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Digital Representations of Ancient Dates

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- Case-study: Prosopography
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Introduction

Dating in ancient world

In the last two centuries:

1. Increasing scholarship (an enormous amount of work)
2. Increasing evidence (new texts found, re-read, re-numbered, re-published)
3. Differences between ancient and modern dating systems



Distance between evidence and statement

How are we able to date the events of ancient history?

To answer this kind of question, we have to understand the **calendar systems** used by the ancients and their **time reckoning**.

Moreover, how do we represent this data in a **digital environment**?

Time is the **proper dimension of history**.

Chronology, an auxiliary of history, enables us to state this time-interval between a historical fact and ourselves by converting the chronological indications of our sources into units of our own time reckoning.

The purpose of the chronology is therefore to **convert** the chronological references of our sources into the Julian dates of our era (BC, or AD).

The device of counting backward from the (supposed) date of the birth of Christ was first used by D. Petavius (in 1627) and has been in regular use from the end of the eighteenth century.

For example,

Horace “died on the fifth day before the Kalends of December when C. Marius Censorinus and C. Asinius Gallus were consuls”

(*decessit V Kal. Dec. C. Marcio Censorino et C. Asinio Gallo consulibus*)

– Suet. *De viris ill.* 40

= 27 November 8 BC
(27 + 5 = 1 December)

Gela was founded by Antiphemus from Rhodes and Entimus from Crete, who joined in leading a colony thither, in the forty-

fifth year after the foundation of Syracuse (Γέλαν δὲ Ἀντίφημος ἐκ Ῥόδου καὶ Ἔντιμος ἐκ Κρήτης ἐποίκους ἀγαγόντες κοινῇ ἔκτισαν, ἔτει πέμπτῳ καὶ τεσσαρακοστῷ μετὰ Συρακουσῶν οἴκισιν)

– Thuc. 6.4.3

= 688 BC
(733 - 45 = 688)

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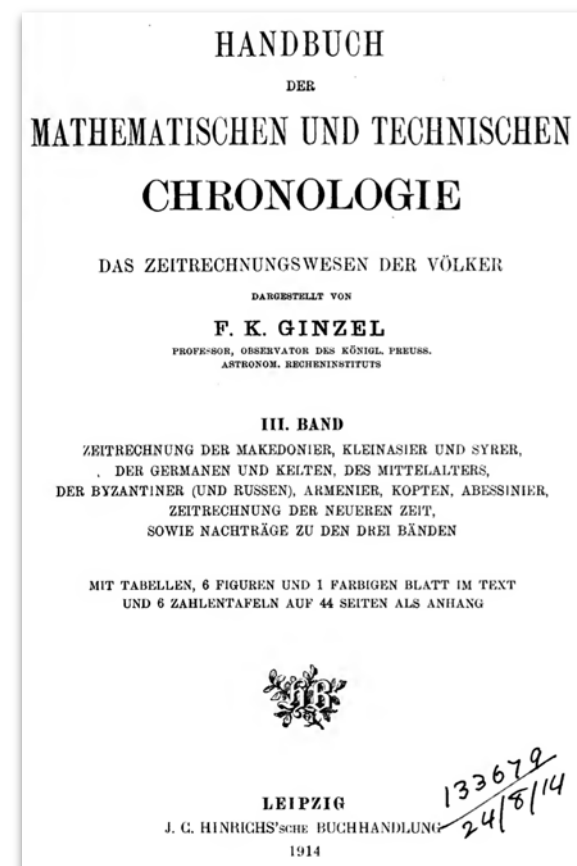
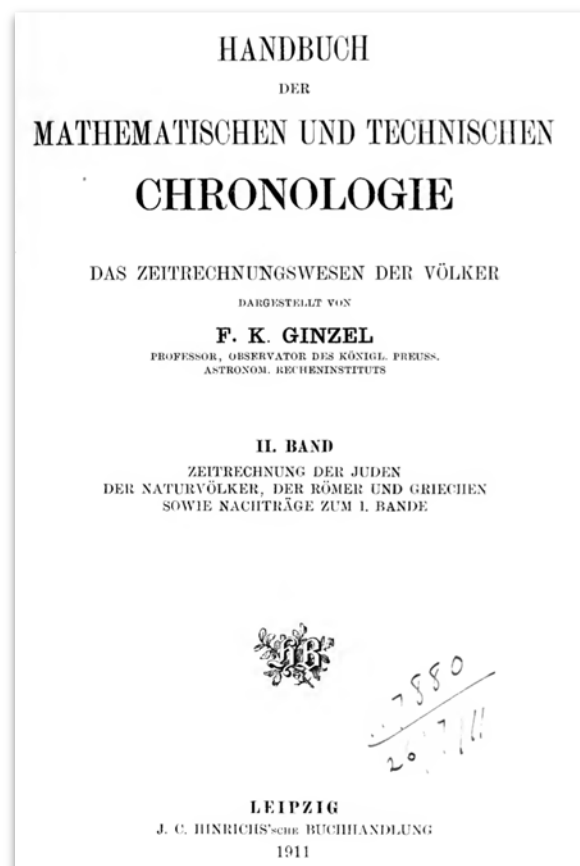
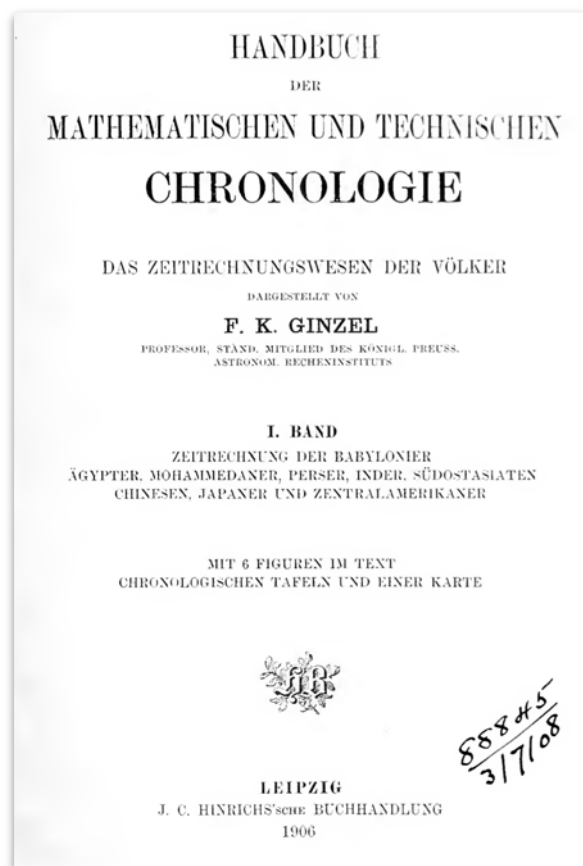
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1826.





