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The world of ancient Greece witnessed some of the most sophisticated and varied experiments with federalism in the pre-modern era. In the volatile interstate environment of Greece, federalism was a creative response to the challenge of establishing regional unity, while at the same time preserving a degree of local autonomy. To reconcile the forces of integration and independence, Greek federal states introduced, for example, the notion of proportional representation, the stratification of legal practice, and a federal grammar of festivals and cults. *Federalism in Greek Antiquity* provides the first comprehensive reassessment of the topic. It comprises detailed contributions on all federal states in Aegean Greece and its periphery. With every chapter written by a leading expert in the field, the book also incorporates thematic sections that place the topic in a broader historical and social-scientific context.

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## *Preface*

For many decades, the study of federalism in the ancient Greek world has been associated with Jakob Larsen, who dedicated his scholarly life to the exploration of the topic. Starting in the 1920s, Larsen produced a high volume of studies that appeared in all possible formats, ranging from more minute contributions to substantial scholarly articles and an award-winning series of public lectures. Moreover, and perhaps even more profoundly, it is fair to assert that Larsen was actually the one who put the topic on the radar of ancient historians and classicists. In this sense, the rise of a more multi-faceted perception of Greek history, one that extends beyond Athens and Sparta, as witnessed gradually since the 1980s, was also made possible through Larsen's work. In the later stages of his career, Larsen's lifelong commitment to the topic merged into the magisterial monograph *Greek Federal States. Their Institutions and History* (Oxford University Press 1968), which became one of the most frequently cited books in Greek history.

Ancient History and Classical Studies research has experienced a knowledge increase since Larsen's day that is nothing short of breathtaking. A very significant amount of new evidence has surfaced in the form of inscriptions, coinages, and archaeological material, the latter by means of, at times, spectacular discoveries and also by way of complex data sets assembled by survey archaeologists. At the same time, new conceptual approaches and methodologies have been crafted that allow for a meaningful integration of diverse bodies of evidence. The 'ethnic turn' was clearly the most impactful development along the way, as it initiated a true paradigm shift. Yet the richness of the results accumulated from research on ethnicity and identity issues owed much to the circumstances of the day with which it coincided; in part, it was also fueled by a new sense of vibrant regional diversification of Greek history. Finally, it is obvious but nonetheless important to acknowledge that in neighboring disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences,

federalism, its cognate concepts and proxies – for instance the conceptual understanding of political institutions and integration – have been re-negotiated, with important consequences for the understanding of federalism in its ancient Greek variant.

We have both endeavored to disclose the many forms and features of federalism in Greek antiquity from the early days of our respective academic journeys. Over the last decade or so, it gradually became apparent to us that the time was ripe for a new synthesis. The response to the idea was extremely encouraging. The announcement of the ‘New Larsen’, as the project was soon and maybe somewhat presumptively called, was met with much enthusiasm. In June 2010, we held a symposium at Münster University to strategize with contributors and oblige them to, as much as this was tolerable, common themes and approaches (agreed, some might say that at times we extended our authority as editors for which we would make the same excuse as always, i.e., we did so “for the greater good of coherence”). In the aftermath of the Münster meeting, everyone returned to their desks to draft their chapters. The manuscript central at McGill held consultations with contributors and steered the editorial process. All the while, our research collaboration quickly grew into a tight network of organization and knowledge exchange between McGill and Münster, a lively exchange that included established scholars, junior colleagues, graduate students, and staff.

The project received much help and generous support from many. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the MacNaughton Chair of Classics at McGill University, and the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics in Premodern and Modern Cultures” at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster all offered their generous financial support, for which we are genuinely grateful. At the Press, Michael Sharp and Elizabeth Hanlon saw to a seamless development of the book from commission to publication; as ever, their precision, efficiency, and professionalism is much appreciated. They also initiated and steered the meaningful scholarly exchange with Readers A and B, whose comments no doubt helped to improve the manuscript in its very final stages and iron out some errors. Michael Tieke compiled the maps in Münster, while Marie Drauschke provided the English translation of Chapter 5. At McGill, the editorial work was, at various stages of the project, assisted by Ruben Post, François Gauthier, Erin Crochetière, and Katrina Van Amsterdam. Alex McAuley was once again the strong right (and sometimes also left) arm who supported all

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## *A note on the transliteration of ancient Greek*

The transliteration of ancient Greek proper names, terms, and citations from the sources poses a notorious problem. There is no single solution to this, and our approach might appear as subjective as those adopted by others.

