions on the nature of the epigraphic evidence of exiles and its limitations (cf. Tacoma and Tybout 2018) will also be critically considered, alongside drawing out future paths forward in this urgent and under-explored field.

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