

Workshop: “Religious Flows in the Roman Empire – the Expansion of Oriental Cults (Isis, Mithras, Iuppiter Dolichenus) from East to West and Back Again”

Organized by Subproject D 7 within the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”

Heidelberg, 26th – 29th of November 2009

Venue: Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg (IWH); Hauptstrasse 242, D-69117 Heidelberg; see: <http://www.iwh.uni-hd.de/>

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 26th of November 2009

Arrival of participants

20.00 Official Dinner for the Participants of the Workshop in the IWH

Friday, 27th of November 2009

I Introduction – What was ‘Oriental’ about the Oriental Cults in the Roman Empire?

9:00 **Joachim Friedrich QUACK/Christian WITSCHER** (Heidelberg): “Why Oriental Cults Again? New Perspectives on Religious Flows in the Roman Empire”

9:20 **Jaime ALVAR** (Madrid): “The Oriental Cults in the Roman Empire”

10:10 – 10:30 Coffee Break

II Origins and Diffusion of Oriental Cults in the Imperium Romanum – Agents and Participants

Chair: **Sarolta A. TAKÁCS** (Rutgers University)

10:30 **Laurent BRICAULT** (Toulouse): “The *gens Isiaca* in Greco-Roman Coinage”

11:20 **Engelbert WINTER** (Münster): “Der Kult des Iuppiter Dolichenus und seine Ursprünge. Neue Funde und Forschungen im ‚Zentralheiligtum‘ bei Doliche”

12:10 – 13.30 Lunch Break

Chair: **Stephan R. HAUSER** (Konstanz)

13:30 **Christian WITSCHER** (Heidelberg): “The Cult of Mithras in the East – a Backward Flow of a Western Invention?”

14:20 **Michael BLOEMER** (Münster): “From Local Cult to Imperial Religion – the God of Doliche in the East”

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee Break

III The Visual Conceptualization of Oriental Gods and their Worshippers

Chair: **Attilio MASTROCINQUE** (Verona)

15:30 **Miguel John VERSLUYS** (Leiden): “From the Nile to Greece, Rome and Beyond? Egypt as Part of the Mediterranean *koine*”

16:20 **Darius FRACKOWIAK** (Heidelberg): “The Many Facettes of Mithraic Imagery”

17.10 – 17.30 Coffee Break

17:30 **Ralf KRUMEICH** (Bonn): “Zwischen Orient und Okzident. Bilder des Iuppiter Dolichenus und seiner Adoranten“

19:30 Guided Tour in the Kurpfälzisches Museum Heidelberg (with a special emphasis on the Mithraic monuments)

Saturday, 28th of November 2009

IV The Transfer of Linguistic Concepts within the Oriental Cults: The Example of Isis

Chair: **Friedhelm HOFFMANN** (Heidelberg/Würzburg)

9:00 **Ian MOYER** (Ann Arbor): “Isidorus at the Gates of the Temple: Mediating between Traditions in the Egyptian Countryside”

9:50 **Martin STADLER** (Würzburg/Tübingen), “On the Universality of Isis – a New Source on Isiac Religion from Roman Egypt”

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 **Joachim Friedrich QUACK** (Heidelberg), “Resting in Pieces and Integrating the Oikoumene. On the Mental Expansion of the Religious Landscape by Means of the Body Parts of Osiris”

11:50 **Svenja NAGEL** (Heidelberg): “One for All and All for One? Isis as *una quae es(t) omnia* in the Egyptian Temples of the Graeco-Roman Period”

12:40 – 14:00 Lunch Break

V Changing Forms of Sacred Space, Sanctuaries and Rituals

Chair: **Manfred CLAUSS** (Frankfurt)

14:00 **Kathrin KLEIBL** (Mainz), „An Audience in Search of a Theater – The Staging of the Divine in Sanctuaries of Graeco-Egyptian Gods“

14:50 **Florence SARAGOZA** (Paris): “Exploring Walls: On Sacred Space in the Pompeian Iseum”

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 **Andreas HENSEN** (Heidelberg): “Spelaea et templa Mithrae. Unity and Diversity in Topography, Architecture and Design of the Sanctuaries”

16:50 **Marleen MARTENS** (Zellik/B): “Sanctuaries of Mithras in the Northwestern Provinces: Unity and Diversity in Depositions, Finds and Practices”

17:40 **Richard GORDON** (Erfurt): “Persia and Rome: Staging Religious Experience in the Mithraic Temple”

18:30 Final Discussion

Sunday, 29th of June 2009

Departure of Participants.