In general terms, we favor proximity to the Greek over Latinized English, i.e.: Boiotia (rather than Boeotia), Arkadia, Chaironeia, Kleomenes, Ephoros, etc. Akhaia and the Akhaian League, however, we found somewhat puristic; hence Achaia and the Achaian League. There are a few exceptions to our prioritization of Greek-style transliteration, mostly where English nomenclature has gained overall recognition: Corinth, Crete, Cyclades, also Thucydides, Herodotus. Greek technical terms appear in italics (*koinon*, *polis*, *sympoliteia*) unless they are used in Anglicized form: synoikism, dioikism, syntely. The same goes for proper names, i.e., *Boiōtoi*, *to koinon tōn Aitolōn*. To avoid unnecessary barriers, we forewent the use of source citations in Greek script. When necessary, the relevant sections were transliterated. Accents were abandoned along the way, but the distinctions of the Greek alphabet were kept in place: *eta* appears as ē, *omega* as ō, *psilon* as y. Transliterated citations from the sources are accompanied by English translations throughout.

We hope that scholars in the field and in other Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines will find this an agreeable and indeed convenient way to navigate through the chapters that follow.



## Abbreviations

ATL	B. D. Meritt, H. T. Wade-Gery, and M. F. McGregor (eds.), 1939–1953. <i>The Athenian Tribute Lists</i> . 4 vols. Princeton
Austin	M. M. Austin, 2006. <i>The Hellenistic World from Alexander to the Roman Conquest. A Selection of Ancient Sources in Translation</i> . 2nd edn. Cambridge
BE	<i>Bulletin Épigraphique</i>
BNJ	<i>Brill's New Jacoby</i>
CEG	<i>Carmina epigraphica Graeca</i>
CID	<i>Corpus des inscriptions de Delphes</i> Paris
CIG	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum</i>
DNP	<i>Der Neue Pauly</i>
E&R	H. van Effenterre and F. Ruzé, 1994. <i>Nomima. Recueil d'inscriptions politiques et juridiques de l'archaïsme grec</i> . 2 vols. Paris
FdD	<i>Fouilles de Delphes</i>
FdXanthos	<i>Fouilles de Xanthos</i>
FGrH	<i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i>
FHG	<i>Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum</i>
Fornara	C. W. Fornara, 1983. <i>Archaic Times to the End of the Peloponnesian War</i> . Translated Documents of Greece and Rome I. 2nd edn. Cambridge
Harding	P. Harding, 1985. <i>From the End of the Peloponnesian War to the Battle of Ipsus</i> . Translated Documents of Greece and Rome II. Cambridge

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<i>I. Alexandria Troas</i>	<i>The Inscriptions of Alexandria Troas (Inchriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien 53)</i>
<i>I. Bouthrotos</i>	<i>Corpus des inscriptions grecques d'Illyrie méridionale et d'Épire. 2.2. Inscriptions de Bouthrôtos</i>
<i>I. Cos</i>	<i>Iscrizioni di Cos</i>
<i>I. Cret</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Creticae</i>
<i>I. Délos</i>	<i>Inscriptions de Délos</i>
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i>
<i>IGR</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae ad res Romanas pertinentes</i>
<i>IGUR</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae Urbis Romae</i>
<i>IK</i>	<i>Inchriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien</i>
<i>ILLRP</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae liberae rei publicae</i>
<i>I. Magnesia</i>	<i>Die Inschriften von Magnesia am Maeander</i>
<i>I. Mylasa</i>	<i>Die Inschriften von Mylasa I–II (Inchriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien 34–35)</i>
<i>I. Oropos</i>	<i>Oi epigraphes tou Oropou [The Inscriptions of Oropos]</i>
<i>IPArk</i>	G. Thür and H. Taeuber, 1994. <i>Prozessrechtliche Inschriften der griechischen Poleis aus Arkadien</i> . Vienna
<i>ISE</i>	<i>Iscrizioni storiche ellenistiche</i>
<i>IvO</i>	<i>Die Inschriften von Olympia</i>
Koerner	R. Koerner, 1993. <i>Inchriftliche Gesetzestexte der frühen griechischen Polis</i> . Cologne
<i>LSAG</i>	L. H. Jeffery, 1990. <i>The Local Scripts of Archaic Greece. A Study of the Origin of the Greek Alphabet and Its Development from the Eighth to the Fifth Centuries</i> . Revised edn. Oxford
M&L	R. Meiggs and D. M. Lewis, 1988. <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century</i> . Revised edn. Oxford
Merkelbach and West	<i>Fragmenta Hesiodica</i>
<i>Milet</i>	<i>Inchriften von Milet</i>
<i>OGIS</i>	<i>Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae</i>
<i>PMG</i>	<i>Poetae Melici Graeci</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaften</i>