<https://archive.org/search.php?query=creator%3A%22Ginzel%2C+Friedrich+Karl%2C+1850-%22>

GREEK AND ROMAN
CHRONOLOGY

CALENDARS AND YEARS
IN CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY

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Case study: Prosopography

SNAP DRGN

Standards for Networking Ancient Prosopographies *Data and Relations in Greco-Roman Names*



SNAP:DRGN will publish recommendations and examples, with a view to encouraging: (i) the publication of minimal, consistent prosopographical data in RDF and compatible with the Linked Ancient World Data graph; (ii) building a loose network ancient prosopographical projects that will collectively contribute to a graph of millions of person-records; (iii) stand-off assertions of co-references or other relationships between persons, names and other prosopographical entities; (iv) Open Annotation Collaboration (OAC)-style RDF annotations of named entities in texts to point them to authoritative person-record-clusters in the SNAP:DRGN graph.

Scenario 1. Putting your prosopography online

The first task is to put your prosopography online, with stable URIs for as many entities as you can identify (person, name, source etc.). You need to be able to point to (e.g.) <http://www.example.com/person/1234567> and reliably/persistently find here your record about (e.g.) Procopius. This may be no more than an HTML page intended for human consumption. SNAP:DRGN does not advise on this step.

Scenario 2. RDF summary of your prosopography

You might go further and make the entirety of your prosopography (or as much of it as you are comfortable with releasing openly) available in a more formal way using RDF, using the ontology you think useful (CIDOC CRM can work for normal prosopography, cf. <http://www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/id/V5a-35642/rdf/>). This will enable software to get at the data as well as humans. To manage this, you'll need some sort of transformation of your data to RDF, using a categorisation of entities, and a set of names for the relationships (properties) between them. A subset of this RDF may then be ingested by SNAP:DRGN, expressing names, relations, attestations, citations, date/place information, and other existing person identifiers (VIAF, DBpedia, canonical print prosopographies, etc.).

Scenario 3. Aligning between prosopographies

Persons can be "merged" in SNAP:DRGN by creating a new person record that "replaces" the two or more original records. The "replaced" entities are both SNAP URIs derived from partner project IDs, rather than the original IDs from partner source data (see <http://snapdrgn.net/archives/152>). Merging is accomplished by the creation of a new `lawd:Person` which replaces two or more existing ones. Such resources have the additional type `snap:MergedResource` (signaling that they are the result of a merge operation) and the additional property `snapp:reason`, which can point at evidence or justification for the merge. The `dc:publisher` of this new, merged person is the entity responsible for the merge.

Scenario 4: Relationships and other scholarly statements

SNAP person records may include basic relationship information ("Eudemia daughter of Dionella"), but a prosopography becomes really useful when a rich network of relationships can be expressed, queried and reasoned upon, and visualized. We envision a method of RDF annotation to enable such relationships and other scholarly statements to be attached to a record, including attribution, reasoning and certainty.

Scenario 5: Disambiguating text references with SNAP annotations

The process for annotating a third-party text, dataset or object with a SNAP URI to disambiguate a reference therein is closely based on the methods for annotating geographical names with Pleiades URIs using the Open Annotation Collaboration ontology, as devised by the Pelagios project. Currently in its third phase of funding, Pelagios is working closely with the SNAP:DRGN community on synchronize standards, tooling and functionality for future interoperability between the datasets. An annotation of a name in an online text should be able to say, "In line 17 of section 90 of this text, the word 'Alexandria' refers to the person/place/entity described at this URI."

