EXTRA-LARGE PROJECTS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD
OCTOBER 9–11, 2017
WORKSHOP

MO 09/10/2017
9:00-12:30 SESSION 1
INTRODUCTION, ORIENTATION IN XXL TERMINOLOGY
Chair
Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum
Discussants
Sabrina N. Autenrieth, Ioulia Kaoura, Kirrily White, Rachel Lane, Felix Levenson
Questions
Terminology: monumentality – big buildings – mega-structures – megalomania and do these have positive or negative connotations? Does this change over time? Is big necessarily big?

13.30–17.30 SESSION 2
MEGALOMANIA AND URBANIZATION / LARGE TECHNICAL SYSTEMS
Chair
Nomen nominandum
Discussants
Silke Haps, Catharine Hof, Marcello Mogetta, René Ohlrau, Felix Levenson
Questions
Mega-buildings and mega-structures?
Planning and construction: Complexity of societies as an indicator? Fiction vs. reality: Monuments and monumentality in and outside the urban sphere. City-planning as a frame for mega-structures: Planned and unplanned monumentality?

TUE 10/10/2017
9:00–12:30 SESSION 3
MONUMENTALITY OF SIZE AND COMPLEXITY
Chair
Stella E. Nair
Discussants
Bernhard Heeb, Monica Pacheco, Reinhard Bernbeck
Questions
Does monumentality need a minimum size? Materials in monumentality: Relation between building and material resources. Technical and technological offer of monumentality? Costs, work and knowledge for large and/or monumental projects: Is big necessarily expensive? Energetics of Construction?

13.30–17.30 SESSION 4
“MAKING MONUMENTALITY VISIBLE” FROM A MODERN POINT OF VIEW
Chair
Markus Hilgert
Discussants
Laura Cousin, Kyra Gospodar, Alice Mandell
Questions
How to measure visible and invisible monumentality? Maps, borders?
Scales of monumentality: Present in or around archaeology. How can we understand or ignore or use monumentality? How can we present monumentality in a museum? How can we study monumentality?

WED 11/10/2017
9:00–18:30 FOCUSED DISCUSSION SESSION
Summaries of Sessions 1–4 by the chairs
10:00–11:00 PAPER SESSION
Panel work to outline papers for each session

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