Wine played an important role in many ancient cultures. The complex processes of wine-making were known and practiced in several regions of the ancient Near East.

Often wine was considered as a prestigious luxury product, to be consumed by the royal family and the elites at court. The prestige of the beverage wine and the economic importance of viticulture transcended the spheres of production and consumption, entering the realm of religious and ideological concepts. Here, the grapevine and its main product, wine, acquired special significance as symbols of abundance, well-being, regeneration and immortality.

The aim of the conference 'Viticulture and Wine in Hittite Anatolia and Its Ancient Near Eastern Context' is to bring together scholars from diverse disciplines (archaeologists, historians, linguists, palaeobotanists and philologists) to assess the progress achieved in the fields of the viticulture and viniculture among the Hittites and other ancient Near Eastern cultures.



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## Location

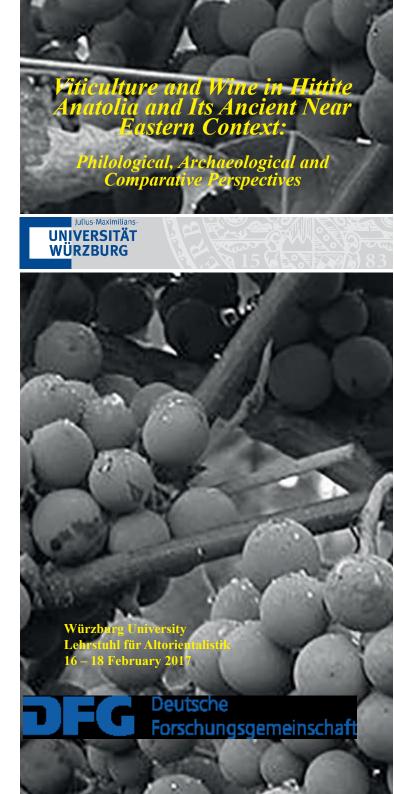
The conference will be held in the rooms of the Ancient Near Eastern Studies section of the Department of Ancient Cultures of Würzburg University located in the Würzburg Residenz.

## Registration

There is no participation fee. However, as the talks will take place in a mid-size classroom in the library, informal prior registration is required. (email Ms Ursula Kraft: l-altorientalistik@uni-wuerzburg.de)

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Thursday, 16 February		Friday, 17 February			
from 12:00	Refreshments	<b>Session 2:</b>	<b>Ancient Near East: Case study</b>	16:30-17:00	Coffee break
Session 1: 14:30–15:00	C	09:30–10:30	(Chair: Lucio Milano)  Archaeology of the oenology: drinking wine at the royal table in Mari	17:00–18:00	The administration of vine in Ugarit Valérie Matoïan (Lyon)/ Juan-Pablo Vita (Madrid)
15:00–15:30	Daniel Schwemer (Würzburg) Introduction to the workshop Carlo Corti (Würzburg)	10:30–11:00	Grégory Chambon (Paris)  Coffee break	18:30	Wine-tasting (Bürgerspital Weinstuben)
15:30–16:30	Near Eastern viticulture in a historical perspective Lucio Milano (Venice)	11:00–12:00	First press. Early textual evidence for Anatolian wine	20:30	Dinner (Bürgerspital Weinstuben)
	Lucio iviliano (venice)	12.00 12.20	Gojko Barjamovic (Cambridge MA)	Saturday, 18	? February
16:30-17:00	Coffee break	12:00–12:30	Archaeobotany of the grape II:  Data from Anatolian and Near	Session 4:	•
17:00-18:00	Archaeobotany of the grape I:		Eastern archaeological sites	Session 4:	Hittite Anatolia: Case study (Chair: Andreas Schachner)
	Lines of evidence and the origins of winemaking		Naomi F. Miller (Philadelphia)/ Chantel White (Philadelphia)	09:30–10:30	"Guess who's coming to dinner". Hittite banquets
	Naomi F. Miller (Philadelphia)/ Chantel White (Philadelphia)	12:30–14:30	Lunch	10.20 11.20	Stefano de Martino (Turin)
18:00–19:00	The impact of wine production in the social transformation of northern Mesopotamian societies	Session 3:	Hittite Anatolia and satellite kingdoms (Chair: Stefano de Martino)	10:30–11:30	The good god, the wine god and the storm god of the vineyard Mark Weeden (London)
	Nicola Laneri (Catania)	14:30–15:30	Contribution to the knowledge of viticulture and viniculture in Hittite Anatolia	11:30–12:00	Coffee break
				Session 5:	Conclusions
19:00	Reception (Martin von Wagner-Museum)		Carlo Corti (Würzburg)		Roundtable and concluding remarks
		15:30–16:30	The agricultural potential of central Anatolia and what the Hittites made out of it Andreas Schachner (Istanbul)		
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