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Preface

The origins of this volume go back to a time before the civil wars in the Middle East led to unprecedented destruction of the heritage from the Hellenistic and Roman periods in the Levantine lands. In the meantime, our field of research will probably have been changed for ever. It is to be hoped that a lasting peace will eventually be there to enjoy for the long-suffering population of the region.

At the outset, I must thank Al Bertrand, then Editorial Director for Social Science and Humanities Books at Wiley-Blackwell, for commissioning this Companion. Had I known at the time the mammoth task which editing a project of this size involved, I would surely have turned down his invitation ... In the years since then, I have dealt with various members from the team at Wiley-Blackwell, and am grateful for the support of Kelley Baylis, Janani Govindankutty, Haze Humbert, Allison Kostka, Ajith Kumar, Jennifer Manias, Roshna Mohan, Elizabeth Saucier, Niranjana Vallavan, and Galen Young-Smith. In particular, I should like to acknowledge the guidance, patience, and kindness of Will Croft, Pallavi Gosavi, Todd Green, Andrew Minton, Skyler Van Valkenburgh, and Dhivya Vaithyanathan, who together oversaw the final stage of the process. And I am grateful to Moira Eagling and Monica Matthews for their careful copy editing.

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Abbreviations

<i>AÉ</i>	<i>Année épigraphique</i>
<i>ANRW</i>	H. Temporini and W. Haase (eds.) 1972–. <i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> . Berlin
<i>APAAME</i>	Aerial Photographic Archive for Archaeology in the Middle East, online: http://www.apaame.org/
<i>BÉ</i>	<i>Bulletin épigraphique</i>
<i>BMC Arabia</i>	G.F. Hill 1922. <i>Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Arabia, Mesopotamia, and Persia in the British Museum</i> . London
<i>BMC Phoenicia</i>	G.F. Hill 1910. <i>Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Phoenicia in the British Museum</i> . London
<i>BMC Syria</i>	H. Wroth 1899. <i>Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Galatia, Cappadocia, and Syria in the British Museum</i> . London
<i>BNJ</i>	I. Worthington (ed.). <i>Brill's New Jacoby</i> , online: https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/browse/brill-s-new-jacoby
<i>CBFIR</i>	E. Schallmayer 1990. <i>Corpus der griechischen und lateinischen Beneficiärer-Inschriften des Römischen Reiches</i> . Stuttgart
<i>CCID</i>	M. Hörig and A. Schwerteim 1987. <i>Corpus Cultus Iovis Dolicheni</i> . Leiden
<i>CIIP</i>	W. Ameling e.a. 2011–. <i>Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae</i> . Berlin
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
<i>CIS</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum</i>
<i>CRAI</i>	<i>Comptes rendus des séances de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres</i>
<i>EAMENA</i>	Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa, online: http://eamena.arch.ox.ac.uk/
<i>FGrH</i>	F. Jacoby 1923–. <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> . Berlin – Leiden
<i>HGIÜ</i>	K. Brodersen, W. Günther, and H.H. Schmitt (eds.) 2011. <i>Historische griechische Inschriften in Übersetzung</i> . Darmstadt
<i>ID</i>	F. Durrbach e.a. 1926–. <i>Inscriptions de Délos</i> . Paris
<i>IG XII.8</i>	C. Friedrich (ed.) 1909. <i>Inscriptiones Graecae XII.8. Inscriptiones insularum maris Thracici</i> . Berlin
<i>IGLS</i>	L. Jalabert, R. Mouterde e.a. 1929. <i>Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie</i> . Paris (see the full list of individual volumes at the end of Chapter 9)

IGR	R. Cagnat e.a. 1901–1927. <i>Inscriptiones Graecae ad Res Romanas Pertinentes</i> . Paris
ILS	H. Dessau 1892–1916. <i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i> I–III. Berlin
KAI	H. Donner and W. Röllig 1962. <i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> . Wiesbaden
Kaibel EG	G. Kaibel 1978. <i>Epigrammata Graeca ex lapidibus conlecta</i> . Berlin
KRS	Safaitic inscriptions recorded by Geraldine King in the desert of north-eastern Jordan and published by the OCIANA project, online: http://krcfm.orient.ox.ac.uk/fmi/webd-bdrs
FHG	K.W.L. Müller 1841–1870. <i>Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum</i> I–V. Paris
GGM	Müller, K.W.L. 1855–1861. <i>Geographi Graeci Minores</i> . Paris
NEAEHL	E. Stern (ed.) 1993. <i>New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land</i> I–IV. Jerusalem
OCIANA	Online Corpus of the Inscriptions of Ancient North Arabia, online: http://krcfm.orient.ox.ac.uk/fmi/webd-ociana
OGIS	W. Dittenberger 1903–1905. <i>Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae</i> I–II. Leipzig
PAT	D.R. Hillers and E. Cussini 1996. <i>Palmyrene Aramaic Texts</i> . Baltimore – London
P. Dura	C.B. Welles, R.O. Fink, and J.F. Gilliam (eds.) 1959. <i>The Parchments and the Papyri. The Excavations at Dura-Europos. Final Report V</i> , part I. New Haven
P. Euphr.	D. Feissel, J. Gascou, and J. Teixidor 1995–2000. “Documents d’archives romains inédits du Moyen Euphrate (III ^e s. après J.-C.) I–III,” <i>Journal des Savants</i>
P. Kell. Syr.	I. Gardner (ed.) 1996–1997. <i>Kellis Literary Texts</i> I–II. Oxford
PIR ²	<i>Prosopographia Imperii Romani</i> , 2nd ed.
PSI	<i>Papiri Greci e Latini. Pubblicazioni della Società italiana per la ricerca dei papiri greci e latini in Egitto</i>
RE	A. Pauly, G. Wissowa, and W. Kroll, <i>Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> . 1893–. Stuttgart
RES	C. Clermont-Ganneau e.a. 1900–. <i>Répertoire d’épigraphie sémitique</i> . Paris
RMD	M. Roxan e.a. 1978–. <i>Roman Military Diplomas</i> . London
RPC	A.M. Burnett e.a. 1992–. <i>Roman Provincial Coinage</i> . Oxford, online: https://rpc.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/
Stein 2015 Online	The British Academy Sir Aurel Stein Archive: https://www.flickr.com/photos/apaame/sets/72157652009016911
T. Kell. Syr./Copt.	I. Gardner (ed.) 1996–1997. <i>Kellis Literary Texts</i> I–II. Oxford
TUAT NF	<i>Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments. Neue Folge</i>
Waddington, IGLS	W.H. Waddington 1870. <i>Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie</i> . Paris