

Report on the conference
'Citizenship ancient and modern: current perspectives and challenges'
(UCL, 1-3 July 2019)

The Department of Greek and Latin, University College London (UCL), in co-operation with the Department of Classical Philology, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, organised an international academic conference on the topic of 'Citizenship ancient and modern: current perspectives and challenges', held on 1-3 July 2019 in London. The conference brought together scholars from 12 countries, working on Graeco-Roman, Near Eastern, and modern citizenship; ca. two thirds of the 40 conference papers dealt with the ancient Greek world.

As part of the conference, we also organised a public event, advertised as a discussion on the theme of 'Citizenship ancient and modern', which brought together classicists and members of the general public, and included four popularising talks by Prof Clifford Ando (Chicago), Prof John Davies FBA, FSA (Liverpool), Prof Engin Isin (Queen Mary, UoL), and Dr Catherine Neveu (IIAC (CNRS-EHESS), Paris). These scholars also served as keynotes for the main conference, alongside Prof Josiah Ober (Stanford).

The conference was very well attended with over 70 registrations, including a significant number of postgraduate students whose attendance was generously supported by bursaries from the Hellenic Society. The public event drew in additional interest from members of the UCL community more widely. Attendees at the conference commented on the smooth running and the quality of the papers and discussion. An edited collection of papers from the conference is planned for publication.

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