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## **Ancient Spartan Religion: Cults, Rites, Sanctuaries and their Socio-Economic, Political and Military Implications**

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*3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Sparta*

Organized by:

UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome, Department of Law and Digital Society

Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Classical Antiquities

Institute of Sparta

20 October, Odeion Hall, Faculty of Humanities, Sapienza University of Rome, P.le Aldo Moro 5, Rome

14.00 Institutional Greetings

Antonello Folco Biagini, Dean of UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome

H.E. Eleni Sourani, Ambassador of Greece in Italy

Mario Carta, Director of the Department of Law and Digital Society, UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome

Giorgio Piras, Director of the Department of Classical Antiquities, Sapienza University of Rome

Anastasia Kanellopoulou, President of Institute of Sparta

14.30 Rita Sassu, UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome, *The Acropolis of Sparta: the cult Athena and other gods*

15.00 Paul Rahe, Hillsdale College and the Hoover Institution, *Sacral Kingship at Sparta*

15.30 Jean-Christophe Couvenhes, Sorbonne Université, UMR 8210-AnHiMA, *Quelle divinité est représentée sur le tétradrachme attribué à Cléomène III de Sparte?*

16.00 – 16.30 coffee break

16.30 David D. Phillips, University of California, Los Angeles, *Homicide, Sanctuary, and Expiation in Sparta*

17.00 Chiara Tarditi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, sede di Brescia, *Wealth and religion at Sparta: production, dedication and diffusion of Laconian bronze vessels in the VI cent. BC*

17.30 discussion

19.00 dinner

21 October, Conference Hall, UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome, Piazza Sassari 4, Rome

10.00 Tanya Gavronaite, Endangered Wildlife, *In search of Artemis Orthia and the rites of passage, with a focus on archaeological artefacts and written documentation*

10.30 Paolo Storchi, Università di Pavia, *The sanctuary of Artemis Orthia in Sparta: the difficult architectural dialogue between ritual and spectacle, between civilization and "barbarism"*

11.00 Giulio Vallarino, Politecnico di Bari, *The cult of the Basilis between Sparta and Taras*

11.30 – 12.00 coffee break

12.00 Athanasios Grammenos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, *Religion and Foreign Policy in Ancient Sparta: Metaphysics, Cults, and the National Interest*

12.30 Giulia Vannucci, Scuola Normale Superiore, *The terracotta figures from the Spartan sanctuaries*

13.00 – 14.00 light lunch

14.00 Junyang Li, Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP) at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), *Strategic implications of Spartan religious considerations in Thucydides*

14.30 Stefania Golino, Sapienza University of Rome, *Cult and economy in ancient Sparta*

15.00 Stavros Giannopoulos, Institute of Sparta, *Ancient Gods and sanctuaries of the League of the Lacedaimonians/ Eleutherolakones*

15.30 final discussion

The conference is part of the cycle of “Digital Itineraries” of the Department of Law and Digital Society, UnitelmaSapienza University of Rome,

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