



## CRISES IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

SUMMER SCHOOL HAMBURG,  
4 JULY – 15 JULY, 2016

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This summer school program aims to introduce master and doctoral students of the classics, Byzantine studies, and medieval history to the phenomenon of crises in the pre-modern Greek world. The chronological spectrum ranges from the agrarian and debt crisis in archaic Athens (6 c. BCE) to the Order of St. John on Rhodes (15 c. CE). These long periods will be examined using several case studies.

One focus of the program is the Hellenistic age. The kingdoms of this epoch were too weak and politically unstable to ensure long-term peace, functioning infrastructure, or sustainable administration. Roman influence and the conquest of the East led to greater stability, but also to revolts and uprisings. This was especially true in Egypt due to its complex religious and ethnic diversity. On the other hand, Roman rule also provided an opportunity for individual social advancement, as exemplified by Asia Minor. The crises in late Antiquity during Justinian's reign were carried over to Rhodes in late medieval times. The excellent archaeological remnants of the sanctuary of Olympia make it possible to study particular conflicts as they unfolded in one place over several centuries.

Our summer school program provides a broad view of crisis at different times and places in the pre-modern Greek-speaking world. Crises and the reasons and occasions for them, their manifestation and development, and their short and long-term consequences were highly diverse. So, too, were the efforts to resolve them, which were characterized by varying levels of success.

## PROGRAM

- **Monday, 4 July:**  
**Werner Rieß** (Hamburg)  
Solon – The First "European" Reformer and Crisis Manager? (Solon and the Crisis in Archaic Athens)
  - **Tuesday, 5 July:**  
**Thomas Kruse** (Vienna)  
Rebellious Egyptians and Rebellious Jews: Administrative and Legal Reactions to Native Uprisings in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt  
**Public Lecture by Kaja Harter-Uibopuu**  
"Vertreibung, Flucht und Wiedereingliederung: Bürgerkriege im Hellenismus"
  - **Wednesday, 6 July:**  
**Ioannis Xydopoulos** (Thessaloniki)  
The Honorary Title of *Euergetes* in Macedonian Inscriptions
  - **Thursday, 7 July:**  
**Martin Dreher** (Magdeburg)  
Crises in Ancient Sicily
  - **Friday, 8 July:**  
**Helmut Halfmann** (Hamburg)  
Awareness of Crises and Crisis Management in Roman Asia Minor: The Second Sophistic
  - **Monday, 11 July:**  
**Kaja Harter-Uibopuu** (Hamburg)  
Historical and Juridical Aspects of Internal Crises in Hellenistic Cities
  - **Tuesday, 12 July:**  
**Andreas Gkoutzioukostas** (Thessaloniki)  
Internal Crises under the Reign of Justinian I (527-565 c. CE)
  - **Wednesday, 13 July:**  
**Jürgen Sarnowsky** (Hamburg)  
Living with the Crisis: The Knights of St John on 15th-Century Rhodes
  - **Thursday, 14 July:**  
Field trip to Lübeck (Guided historical city tour, introduction to the Hanse, visit to the Thomas Mann Haus)
  - **Friday, 15 July:**  
**Reinhard Senff** (Athens/Olympia)  
Crises in Olympia: Case Studies from Different Epochs
- Course Hours:**  
9 – 10:30 am  
11 am – 12:30 pm  
1:30 – 3 pm
- Cultural program with events on different afternoons:**
- Trip to Lübeck with guided city tour and visit of the Thomas Mann Haus
  - Historical guided tour of the University neighborhood (Hamburg's Jewish past)
  - Visit to the Maritime Museum and the Ballinstadt Emigration Museum Hamburg
- The Crises in Historical Perspective summer school program is supported by the DAAD with funding from the Federal Foreign Office.**