The migration of people, objects and ideas was a vital in shaping the ancient world. Men, women and children moved around the ancient world, some drawn by opportunities abroad, some forced by need or calamity, and some enslaved and brought to foreign lands against their will. With them they brought ideas about the human experience (including migration), and about the divine; as well as technologies for navigating and improving the both the physical world and which lay beyond.

Migration is here understood as a permanent or semi-permanent change of residence. Today, as millions of people around the world make that change, migration continues to shape the political, economic, social and cultural worlds we inhabit. The 20th EUROPÆUM Classics Colloquium gives researchers in the fields of ancient history, literature, archaeology and philosophy the opportunity to consider this important subject within the ancient world. The colloquium seeks to facilitate a discussion about the theoretical and methodological challenges regarding the study of migration and perceptions of the foreigner.

Applications are now open with suggestions of papers dealing with migration in sociopolitical, literary and aesthetic terms. The event will be hosted by Dr. Christian A. Thomsen, University of Copenhagen. We welcome applications from master’s and doctoral students from within the EUROPÆUM network. Presentations will be grouped into thematical panels and they should be between 15 and 20 minutes. Participants will be invited to comment on others’ work and we welcome applications from students who wish to participate without giving a paper.

Paper topics could include (but are not limited to):
- Documentary evidence for migration, travel, or international relations; the spread of religious practices, objects, or beliefs; migration and gender and/or wealth; foreignness in Greek and Roman society; problems of locating migrants in the archaeological or historical record; metaphors of migrants or migration in ancient literature.

This year’s colloquium will be an in-person event at the University of Copenhagen’s Faculty of the Humanities. We welcome applications from master’s and doctoral students from within the Europaeum network who wish to either just join the discussions, or present a 10-15 minute paper. In addition, two colloquium participants will be invited to Copenhagen early and given the opportunity to participate in the conference Moving the Ancient Greek World (24-25 June). Applicants should indicate their interest in participating in their application.

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Deadline for submission of applications and abstracts: 5 April 2022
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