Gabriel Bodard, Faith Lawrence, King's College London; Sebastian Rahtz, Oxford University; Mark Depauw, KU Leuven; Hugh Cayless, Duke University; Leif Isaksen, University of Southampton.

SNAP:DRGN “scenarios”

- I. Put prosopography online (URIs)**
- II. Contribute person RDF to SNAP:DRGN**
- III. Identify co-references**
- IV. Make assertions/relationships**
- V. Annotate your texts with person ids**

SNAP:DRGN “scenario 2”: ontology

II. Contribute person RDF to SNAP:DRGN

i-iv. URI, type, citation, publisher (required)

v. Name (*recommended*)

vi. Attestations (*recommended*)

vii. Disambiguators (*optional*)

- attestedDate
- attestedPlace
- occupation/title

viii. Relationships/bonds (*optional*)

ix. Other identifiers (*optional*)

SNAP:DRGN ontology

snap:attestedDate

- snap:birthDate
- snap:deathDate
- snap:reign (?)
- snap:floruit
 - cf. periodo:earliestDate/latestDate

Case study: Epigraphy

Georgian Choronical

The oldest of the Georgian written sources that are discovered in Georgia, the building inscription of Bolnisi cathedral and Martyrdom of the Queen Shushanik include regnal year of Peroz I, eighteenth shah of the Sasanian Empire.

At the end of the 8th century, during the reign of Ashot I of Iberia, new dating system Georgian Chronicon was adopted together with lunisolar calendar.

It indicated the year 5604 BC as the date of the creation of the world. It had cycle (Moktseva) of 532 years.

The Choronikon year started on 21th of March, i.e, spring equinox

Overlap of Choronikon and Julian year

1 January - 20 March	21 March - 21 March
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Text encoding: TEI custom dating




P5: Guidelines for Electronic Text Encoding and Interchange

Version 3.4.0. Last updated on 23rd July 2018, revision 1fa0b54

att.dataable.custom

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att.dataable.custom provides attributes for normalization of elements that contain dataable events to a custom dating system (i.e. other than the Gregorian used by W3 and ISO). [[13.3.6 Dates and Times](#)]

Module	namesdates — Names, Dates, People, and Places
Members	att.dataable [acquisition affiliation age application binding birth bloc change climate country creation custEvent date death district education event faith floruit geogFeat geogName idno langKnowledge langKnown licence location name nationality occupation offset orgName origDate origPlace origin persName placeName population precision provenance region relation residence resp seal settlement sex socecStatus stamp state terrain time title trait]
Attributes	<p>Attributes</p> <p>@when-custom  supplies the value of a date or time in some custom standard form.</p> <p>Status: Optional</p>

<http://www.tei-c.org/release/doc/tei-p5-doc/en/html/ref-att.dataable.custom.html>

Straightforward dating

- @when
- @notBefore/@notAfter
- @from/@to

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**All expect and require ISO date standard:
i.e. Gregorian dates**

Straightforward dating

```
<origDate when="1882-01-17">
```

```
Written on the 17th January, 1882.
```

```
</origDate>
```

Straightforward dating

```
<origDate notBefore="-0031"  
notAfter="0014">
```

Between 31 BCE and 14 CE.

```
</origDate>
```

Straightforward dating

```
<origDate from="0098" to="0117">
```

Updated regularly throughout the
reign of Trajan

```
</date>
```

Attributes

@when-custom ¶

supplies the value of a date or time in some custom standard form.

Status Optional

Datatype 1-∞ occurrences of [teidata.word](#) separated by whitespace

The following are examples of custom date or time formats that are *not* valid ISO or W3C format normalizations, normalized to a different dating system

```
<p>Alhazen died in Cairo on the
<date when="1040-03-06"
  when-custom="431-06-12"> 12th day of Jumada t-Tania, 430 AH
</date>.</p>
<p>The current world will end at the
<date when="2012-12-21"
  when-custom="13.0.0.0.0">end of B'ak'tun 13</date>.</p>
<p>The Battle of Meggidu
  (<date when-custom="Thutmose_III:23">23rd year of reign of Thutmose
  III</date>).</p>
<p>Esidorus bixit in pace annos LXX plus minus sub
<date when-custom="Ind:4-10-11">die XI mensis Octobris indictione
  IIII</date>
</p>
```

