

Program

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Magic and Sorcery in Antiquity: People, Rituals, and Interpretations

1st session

9.00-9.25. Krzysztof Ulanowski (University of Gdańsk), *Between Divinatory and Magical Practices in Mesopotamia*.

9.25-9.50. Netanel Anor (University Hamburg), *On the Role of Human Agents in the Ritual of Extispicy*.

9.50-10.15. Samuel Ramapuram (Goethe University), *Maqlu*.

10.15-10.40. Ana Satiro (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa), *(I)legitimate Magic Practices in Ancient Mesopotamia: the Scope of Action of the Āšipu and the Kaššāptu (1st Millennium BCE)*.

Break 10.40-11.00

2nd Session

11.00-11.25. Sebastian Fink (Innsbruck University), *The Wise Woman against the Evil Sorcerer: A Magical Contest in the Aratta Cycle*.

11.25-11.50. Aleksandra Kubiak-Schneider (University of Wrocław), *Divination Practices in Parthian Hatra*.

11.50-12.15. Merial Figiel (University of Warsaw), *Women and Sorcery in Homer's Odyssey*.

12.15-12.40. Kateryna Baulina (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv), *Shadows at the Throne: Magical Interpretations of the Influence of Alexander the Great's Entourage*.