3rd Young Researchers Network Meeting (online, 15–16 Apr 27)

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Images in the Ancient World.
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Images played a fundamental role in the visual, material, and cultural worlds of ancient Greece and Rome. Classical archaeology and related disciplines have increasingly focused analytical attention on how ancient images were produced, perceived, and interpreted, as well as how the meanings of ancient visual culture emerged through interactions with viewers, other objects, and broader cultural frameworks. Beyond their representational functions, images could invite multiple interpretations, establishing complex relationships between physical form, material support, and social practice. The study of ancient images, therefore, continues to demand approaches that account not only for what images depict, but also for how they functioned, how they participated in the generation of meaning, and how they contributed to broader networks of cultural production.

The Young Researchers Network invites contributions from doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and other early-career scholars working on images in the ancient Mediterranean world. The meeting aims to foster exchange and encourage new theoretical and methodological perspectives on visual culture across the Greek and Roman worlds, from early Greek cultures to Late Antiquity. Contributions from archaeology, art history, visual studies, and related disciplines are particularly welcome. The Network meeting is organized within the framework of the ERC Advanced Research Grant “FRAGILE IMAGES: The Fragility, Instability, Ambiguity, and Self-Reflexivity of Images in Roman Art.” Therefore, we encourage contributions that critically engage with established interpretive models and explore innovative approaches to the production, perception, and reception of images.

Interested researchers are invited to submit abstracts for 30-minute presentations that will be followed by 15 minutes for discussion. The language of the workshop will be English.

Submission Guidelines:
Please send the title, abstract (no more than 250-300 words), and a brief CV by 11 January 2027 to allen@klassarch.uni-kiel.de.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 20 January 2027.

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