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Topoi: Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations

Spaces, spatial systems, and various types of spacerelated knowledge can be seen as intertwined factors in the development of ancient cultural systems. The Excellence Cluster Topoi investigates the interdependence of space and knowledge in the civilizations of the Ancient Near East, the Mediterranean, and Black Sea region and parts of the Eurasian steppe. The Cluster is subdivided into five research areas. Four of them concentrate on the time from the prehistoric to the late antiquity. They focus on (a) spatial environment and conceptual design, (b) mechanisms of control and the social meanings that are assigned to spaces, (c) perception and representation of spaces and spatiality in ancient languages, texts, images and actions, and (d) on the role that space and spatiality play in ancient theories and sciences. The fifth area is to study (e) the processing of ancient ideas of space, spatial orders and spatial cognition in later cultures down to the present-day.

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