



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Kick-off event**

**11.1.2018**

*We have the great pleasure of inviting you to the kick-off event and get-together of the new Centre of Excellence in Ancient Near Eastern Empires!*

Please save the following details to your calendar:

Venue: **Fabianinkatu 24, Room S531**

Time: **Thursday 11 January 2018, 15:30-17:00** (continued with get-together and cocktails at the Faculty Hall 524 until 18:30)

The preliminary program includes opening words from the Dean of Faculty of Arts, Prof. Hanna Snellman, from the Director of the Centre of Excellence in Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions, Prof. Martti Nissinen, and from Senior Lecturer in Museum Studies, Dr. Suzie Thomas. After the opening words a short introduction to the research and activities of the new Centre of Excellence in Ancient Near Eastern Empires will be provided.

We will send the final program later, but you can already register to the kick-off event and to the get-together organized right after at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/85204/lomake.html> (We would kindly ask you to register by 5 January 2018).

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The new Centre of Excellence in Ancient Near Eastern Empires (2018-2025) studies the impact of impact of imperial dynamics. Empires shape human societies, with legacies that last longer than the regimes themselves. Social group identities and lifeways in the ancient and modern worlds alike are inseparable from their imperially-shaped context. The ancient Near East is the home of the world's earliest empires and scripts, and it offers a unique dataset for understanding these dynamics. For more information, see [www.helsinki.fi/ancient-near-eastern-empires](http://www.helsinki.fi/ancient-near-eastern-empires)

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