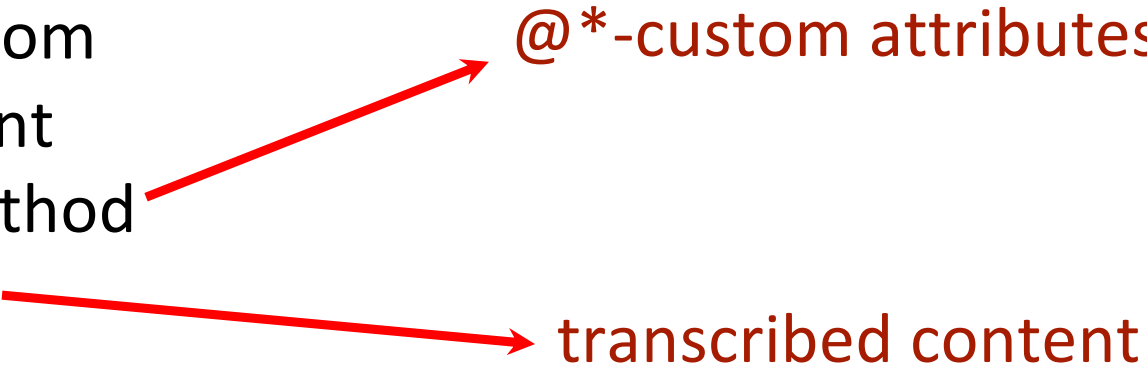
Not all custom date formulations will have Gregorian equivalents.

The @when-custom attribute and other custom dating are not constrained to a datatype by the TEI, but individual projects are recommended to regularize and document their dating formats.

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- @when-custom
- @notBefore-custom
- @notAfter-custom
- @to-custom
- @from-custom
- @datingPoint
- @datingMethod
- [- @calendar]
- [- @period]

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- @*-custom attributes
- transcribed content
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<http://www.tei-c.org/release/doc/tei-p5-doc/en/html/ref-att.datable.custom.html>

Dating of object/text

```
<origDate notBefore="-0300"  
notAfter="-0201" precision="medium">  
Third century BCE</origDate>
```


Calendars/dating methods

```
<origDate notBefore-custom="-0020-12-11"  
notAfter-custom="-0019-12-10"  
datingMethod="#julian">  
20/19 BCE</origDate>
```

Calendars/dating methods

<origDate notBefore-custom="-0020-12-11"
notAfter-custom="-0019-12-10"
datingMethod="#julian" calendar="#actian">
Year 11 of the Actian era (i.e. 20/19
BCE)</origDate>

Mentioned dates

<date when-custom="0221-10-30">*III kalendas
Novembres Grato et Seleuco consulibus***</date>**

Mentioned dates

biuerunt <date type="life-span"
dur="P70Y9M">*annos plus minus*
septuaginta menses IX</date>

