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We are pleased to announce the upcoming scientific symposium titled "***CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE BLACK SEA, PROSPECTING IT'S HINTERLAND: Projects, Ideas and Interactions***" which will take place from **6th– 8th November 2025** at Bilkent University, Ankara. This symposium aims to bring together leading scholars and researchers to share and discuss the latest findings, methodologies, and applications of different perspectives related to the Archaeology of the Black Sea region and its Hinterland.



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6th of November 2025

Each session will be 20 mins. 10 mins Q/A.

09:30-10:00 – Welcoming Speeches

Session 1: (10:00am - 11:30am)

10:00-10:30 – Rainer Czichon, ‘Daily Life in the North Anatolian Black Sea Hinterland in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age’

10:30-11:00 – Şevket Dönmez, ‘Kubaba at Oluz Höyük: An Archaeological Overview of Recent Discoveries’

11:00-11:30 – Aslıhan Beyazıt, ‘Burial Practices and Funerary Architecture in the Black Sea Region’

Coffee Break (11:30am-11:50am) Session 2: (11:50am - 1:20pm)

11:50-12:20 – Latife Summerer, ‘Divine Grapevine: Revival of Hittite Wine Rituals in the Late Hellenistic Period at the Black Sea’

12:20-12:50 – F. Gülden Ekmen, ‘Discussing the uncommon: Basketry in the organic material culture of the İnönü Cave inhabitants’

12:50-1:20 – Salih Kaymakçı-Derya Çığır Dikyol, ‘Giresun Surveys and a Spatial Analysis of Prehistoric Periods’

Lunch Break (1:30pm-2:30pm)

Session 3: (2:30pm – 4:30pm)

2:30-3:00 – Fatma Bağdatlı Çam-Umut Bostancı, 'The Revival of a Forgotten Roman City: Amastris'

3:00-3:30 – Ahmet Bilir, 'Funerary Practices and Archaeological Findings in the Acheron Necropolis of Heraclea Pontica'

3:30-4:00 – Denis Zhuravlev, 'On the Borders of the Bosporan Kingdom: New Excavations in Ancient Labris'

4:00-4:30 – Ayşe Batman, 'The Economic Interactions between the North-Central Anatolia and Turkish Black Sea Coast during the Hellenistic Period'

4:30-5:00 – Okan Sezer, 'Cambaztepe: A New Reference Point for Understanding the Interactions Between Anatolia and Balkans-Northern Black Sea During 3rd Millennium BC'

Coffee Break (4:30pm-5:00pm) Dinner (7:00pm)

7th of November 2025

Each session will be 20 mins. 10 mins Q/A.

Session 1: (09:30am - 11:30am)

09:30-10:00 – Dominique Kassab Tezgör, 'The Daily Life of the Potters in Sinope in the Late Antiquity'

10:00-10:30 –Emre Okan, 'Interactions between Prusias ad Hypium and Other Regions in the Light of Pottery: Roman and Late Roman Periods'

10:30-11:00 – Alexandre Baralis, Pierre Dupont, Nicolas Garnier, Vasilica Lungu, 'On the Origin and Contents of Greek Amphorae in the Black Sea: The Results of the Archaeometric Program at Apollonia Pontica and Orgame'

11:00-11:30 – Serkan Gedük, 'Underwater Archaeological Excavations and Archaeopark Project Studies at Kerpe'

Coffee Break (11:30am-11:50am)

Session 2: (11:50am - 1:20 pm)

11:50-12:20 –Gülgün Köroğlu and Gülseren Kan Şahin, 'Recent Observations on Pottery Groups from the Hellenistic to the Late Ottoman Period Uncovered During the Balatlar Church Excavations'

12:20-12:50 – Safiye Aydın, 'A Look at the Maritime Connection with the Black Sea Basin in the light of the Amphora Finds from the Fatsa-Cingirt Kayasi 2024 Excavation Season'

12:50-13:20 –Ahmet Emirhan Bulut, 'Cybele in Clay: Terracotta Cybele Figurines from the Tokat Museum'

Lunch Break (1:30pm-2:30pm)

Session 3: (2:30pm – 4:00pm)

2:30-3:00 – Fatma Bağdatlı Çam, Handan Bilici, 'A New Settlement in Parphlagonia: Parthenios/Parthenia Kome'

3:00-3:30 – Seçkin Evcim, 'Rediscovery of the St. Constantine and Helen Church at

Fatsa/Polemonion and Preliminary Results from the Excavations'

3:30-4:00 – Ozan Hetto, 'From Roman Bath to Byzantine Church: Architectural Transformation and Interior Decoration of the Sinop Balatlar Complex'

4:00-4:30 – Luca Zavagno, 'The Byzantine City in Transition from Late Antiquity to the early Middle Ages: the View from the Black Sea'

Closing Remarks (4:30pm-5:00pm)

8th of November 2025

Excursion to Gavurkalesi (Hittite site with rock reliefs) and GordionYassihöyük for conference participants