

Streets as contested spaces in ancient Miletus

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In the paper we will deal with the street space of ancient Miletus on the basis of recent field research. The Greek city of Miletus on the Western Coast of Aegean Turkey is considered a prime example of an ancient planned city with an orthogonal street grid. Its new layout is often attributed to the famous city planner Hippodamos of Miletus from the 5th century BCE. After a long period in which the reconstruction of the overarching street grid was the main focus of scholarly interest, our work at the site is devoted to the micro-level of street use. On the basis of small-scale architectural interventions as well as markings on the street pavement, we want to show how inhabitants belonging to various social groups occupied the street space in competition with each other in the Hellenistic and Roman Imperial periods (3rd century BCE – 4th century CE).

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