Mentioned dates

```
<date type="marriage-span"  
dur="P30Y">agente coniuge anno  
XXX</date>
```

```

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Encoding and Faceting

The greatest number of inscriptions preserved are from the 13th and 14th cycle or Indiction.

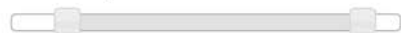
```
<rs type="date"><w  
lemma="ქრთნისკრთნის"><expan><abbr>ქ</abbr><ex>რთნის</ex><abbr>კ</abbr><ex>რთნ</ex><abbr>ს</a  
bbr></expan></w> <num value="38">ლმ</num></rs>
```

The date of the creation of the world - 5604 BC

The end of the 13th Indiction - 1312

Indiction 14, year ლმ (38) $1312 + 38 = 1350$

თარიღი -200 – 1400 A.D.



Facets

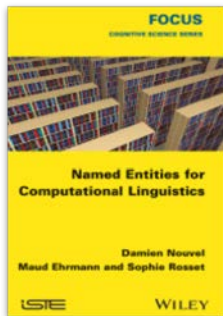
Origin Place
Support Material
Inscription Category
Script Type
Execution
Khanmetoba
Date In Text
<p>დასაბამითგანთა წელთა ზე (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონი ნზ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონი იყო (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონსა ხყუვ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონსა ხყუვ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონსა ხყუთ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონი იყო ტკვ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონი იყო სიე (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონს ლჳ (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონს რმე (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონსა რმე (1)</p> <p>ქორონიკონსა სივ (1)</p>

- წილკნის მიწაქვიშა აკლდამის ბერძნული წარწერა
- ბერძნულწარწერიანი კირქვის ფილა კავთისხევიდან
- ნოსირის ბერძნული წარწერა
- არმაზციხე-ბაგინეთი. ამაზასპეს მეუღლის წარწერა
- დრაკონტის დედოფლის წარწერა
- სეფიეთის ბერძნული წარწერა
- საჰაკდუბტის წარწერა, V საუკუნე
- სეფიეთის კირქვის ფილა
- ბერძნულწარწერიანი ვერცხლის ლანგარი
- მოსახსენებელი კოსტანტისა, წყისეს ციხე, VII ს.
- ატნის სიონი, მოსახსენებელი ზღუდის შემქმნელი ხელოსნისა (I)
- ორნამენტებიანი და ბერძნულწარწერებიანი კვარცხლობევი კაზრეთიდან
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- ვაშნარის ბერძნული წარწერა
- წარწერა მედალიონზე
- ოქროს ბეჭედი წარწერით „დედატოს“
- ზემო ნიქოზი, მთავარანგელოზის ტაძარი, X საუკუნის საამშენებლო წარწერა მიქაელ ეპისკოპოსისა (III)
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- მცხეთის ჯვრის წარწერა, მოსახსენებელი სტეფანოს ქართლის პატრიკიოსისა (I)
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- ზემო ნიქოზი, ღვთაების ტაძარი V საუკუნის მოსახსენებელი ამშენებელ ზაქარია პირველ ეპისკოპოსისა (I)

NER for date expressions

Named Entity Recognition (NER) is a task of information extraction that aims at finding mentions of named entities in the text and classify their types into categories corresponding to proper names and quantities of interest, such as people, places, organizations, **time expressions**, monetary amounts, percentages, etc.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Named-entity_recognition



Types	Example	Counter-example
ORG	<i>DARPA</i>	our university
PERS	<i>Harry Schearer</i>	St. Michael
LOC	<i>U.S.</i>	53140 Gatchell Road
MONEY	<i>19 dollars</i>	in dollars ? 19
TIME	<i>8 o'clock</i>	last night (*)
DATE	<i>the 23 July</i>	last July (*)

Types	Subtypes
pers	pers.hum, pers.anim
fonc	fonc.pol fonc.mil fonc.admi fonc.rel fonc.ari
org	org.pol org.edu org.com org.non-profit org.div org.gsp
loc	loc.geo loc.admi loc.line loc.addr (+3) loc.fac
prod	prod.vehicule prod.award prod.art prod.doc
time	time.date (+ 2 abs et rel) time.hour (+ 2 abs et rel)
amount	amount.phy.age amount.phy.dur amount.phy.temp amount.phy.len amount.phy.area amount.phy.vol amount.phy.wei amount.phy.spd amount.phy.other amount.cur

Types	Examples
PERS	the <i>democrat Hilary Clinton</i> , <i>Asterix</i> , the <i>Argentinian diaspora</i> , the <i>Beatles</i>
LOC	the <i>city of Chicago</i> , the <i>Moon</i> , <i>Route 66</i> , the <i>Atlas region</i>
ORG	the <i>Ford motor company</i> , the <i>US police</i> , the <i>NEA union</i>
AMOUNT	<i>three firefighters</i> , <i>a dozen cars</i> , <i>a few minutes</i>
TIME	<i>Thursday April 16</i> , in <i>1945</i> , the <i>1970s</i> , <i>yesterday morning</i> , <i>3 days ago</i>
PROD	<i>AK 47</i> , <i>Hamlet</i> , <i>Firefox 36.0.4</i> , the <i>Oscar for...</i>
FONC	the <i>mayor of New York</i> , the <i>firefighter</i> , ...

Date ontologies: Godot

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The PeriodO project is led by [Adam Rabinowitz](#) (University of Texas at Austin) and [Ryan Shaw](#) (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) with the cooperation of the [University of Texas Libraries](#). [Patrick Golden](#) is the lead developer of the [PeriodO software](#). The PeriodO dataset has been developed largely by our generous contributors. Our work has been funded by a Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant from the [Office of Digital Humanities](#) at the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a [National Digital Platform grant](#) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Tell me more.

