

Ceremonies, feasts and festivities in Ancient Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean World: Performance and Participation

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Day 1 (29/01/2020)

9.00-9.15 Welcome and Introduction

Session 1. Egypt and The Mediterranean

9.15-10.00 Raquel Jiménez Pasalodos (Universidad de Valladolid – Universitat de Barcelona)
*Music, Ritual and Women in the Western Mediterranean:
Perspectives from Music Archaeology and Ethnomusicology*

10.00-10.45 Mait Kõiv (University of Tartu)
Hera at Argos: sanctuaries, festivals, myths and stately power

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.45 Tawny Holm (Pennsylvania State University)
Sacrifice and Feasting in Papyrus Amherst 63

11.45-12.30 Rafael Micó (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
The representation of political relations in the grave goods of El Argar

12.30-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-15.15 Kostas Vlasopoulos (University of Crete)
Slaves in Greek and Roman rituals

Session 2. (first part) Assyria and Babylonia

15.15-16.00 Nathan Wasserman (Hebrew University Jerusalem)
Magic Procedures in Early Akkadian Incantations: A Global View

Day 2: (30/01/2020)

Session 2. (first part, continued) Assyria and Babylonia

9.15-10.00 Gonzalo Rubio (Pennsylvania State University)
*Sacred Marriage: Ritualization & Textualization of Ideological Devices
in Ancient Mesopotamia*

10.00-10.45 Walther Sallaberger (LMU Munich)
Washing Hands

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

Session 3. Anatolia

11.00-11.45 Alice Mouton (UMR 8167 CNRS Paris and Catholic University of Paris)
Weapons and Divine Symbols: Expressing the King's Legitimacy during the Hittite Cultic Festivals

11.45-12.30 Mark Weeden (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
Festivals at the site of Büklükale

12.30-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-15.15 Ana Arroyo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)
Hittite open-air cult places and their relation to the community

15.15-16.00 Mary R. Bachvarova (Willamette University)
Festivals in Coastal Western Anatolia: The Transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age

16.00-16.45 Ian Rutherford (University of Reading)
Religious Travel and Pilgrimage in Mesopotamia and the Anatolia: Problems of Evidence and Typology

Day 3 (31/01/2020)

Session 2. (second part) Assyria and Babylonia

9.15-10.00 Céline Debourse (Universität Wien)
Rethinking the Babylonian New Year festival: history, ritual, text

10.00-10.45 Stefania Ermidoro (Newcastle University)
The Rhythm of Rites: Consequences of intercalation on Mesopotamian religious ceremonies

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.45 Sebastian Fink (University of Helsinki)
Neo Assyrian victory celebrations: a spectacle for the people

11.45-12.30 Uri Gabbay (Hebrew University Jerusalem)
Ritual and Empathy in Ancient Mesopotamia: The Cultic Performance of Sumerian Emesal Prayers and the Acknowledgement of Divine Emotions

12.30-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-15.15 Jaume Llop (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
Gods and Temples in the Middle Assyrian Archival Texts

15.15-16.00 Simonetta Ponchia (Università di Verona)
Texts and places of Nergal's cult in Neo-Assyrian times

16.00-16.45 Lauren Ristvet (University of Pennsylvania)
Rituals of Nostalgia: Negotiating Imperial Politics in the Seleucid Near East

17.00-18.00 Final discussion