*Abbreviations*

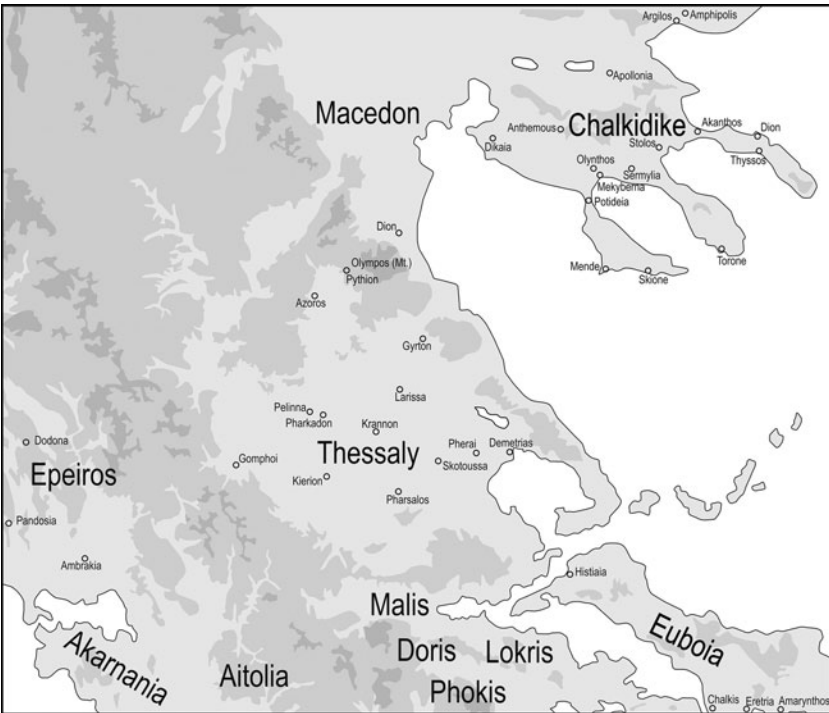
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R&L	P. J. Rhodes with D. M. Lewis, 1997. <i>The Decrees of the Greek States</i> . Oxford
R&O	P. J. Rhodes and R. Osborne, 2003. <i>Greek Historical Inscriptions 404–323 BC</i> . Oxford
SEG	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i>
SGDI	<i>Sammlung der griechischen Dialekt-Inschriften</i>
SIG	<i>Sylloge inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , 3rd edition.
SVA	H. Bengtson, 1975. <i>Die Staatsverträge des Altertums</i> . II. Band: <i>Die Verträge der griechisch-römischen Welt</i> . 2nd edn. Munich. H. H. Schmitt, 1969. <i>Die Staatsverträge des Altertums</i> . III. Band: <i>Die Verträge der griechisch-römischen Welt von 338 bis 200 v. Chr.</i> Munich
TAM	<i>Tituli Asiae Minoris</i>
TGF	<i>Tragicorum Graecorum Fragmenta</i>
Tod	M. N. Tod, 1948. <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions II: From 403 to 232 B.C.</i> Oxford