Start by looking at the [guide to using PeriodO](#). You may also be interested in reading about the [motivation](#) for the project or getting a [technical overview](#). Further information can be found in our [publications](#). To keep up with PeriodO developments, follow us on Twitter: [@perio_do](#). Or [contact us](#) and ask whatever you want!

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PeriodO URIs on website of Epigraphic Database Heidelberg (EDH)

General data	
HD no.	HD004711
EDH Geo-ID	↗ 24338
Pleiades ID	↗ 197126 (↗ Related content from Pelagios)
see also Links are courtesy of ↗ Trismegistos API	TM_ID: ↗ http://www.trismegistos.org/text/195568 EDCS: ↗ http://db.edcs.eu/epigr/edcs_id_en.php?p_edcs_id=EDCS-09200446 LUPA: ↗ http://lupa.at/26271
Historic Period(s)	↗ Severans (193 AD - 235 AD) (↗ show all inscriptions from this period) ↗ Roman Empire (27 BC - 476 AD) (↗ show all inscriptions from this period)
Consulate Dating	208 AD: Imp. Caesar M. Aurelius Antoninus Augustus III / P. Septimius Geta Caesar II – ↗ https://godot.date/id/6XhekYhqHU2VA8DAxPCefS (↗ show more inscriptions from this consulate)
work status	checked with photo
last update	20 January 2017
responsible individual	↗ Gräf


<https://edh-www.adw.uni-heidelberg.de/edh/inschrift/HD004711>


historic period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
search strings in the inscription	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Roman Republic (146 BC – 27 BC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman Empire (27 BC – 476 AD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Julio-Claudian Dynasty (27 BC – 68 AD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Augustan Age (27 BC – 14 AD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tiberian (14 AD – 37 AD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Claudian (41 AD – 54 AD)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neronian (54 AD – 68 AD)
	Year of the Four Emperors (68 AD – 69 AD)

<https://chronontology.dainst.org/>


“web service that connects chronological terms, i.e. epochs, periods and events, with dating information”

“it serves as a norm data vocabulary for other information systems at the DAI and links them with other global time gazetteer systems”





DAI.chronontology




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cultural

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not specified

995

political

722

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Name	Region	Period type	Digital provenance
Middle Helladic	Griechisches Festland	material culture	chronOntology
Middle Cycladic	Kykládes	material culture	chronOntology
Classic	Ellada	material culture	chronOntology
Chalcolithic	Cyprus	material culture	chronOntology
LH III B	Griechisches Festland	material culture	chronOntology
First Intermediate Period	Nile	political	chronOntology
Early Dynastic Period	Nile	political	chronOntology
LC II	Kykládes	material culture	chronOntology
Middle Hellenistic	Hellenistische Welt	material culture	chronOntology
Pre-Pottery Neolithic B	Levante	material culture	chronOntology
Late Period	Lower Egypt	political	chronOntology
MM II	Krêtê (Periféreia)	cultural	chronOntology
LC I	Kykládes	material culture	chronOntology
Aceramic Neolithic	Cyprus	material culture	chronOntology
Ceramic Neolithic	Cyprus	material culture	chronOntology

GODOT

- “**G**raph of **D**ated **O**bjects and **T**exts”
- Collaboration between
 - Prof. M. Depauw / Dr. H. Verreth (KU Leuven, Trismegistos Project)
 - Dr. F. Grieshaber (Heidelberg Academy of Sciences & Humanities)
 - Prof. C. Roueché (King’s College London) / Dr. G. Bodard (ICS London)
- 6 months prototype phase (July - December 2018)
- supported by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

GODOT

- is both a chronological gazetteer and a research infrastructure (searching & browsing / tools)
- provides stable, citable URIs for instances of dates in major ancient calendar systems
- started with sample data taken from:
 - Inscriptions of Roman Cyrenaica (IRCyr, C. Roueché)
 - papyri & ostraca in Berlin Collection (BGU, Trismegistos - M. Depauw / H. Verreth)
- testing of different data import options: manual data entry and bulk imports
- tools on GODOT website:
 - date conversions into Julian & Gregorian calendar
 - identifier tools for Roman Emperors, Roman Consulates
