

Special Issue

Travel and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean

Message from the Guest Editors

We invite contributors with expertise in any aspect of Mediterranean antiquity to explore questions relating to travel and religion, such as: What kinds of religious agendas motivated travel in antiquity? What was the role of religion and ritual behaviour in the preparation for, duration, and/or conclusion of a journey? How did travellers experience their journeys, and what role did religion play in shaping these experiences? What kinds of material objects did travellers carry and travel with, how did they transport their belongings, and what sensory experiences did visitors encounter on the road or at their final destination? With whom did one travel, and why? Could a journey shape or change one's religious ideas or practices, and, if so, how? What kinds of religious knowledge did travellers gather for the benefit of their communities through both imaginary and real-life trips? As a result of these investigations, a more nuanced notion of ancient travel and its lived and religious aspects will begin to emerge.

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