



# The Horn of Africa in Antiquity

## An Exploratory Seminar

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February 25th  
Moderator **Hatem Elliesie**

- 10:00 am **Klaus Geus**: Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15 am **Monika Schuol** (Freie Universität Berlin): Soqatra – Drehscheibe für Fernhandel und Kulturtransfer vor dem Horn von Afrika?
- 11:15 am **Yosief Libsekal** (National Museum, Asmara): The Horn of Africa in Antiquity: An Eritrean Perspective
- 00:15 pm Coffee Break
- 00:30 pm **Rainer Voigt** (Freie Universität Berlin): Language, Script and Society in South Arabia and on the Horn of Africa
- 01:30 pm Lunch
- 03:15 pm **Francis Breyer** (Wien): Pharaonic Egypt and the Horn of Africa
- 04:15 pm **Peter Nadig** (Freie Universität Berlin): Hunting for Elephants: How the Ptolemies Kept Up With the Seleucids
- 05:15 pm **Alessandro Bausi** (Universität Hamburg): The Ethiopic Sources on the 6<sup>th</sup> Cent. Events at Najran Once More

February 26th  
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- 10:15 am **Gianfranco Fiaccadori** (Università degli studi di Milano): Aksum, the Red Sea, and Long-distance Trade in Pre-Islamic Times
- 11:15 am **Veronica Bucciantini** (DAI, Berlin): The Limits of Knowledge: Explorations and Information from the Horn of Africa to the African East Coast in the Greco-Roman Tradition from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC
- 00:15 am Coffee break
- 00:30 pm **Serena Bianchetti** (Università di Firenze, IT): Das Horn von Afrika in den *Geographika* des Eratosthenes
- 01:30 pm Lunch
- 03:15 pm **Didier Marcotte** (Université de Reims): Auf den Straßen Azaniens: Das Horn von Afrika im *Periplus des Roten Meeres*
- 04:15 pm **Pierre Schneider** (Université d'Artois): Crossing the Bab el-Mandab Strait in Greco-Roman Antiquity: Between Knowledge and Experience