 - OpenRefine Reconciliation Services (Roman Consulates)
 - API for reusing GODOT data



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GODOT – Graph of Dated Objects and Texts

The aim of this graph database system is to create and maintain a gazetteer of calendar dates in different calendar systems, initially those used in Greek and Roman antiquity across the mediterranean area. Like geographical gazetteers this authority list can be used to provide stable, unique identifiers (URIs) for each date in any of the calendar systems that has been used to refer to an astronomical day in any ancient source, whether literary texts, papyri, ostraca or inscriptions. It will serve as a means to search and browse ancient texts by their precise temporal footprint using these URIs in digital editions and databases or TEI/EpiDoc XML driven projects.

Where a clear system of conversions between different calendar systems has been established, dates will be converted algorithmically into (proleptic) Julian calendar and Julian Day Numbers. As more and more dates from antiquity are linked to the GODOT infrastructure, a complex knowledge graph of ancient dated objects and texts evolves.

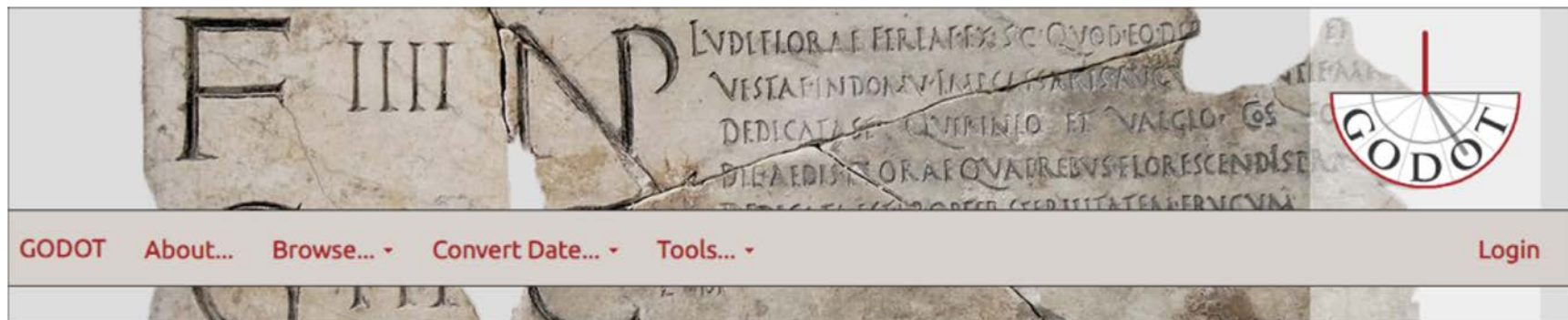
This project is supported by the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#).

GODOT Workshop: Non-Gregorian Calendar Dates in Digital Humanities

The first [GODOT workshop](#) about non-Gregorian dates in digital environments took place in Heidelberg on 26. and 27. November 2018 at the [Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities](#).

Graph of Dated Objects and Texts

<https://godot.date>

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Browse Data

Filter by Year Reference System:



- All
- Cycles - Indiction Cycle
- Eponymous officials
- Era - Actian
- None
- ✓ Regnal Years - Ptolemies
- Regnal Years - Roman Emperors
- Roman Consulships
- Titulature of Roman Emperors
- Unknown

Ptolemies (alphabetically)

Berenice IV Cleopatra Berenice III Cleopatra II Cleopatra III Cleopatra VII Ptolemaeus I Ptolemaeus II Ptolemaeus III
Ptolemaeus IV Ptolemaeus IX Ptolemaeus V ✓ Ptolemaeus VI Ptolemaeus VIII Ptolemaeus X Ptolemaeus XII Ptolemaeus XIII


Regnal Years

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3

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GODOT Detail View

<https://godot.date/id/pzpsUQPnAXJi5Z6WFaQurg>


Calendar Date Information

- Regnal Years
- Roman Emperors
 - name: Trajan
 - year: 18

GODOT Information:

- Not After: 115 AD
- GODOT URI: <https://godot.date/id/pzpsUQPnAXJi5Z6WFaQurg>
- Not Before: 114 AD

Attestations

BGU 13 2256, l. 1-2:
 ἔτους ιη Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Νέρουα Τραιαν(οῦ) Σεβασ(τοῦ) Γερμανι(κοῦ) Δακι(κοῦ)
 Contributor: Trismegistos (Depauw/Verreth) (last update: 2019-03-29)

Attested Dates in this Period

Apellaios (BGU 2 418 1, l. 1-2)
 ἔτους ὀκτωκαιδεκάτου Δακικοῦ μηνὸς Ἀπελλ[αίου]



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Browse Synchronisms

- year 10 of Domitian Phamenoth 6 = year 10 of Domitian Artemisios 6 (BGU 13 2331, l. 1-3)
- year 6 of Claudius Dystros 21 = year 6 of Claudius Pauni 21 (BGU 13 2337 2, l. 1-4)
- year 6 of Domitian Apellaios 15 = year 6 of Domitian Phaophi 15 (BGU 2 526, l. 1-3)
- Antoninus Pius Apellaios [] = Antoninus Pius Phaophi [] (BGU 3 709 1, l. 1)
- year 10 of Trajan Apellaios 30 = year 10 of Trajan Phaophi 30 (BGU 3 856, l. 1-3)
- year 4 of Tiberius Hyperberetaios 18 = year 4 of Tiberius Mesore 18 (BGU 3 911, l. 1-2)
- year 19 of Tiberius Xandikos 13 = year 19 of Tiberius Mecheir 13 (BGU 3 912, l. 1-3)
- year same of Antoninus Pius [] = year [] of Antoninus Pius Mecheir (BGU 3 983, l. 15)
- year [] of Claudius Pharmouthi same = year [] of Claudius Daisios 3 (BGU 4 1013, l. 2-3)



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Egyptian Calendar Conversion (Ptolemies)

All calculations are based on the tables in Skeat, *Reigns of the Ptolemies* (1969), Pestman, *Chronologie égyptienne d'après les textes démotiques* (1967) and Pestman, *Les papyrus démotiques de Tsenhor* (1994). The system expects that the user knows what (s)he's doing; ahistoric entries will result in mathematically correct but otherwise rather useless dates. Not specifying a day will result in calculation of both the first and last day of the given month.

Reign:

Cleopatra VII Philopator, years 1-22

Year:

14

Months (Egyptian):

Hathyr

Day:

4

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Egyptian Calendar Conversion (Ptolemies) – Result

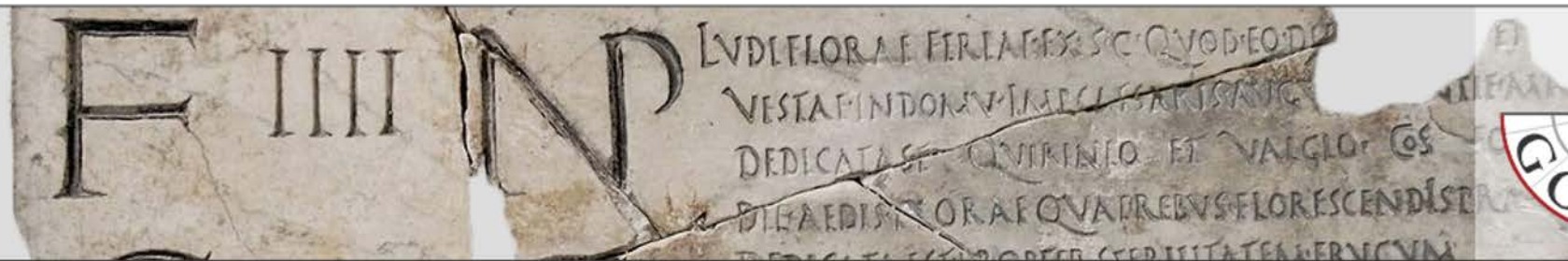
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year 14 of Cleopatra VII Philopator, Hathyr, day 4:

