## **Editorial Statement**

Civil war has shaped the course of civilisations, and studying this multifaceted phenomenon offers invaluable insight into the cohesive forces and disintegrative potentials of human culture. Yet our understanding of how polarisation, violent disintegration, and reconciliation transformed the ancient world remains limited to date. Against this backdrop, the new book series Studies in Ancient Civil War (StACW) provides a unique and timely academic forum for exploring the processes and implications of civil war in antiquity, from factionalisation and destructive internal strife to reintegration and reconstruction. Interconnecting historical, philological, and archaeological perspectives, this peer-reviewed series covers the wider Mediterranean world and the Near East from the second millennium BCE through the first millennium CE. It seeks to deepen our understanding of the profound impact that the collapse and reconstruction of political orders in civil wars had on ancient societies. The series welcomes outstanding monographs and edited volumes which explore any given aspect of the complex nature of ancient civil war (including its wider socio-political, cultural, and ideological implications), and which examine its lasting reverberations throughout time.

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