Program

"Dynamics of Inequality in the Ancient Mediterranean" workshop
22-23 October 2026, Helsinki

Fabianinkatu 24, Room (Sali) 531

Thursday 22 Oct 2026

9.00–10.00 Welcome and introduction to the Helsinki Inequality Initiative

10.30–12.30 Session: Food, agriculture, health & quality of life (Chair: Nissin)
Simelius: Methodology for assessing health inequality in Roman urban sites

Diosono & Volpi: Cooking Practices and Everyday Inequality in Republican Roman Colonies: A Comparative Study of Fregellae and Villa San Silvestro

Llamazares Martín: Did Roman taxation spur inequality? A case from Hellenistic Sicily

Sala: Food consumption as an indicator of social inequality

14.00–16.00 Session: The Greek world and its influence (Chair: Karligkioti)

Enache: Two class healthcare in Hippocrates' On regimen

Sironen: Interpretations of defining ethnic denigration and segregation of Bruttians by Lucanians and Romans

Eriksson: Archaeological materials as traces of social difference in ancient Greece

Campmany Jiménez: Class and inequality in ancient Emporiae

16.30–17.30 Keynote – Flohr: Imperialization, Heterogeneity and Inequality in the Greco-Roman Mediterranean

Friday 23 Oct 2026

9.00–10.00 Keynote – Karligkioti: Written in bone: Bioarchaeological perspectives of inequality in the Greco-Roman world

10.30–12.30 Session: Italy during the Roman Republic and Early Empire (Chair: Flohr)
Zambotto: The Flesh in Debt: Somatic Inequality from Nexi to Squid Game Players (online)

Paukkonen: Air and Light on the Streets: 3D-GIS Based Analysis of Pompeiian Street Network

Danon: Pompeii and the functional shape of economic inequality

Martone: Wealth distribution and non-elite purchasing power in imperial Pompeian society: a quantitative assesment of coin hoards and dwelling units

13.50–15.50 session: The Roman Empire (Chair: Vierros)
Jung: Inequality on the Move - Mobility Practices of Asymmetrically Dependent Romans

Streicher: Negotiating the Gap: Municipal Liberalitas and Reciprocity at Thugga

Hassal: Philanthropy and the Inequality Régime of Late Antiquity: The Episcopal Foreclosure of Egalitarian Ideas among the Labouring Classes of Late Antique Antioch

Alaranta: Interpreting Emerging Poverty: Demographic Growth and Growing Economic Inequality in the Later Roman East

16.15–17.15 Session: Italy beyond Rome (Chair: Simelius)
Rajala: Invisible, unspoken? The lack of discussion on inequality in Italian pre-Roman archaeology (online)

Daveloose: The Etruscan 'Vornamengentilizia': a sociospatial analysis of Chiusi (online)