



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 1. Interdisciplinary BAJA Workshop:

### "Who was who? Persons in Antiquity"

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Who *was* actually who and *who* was someone?

We encounter people in ancient cultures in portraits, texts, archaeological contexts – as individuals, as functionaries, as symbols. But what do we really know about them? And what does it mean to reconstruct "persons of antiquity"?

The workshop "Who was who? People in Antiquity" invites doctoral candidates and early career postdocs to approach this topic together across disciplinary boundaries through methodological exchange and new perspectives.

The focus is on questions such as:

- Is biography an ancient concept at all?
- Where do boundaries between people and roles become blurred?
- Who is missing from our reconstructions – and why?
- How do people "materialize" in objects, spaces, networks?

The workshop is part of the BAJA workshop series and funded by the KSBF Doctoral Promotion Office. This year, it is aimed in particular at researchers who move between disciplinary boundaries and want to develop new questions together. The plan is to publish the contributions and a joint thesis paper.

We combine Lightning Talks (5-7 minutes) – as an impulse on your topics, ideas, or case studies – with an open fishbowl discussion: a dynamic format where listeners can join the conversation at any time. The aim is not a classic lecture audience, but a productive exchange at eye level.

Contributions from all areas of classical studies with a wide variety of focuses, such as prosopography, iconography, cultural theory, and methodological approaches from sociology, psychology, computer science or related fields are welcome!

If you would like to participate, send us **a short abstract (max. 250 words) with title, a summary of your contribution and a short biographical information** by October 1, 2025, to:

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We are looking forward to lively discussions and your ideas!

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