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Final Abstract:

The Homeric Society has posed several questions according to diverse and changing viewpoints throughout history. The world of social values can be comprehended through the analysis of the relationship between man and god, either in the case of intervention of the gods in a character´s psyche, or the gods´ moral support towards the heroes´ deeds. It is possible to ask ourselves if Adkins´ description of both cooperative and competitive values is at present valid as an explanation of Homeric Society imbued in the notion of success at war. We intend to demonstrate that it is the world of social values and the presence of hierarchies that give scope to discussion; that social organization is affected and that the gods, providing a constant insight into human condition, make it difficult to interpret Homeric Poetry.