



## ATHENS GREEK RELIGION SEMINAR



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### *The wanderings of Apollo Patroos on the Athenian agora*

#### **ABSTRACT**

The study of the cult of Apollo *Patroos* on the Athenian agora is strongly dependent on the identification and dating of the god's temple. Scholars have offered different explanations to the chronological inconsistencies arising from the study of the different written and archaeological sources, and no definitive answer has been found. In this presentation, I will argue against the traditional identification of the temple. According to my hypothesis, the so-called "wandering temple", interpreted as a temple of Ares brought from Pallene in the early imperial period, is in fact the temple of Apollo *Patroos*. The temple was built on the agora from the beginning, in the 5th century B.C.E. It was originally dedicated to Apollo *Alexikakos* during the plague of Athens and was rededicated to Apollo *Patroos* under Lycurgus. This new interpretation of the archaeological remains will allow a reexamination of the cult's history.

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