

Call for papers!

Roman Pottery in the South-Eastern Balkans From Production to Distribution



Conference date: 22–23/10/2026

Place: British School at Athens, Upper House,
52 Souedias Street, Athens, Greece

The conference focuses on local pottery production during the Roman period in the southern and south-eastern regions of the Balkan Peninsula, particularly within the Roman provinces of *Thrace*, *Moesia Inferior*, *Dacia*, and *Macedonia*. Across these regions, numerous pottery workshops have already been identified, producing substantial quantities of wheel-made tableware, cooking vessels, and storage containers, often alongside traditional handmade pottery. The scale and variability of local production must have been considerable; in inland Thrace, for instance, the majority of pottery found in rural contexts was locally produced, while imports were virtually negligible.

However, despite the prevalence of local pottery on many archaeological sites, the number of dedicated studies on the subject remains disproportionately low. Even fewer comprehensive studies or specialized conferences address the production and distribution of local pottery. This conference therefore aims to provide an open forum for sharing and discussing various aspects of Roman pottery production in the southern and south-eastern Balkan Peninsula, focusing on direct or indirect evidence of production as well as on investigating circulation patterns, consumer preferences and patterns of consumption.

The chronological framework of the conference spans the Late Republic to the Imperial period, approximately from the 2nd century BC to the 4th century AD.

The main topics the conference aims to address:

- Typology and chronology of various regional pottery groups
- Production centres and their organization
- Technological aspects of ceramic production
- Pottery function and utilization
- Patterns and mechanisms of distribution
- Economic, social, and cultural significance of pottery production and consumption
- The application of scientific analyses to address any of the above issues

Guidelines for abstract submission and presentations:

Abstracts no longer than 300 words should be sent as an editable word file to the following email address petra.tuslova@bsa.ac.uk including the title of the talk and full names of all the authors with their affiliation and emails. Please note if the submission is for the *standard* (in total 20 min) or *lightning* (in total 10 min) talk. One person might apply with multiple talks.

The standard presentations should be 15 min long + 5 min discussion. Instead of posters we accept submission for 5 min lightning talk on specific topic presented in few PowerPoint slides + 5 min discussion. The conference will take place in person only and there will be no live streaming.

Key dates:

Abstract submission deadline: **31/05/2026**

Abstract acceptance announcement: **30/06/2026**

Programme announcement: **01/09/2026**

Conference attendance registration deadline: **04/10/2026**

(Please, register after abstract acceptance: [here](#))

Publication of conference papers

The conference will be published in a thematic issue of [Studia Hercynia](#), an open access peer reviewed journal currently classified as a Q2 according to Scopus. Deadline for paper submission: **31/03/2027**; expected publication: first issue of 2028.

Participation and accommodation information

There is no conference fee. Participants are expected to arrange and cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. However, a limited number of single and double rooms may be available free of charge at the premises of DAI Athens for active participants who would otherwise be unable to attend the conference. Please send an application, stating your reasons for eligibility for the accommodation, together with your abstract to petra.tuslova@bsa.ac.uk till **31/05/2026**. Selected individuals will be notified together with their abstract acceptance.

During and around the conference days limited number of rooms will be available at the BSA hostel also to non-members of the school. The price of single room is £30 / night with breakfast for UK based, and £41 for non-UK based researchers. Several double rooms are also available for better price if shared (suitable for students). To book the hostel, please contact directly its administrator Vicky Tzavara (admissions@bsa.ac.uk). Places are limited, first come, first served.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Athens!

On behalf of the organizers,

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