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***AT THE CROSSROADS OF GREEK RELIGION:
INTERACTIONS WITH THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN***

International Workshop, Swedish Institute at Athens
Saturday, December 13, 2025

- 14.00-14.15** **Jenny Wallensten & Filippo Lepori**
Welcome & Introduction
- 14.15-15.00** **Rebecca Laemmle (Cambridge University)**
A game of two halves? Homer and the invention of a Greek underworld
- 15.00-15.45** **Filippo Lepori (Uppsala University)**
A non-Greek ritual in the Homeric poems? The pit ritual in the Nekyia (Odyssey 11) from a formulaic perspective
- 15.45-16.15** Coffee
- 16.15-17.00** **Mary Bachvarova (Willamette University)**
From economics to poetics: The role of Samos in the transmission of Near Eastern cult practices
- 17.00-17.45** **Ian Rutherford (University of Reading)**
Pegasus' bridle and other horsey rituals: A neglected aspect of religious interaction in the Late Bronze Age
- 17.45-18.00** **Closing remarks**
Drinks on the terrace (weather allowing)
- 20.30** **Dinner for speakers**

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