

BES *Epigraphic Conversation II:*  
***Regional Epigraphic Cultures Across the Ancient Wider Mediterranean***  
**(Part 1)**

Date: 11 May 2021, 3–5 pm (UK summer time)

Organisers: Ilaria Bultrighini (UCL) & Irene Salvo (Exeter)

Speakers & topics:

Ilaria Bultrighini (UCL): Introduction

Dan Socaciu (Liverpool): *The roles and functions of text in the Urartian state*

Rostislav Oreshko (Leiden; Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies): *Language, society and cultural contact in Lydia in the 5th-4th centuries BC: an epigraphic perspective*

Emanuela Borgia (Sapienza, Rome): *Inscriptions from Hadrian's Wall in Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust (Carlisle): local identities and Roman influences*