**SELEUKID STUDY DAY VII & BLACK SEA STUDY DAY**

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**Short CVs of Presenters**

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After spending a period as a Visiting Scholar at Oxford University (2006–2007), Eran Almagor earned his PhD at Hebrew University (2007). Subsequently, he was a postdoctoral fellow of the Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt (2011), a recipient of the Minerva Stiftung, Max Planck Gesellschaft (2009–2011), and a British Academy Visiting Fellow (2009) before becoming a Lecturer at Ben Gurion University (2011–2014). He is currently an independent scholar. He has published extensively on Hellenistic history and Plutarch, most importantly *Plutarch and the Persica*, Oxford 2018. His contributions to Seleukid scholarship include: 'Seleukid Love and Power: Stratonike I' in A. Coşkun & A. McAuley (eds.), *Seleukid Royal Women. Creation, Representation and Distortion of Hellenistic Queenship in the Seleukid Empire*, Stuttgart 2016, 67–86; Echoes of the Persian Wars in the European Phase of the Roman-Syrian War (with an Emphasis on Plut., *Cat. Mai.* 12–14), in A. Coşkun & D. Engels (eds.): *Rome and the Seleukid East. Select Papers from Seleukid Study Day V, Université libre de Bruxelles, 21–23 Aug. 2015*, Brussels 2019, 87–134. Other notable publications include: (with J. Skinner) (eds.), *Ancient Ethnography: New Approaches*, London 2013, and ‘The political and the divine in Achaemenid royal inscriptions’ in T. Howe et al. (eds.), *Ancient Historiography on War and Empire*, Oxford 2017, 26–54.

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