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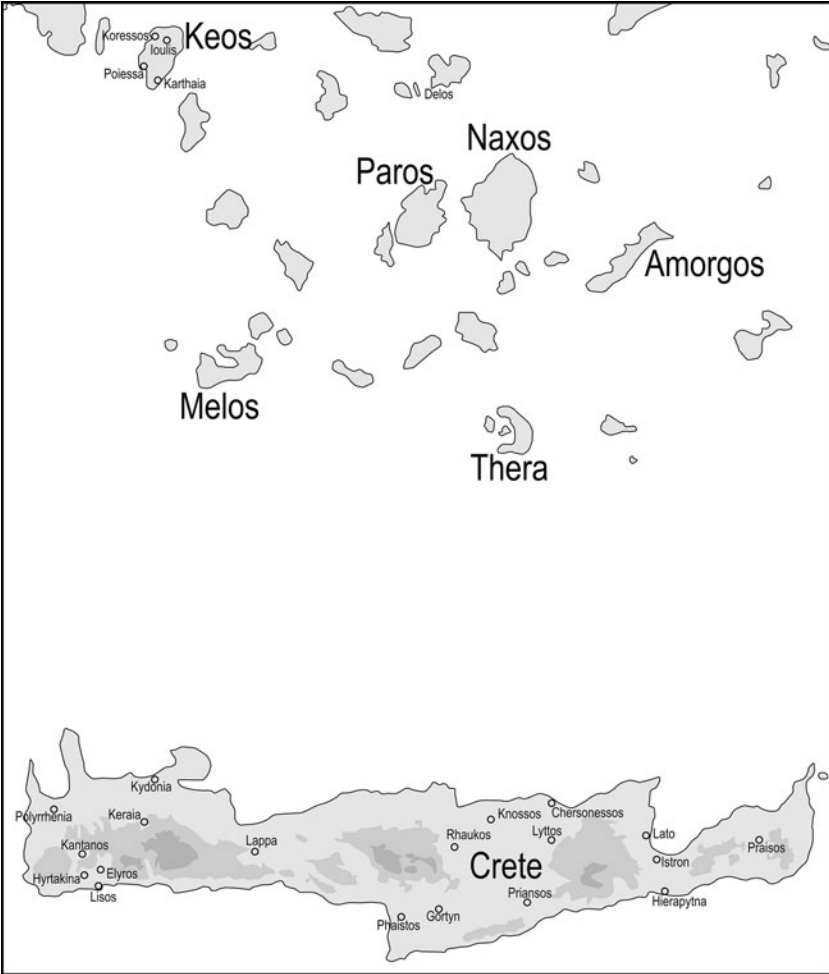
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Map 1: Northern and Central Greece



Map 2: Central Greece and the Peloponnese

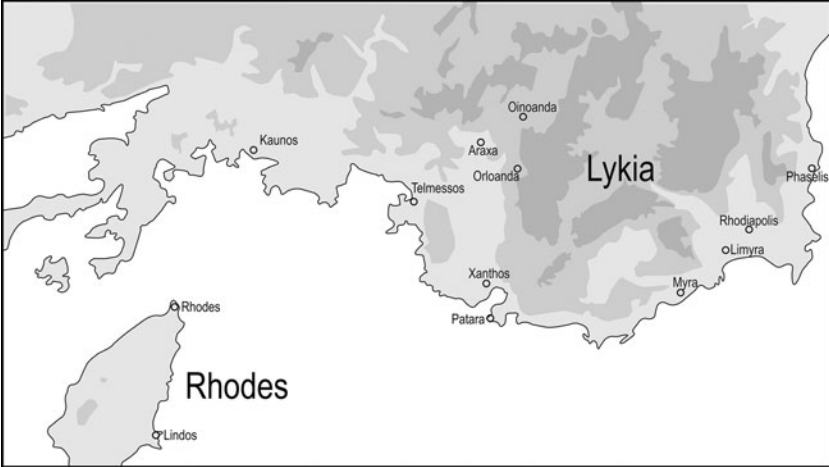


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Map 4a: Lesbos and surroundings





Map 4b: Lykia and Rhodes



Map 5: Southern Italy and Sicily



Map 6: The Kyrenaika