0039-11-04 BC (Julian)

0039-11-02 BC (Gregorian)

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Identify Roman Emperor by Titulature

Trib Pot Number:

Imperator Number:

Consul Number:

☐ consul designatus

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Identify Roman Emperor by Titulature – Results

Search for:

- Consul Number: 4
- Tribunicia Potestas Number: 9
- Imperial Acclamation Number: 2

Potential Roman Emperors:

Numbers in parenthesis provide information about the number of temporal overlaps in given titulature data, e. g. (2/3) = two out of three titulature partials show a temporal overlap. The list of emperors is sorted by this ratio with those emperors with highest ratio first.

Antoninus Pius (3/3) Caracalla (1/3) Claudius (1/3) Commodus (1/3) Diocletian (1/3) Gallienus (1/3) Licinius (1/3) Maximian (1/2) Nero (1/3) Trajan (1/3) Augustus (0/3) Constantin I (0/3) Constantius I (0/3) Constantius II (0/3) Galerius (0/3) Gratian (0/3) Tiberius (0/3) Titus (0/3) Valens (0/3) Valentinian I (0/3) Vespasian (0/3)

Antoninus Pius (3/3)

Temporal Overlap: 0145-12-10 – 0146-12-09

Consulate 0145-01-01 – 0145-02 (0161-03-07)

- Part of Consulate(s):
<https://godot.date/id/uYwLjEFh3QnQ4wx9wtNBVP>
- date is uncertain
- comment: until end of February 145 AD

Tribunicia Potestas 0145-12-10 – 0146-12-09

Imperial Acclamation – 0142-04-26 (0161-03-07)

<http://epigraphy.packhum.org/text/227955>

Ἀρτεμίδωρος Πτολεμαίου, βασιλικὸς
γραμματεὺς Ἑρμωνθείτου καὶ Λατοπο-
λείτου, ἤκουσα Μέμνονος τοῦ θειοτά-
του, μετὰ καὶ τῆς συνβίου Ἀρσινόης καὶ
τῶν τέκνων Αἰλουρίωνος τοῦ καὶ Κο-
δράτου καὶ Πτολεμαίου, ἔτει ιε' Ἀδριανοῦ
Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου, ια' Χοιάκ.

GODOT Date Information

Egyptian Calendar Date (Roman Period):

Year 15 of Hadrian, Choiak,
day 11 (7. Dec 130 AD)

[Click here](#) for all 7 attestations
of this date in GODOT.

Data provided by <https://www.godot.date>

Emperor Hadrian, year 15, month Choiak, day 11



Manual data entry:

- for “Inscriptions of Roman Cyrenaica” (IRCyr, Prof. C. Roueché)
- project-specific data entry masks on GODOT website
 - single year dates (regnal years of Roman emperors, Actian era, ...)
 - Titulature of Roman emperors (Trib. Pot; Cos.; Imp.; victory titles)
 - Eponymous Officials
- allow for create/read/update/(delete) of data

Bulk import:

1. **Data Export** by Content Provider

- for Trismegistos (BGU Greek Papyri, Prof. M. Depauw & Dr. H. Verreth)
 - preprocessing of data (NER workflow)
 - export in CSV
 - import into GODOT graph

2. Access via **API** of Content Provider

- for Epigraphic Database Heidelberg (Roman Consulates; Tribunicia Potestas)
- for Online Coins of the Roman Empire OCRE (Tribunicia Potestas)

ISO 8601-2:2019 / Extended Date/Time Format EDTF

- EDTF draft: <https://www.loc.gov/standards/datetime/edtf.html>
- features:
 - Qualification of a date
 - Time Interval
 - Sub-year groupings (seasons, quarter, quadrimester, semestral)
 - Date precision
 - Letter-prefixed calendar year
 - Unspecified Digit
 - Significant digits
 - Set representation
- Draft Implementations of EDTF (Python, ...):
<http://www.loc.gov/standards/datetime/implementations.html>

Qualification of a date

Additional qualification characters:

- ‘?’: uncertain
- ‘~’: approximate
- ‘%’: uncertain and approximate

Position of qualification character within date (left or right of component of date) matters!

Examples:

immediate **right** of a component

- ‘2004-06-11%’ : year, month, and day uncertain and approximate
- ‘2004?-06-11’ : year uncertain

immediate **left** of a component

- ‘?2004-06-~11’ : year uncertain; month known; day approximate

Time Interval

- a time interval where both the start and end are dates (not intervals themselves)
- start & end date are divided by slash

Examples:

- 1964/2008
- 2004-06/2006-08
- 2004-02-01/2005-02-08
- 2005/2006-02
- 1985-04-12/
- 2004-06-~01/2004-06-~20

Sub-year groupings (seasons, quarter, quadrimester, semestral)

replace month numbers with one of the following:

- 21 Spring (independent of location)
- 22 Summer (independent of location)
- 23 Autumn (independent of location)
- 24 Winter (independent of location)
- ...
- 33 Quarter 1 (3 months in duration)
- 34 Quarter 2 (3 months in duration)
- 35 Quarter 3 (3 months in duration)
- 36 Quarter 4 (3 months in duration)
- ...

Examples: '2001-34' : second quarter of 2001

'2001-21' : spring, 2001

Unspecified Digit

the unspecified digit, 'X', may occur anywhere within a component

Examples:

- 156X-12-25 : December 25 sometime during the 1560s
- XXXX-12-XX : Some day in December in some year
- 1984-1X : October, November, or December 1984

THANK YOU!