



## 4th EMCC-Intensive Course

**Nicosia – 23th-25th May 2017**

End of May 2017: as always, every two years, all those who are currently studying in the European Master's Program EMCC ("European Master of Classical Cultures"), as well as the responsible coordinators and other employees come together for a three-day Intensive Course including field trips at the location of one of the twelve participating universities.



In 2016, the EMCC established a new cooperation with the German Archaeological Institute (DAI) in Rome, represented by O. Dally. Jointly with the University Roma Tre, the DAI will organize the 2019 Intensive Course in Rome. By integrating this interdisciplinary Intensive Course into the curriculum of the European Master, students from different European countries are given the opportunity to get to know each other, exchange ideas, and establish contacts with the responsible coordinators during the Course and beyond.

During this Course, all students give a paper followed by a discussion dealing with his/her individual subject as well as methodological issues and problems of their ongoing Master's thesis.



These papers are part of a wide-ranging program which also includes field trips to antique monuments, archaeological sites, and museums in the vicinity. In doing so, a thorough communication between the students and the academic staff of the program can be ensured, which once again characterizes the EMCC in a special way.

Between the 23<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, the international Intensive Course took place in Nicosia, Cyprus. The accommodation for students and coordinators and the field trips were perfectly prepared and organized by Antonis Tsakmakis, EMCC coordinator of the University of Cyprus.

#### Tuesday, 23<sup>th</sup> May: Greetings/Papers

As most participants did already arrive in Nicosia on Monday, the coordinators, staff, and students met for dinner in the city that very evening.

The next morning, the official opening took place in the Culture Center of the University of Cyprus, hosted by Antonis Tsakmakis (Nicosia) and Ralf von den Hoff (Freiburg), the current spokesman of the EMCC.



All participants of this year's Intensive Course were warmly welcomed by the coordinators, followed by the presentation of this year's schedule. Subsequently, two students gave papers on their Master's thesis, each followed by a discussion.

#### Papers:

- Elisa Beck (Freiburg – Perugia, 2. Semester):  
**"Mythological statue groups in Italy"**
- Cécile Schoumacher (Toulouse – Rom, 2. Semester):  
**"Phoenician diplomacy with the Ancient Near East, from 1200 to 600 B.C."**

After these two stimulating papers and the subsequent lunch break, the participants gathered again in the premises of the Culture Center of the University; another two students gave their papers. The student's papers led to lively discussions and most importantly yield significant impact on the student's theses.

Once again, the interdisciplinary qualities of the EMCC and the Intensive Course along with its multilingualism have proven to stimulate and encourage new perspectives.

Papers:

- Nils Nathaneal Fischer (Münster – Athen, 2. Semester):  
**“Athens and the Greek federal states during the 3rd century B.C.: A contribution to the research of foreign policy in Hellenistic times”**
- Clarence Huron (Toulouse – Perugia, 2. Semester):  
**“Diffusion and reception of the cult of Mithras in the provinces of Noricum and Pannonia”**

Wednesday, 24th May: Field trips to Paphos, Palaipaphos und Kourion



This day, field trips to several important and well-known archaeological sites and museums of Cyprus were realized. First, we visited the well-known ancient city of Palaipaphos, where Prof. Maria Iacovou guided us through the remaining ruins of the city. In particular, she stressed significant changes during the bronze and iron age of Palaipaphos. Following this

exciting trip, the Archaeological Park of Paphos was next. The city itself was probably founded in the 4th century BC with its remnants dating predominantly from Roman times—including impressive floor mosaics in large villas, introduced by Dr. Efsthios Raptou.







#### Thursday, 25th May: Archaeological Museum of Nicosia / Paper

This last day of the Course started with a student's lecture; all coordinators and staff then met for the final discussion and evaluation of the student's papers, while the students themselves evaluated the Intensive Course and the EMCC course of studies.

#### Paper:

- Kim Henrik Haegermann (Hamburg – Salamanca, 4. Semester)  
**“Bilingualism in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt. Importance and Necessity of Multilingualism. A Research based on the epigraphic evidence”**

After lunch, we visited the Archaeological Museum in Nicosia. Dr. Efstathios Raptou—who has already guided us through the ancient city of Paphos on Wednesday—gave us another tour through main parts of the museum. Subsequently, we got the opportunity to explore the museum and its wide range of artefacts on our own. In the evening, everyone came together again for dinner.

#### Friday, 26th May: Final discussion/Farewell

Once again, the participants of the EMCC Intensive Course met in the morning to jointly review the past days. All participants felt that this year's course in Nicosia has been very inspiring, especially the often-exciting debates in line with the student's papers. Besides, some participants visited Cyprus and Nicosia for the first time—thanks for organizing such a great experience.



**Auf Wiedersehen und Goodbye...  
till 2019 in Rome!!!**