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Conference Programme

Objects as a Lens on Groups Formations in the Cities of the Roman Empire (1st to 4th Century CE)

The conference challenges and advances on-going discussions by specifically focusing on the material aspects of religious and cultural developments across the Mediterranean basin during the Imperial period. Against the focus on gods, religious symbols, and religious tenets that are seen as competing for new adherents or as instruments for intra- and inter-group competition, the conference will focus instead on the role of objects and object-related practices in the formation of groups as well as a hindrance to or blurring of boundaries implicit in group formation. In the context of urbanization, we will look at processes of change. Urban conditions of life, division of labor and, above all, urbanity accelerate the production of objects that stimulates the formation of groups while also thriving beyond urban space.

18-21 June 2024 | dekanat.mwk@uni-erfurt.de

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18.06.2024

Podium Discussion: Verführerische Gegenstände (Tempting Objects)

6:30 p.m. | Kleine Synagoge

Speaker: Sofia Bianchi Mancini, Rubina Raja, Annette Weissenrieder, Markus Vinzent

19.06.2024

Panel 1: Personal Objects: Subjectification and Propriety

9 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. | 2:15 p.m.

Conveners: Georgia Petridou & Rubina Raja | room C19.00.02

Panel 2: Food for Eating and Food from Eating

9 am | 11:15 a.m. | 2:15 p.m.

Conveners: Claudia D. Bergmann, Clemens Leonhard, Markus Vinzent | room C19.00.04

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Panel 3: Reading Objects

4 p.m. || 9 a.m. | 11:15 a.m.

Conveners: Harry O. Maier, Annette Weissenrieder | room C19.00.04

Panel 4: The Materiality of the Divine

4 p.m. || 3 p.m.

Conveners: Elisa Iori, Anna-Katharina Rieger | room C19.00.02

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Panel 5: Urban Rivalries and Religious Group Formations: Coins

9 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. || 9 a.m.

Conveners: Katell Berthelot, Jörg Rüpke | room C19.00.02

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Roundtable

1:30 p.m.

Conveners | room C19.00.02

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Panel 6: Property of Ritual Space

3 p.m. | 5:15 p.m. || 9 a.m.

Conveners: Sofia Bianchi Mancini, Laura Carnevale | room C19.00.04

21.06.2024

Reflection: Religion in the Roman Empire

11:15 a.m.

Conveners | room C19.00.02

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Valentino **Gasparini**, Antón **Alvar Nuño** | On „Grylloi“ (Silenus and a Boar)

Chrissy **Partheni**, Georgia **Petridou** | The Liverpool Ivory Diptychs: Identity and Group Formation in Roman and Late Antique Times

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. | 19.06.24

Kevin **Stoba** | Tricks of Perception in Mithraic Medallions

Olympia **Bobou** | Cult Agents and Cult Statues

Mateusz **Fafinski** | A Monastery of Things. Interacting with Monastic Objects in Late Antiquity

2:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. | 19.06.24

Nicola **Denzey Lewis** | Of Dolls and Doubles: Thinking Through the Subjectification of Some Late Ancient Grave Goods

Panel 2: Food for Eating and Food from Eating

Room C19.00.04

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | 19.06.24

Laura S. **Lieber** | The Dynamics of Dining in Megillat Ahimaatz

Monika **Amsler** | Manna: Materiality, Time, and Place of Paradoxical Food in Later Antiquity

11.15. a.m. - 1:15 p.m. | 19.06.24

Andrew **McGowan** | Passing the Barley: Bread and Grain as Culinary Signifiers in Late Ancient Christianity

Andrew **Bowden** | The Gospel of Matthew's Classification of Absence of Food as Fasting to Establish and Shape the Identity of Its Early Readers

Lillian I. **Larsen** | Complexifying Caricature: Material Measures of Monastic Meals

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Thomas R. **Blanton IV** | „Fast Food“: Culinary Objects and Social Relations in Ancient Pompeii

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Panel 3: Reading Objects

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4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 19.06.24

Jeremiah **Coogan** | Identity Documents: Decian Sacrificial Certificates and Christian Textual Practices

Georgia **Frank** | Agency, Artisan, and Artifact in Fourth-Century Baptismal Rituals

Annette **Weissenrieder** | The Codex Vercellensis Based on Multi-Spectral Images

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | 20.06.24

Megan **Nutzmann** | Inscribing Cures: Biblical Texts and Late Antique Amulets

Jennifer **Wright Knust** | Wonders in the Round: Late Ancient Ivory Boxes and Bringing Things Back to Life

Christian **Brockmann** | Reading, Commenting, and Correcting Greek Medical and Philosophical Manuscripts. With a Focus on Galen of Pergamum and a Brief Look on the Commentators on Aristotle

Panel 4: The Materiality of the Divine

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Sylvia **Estienne** | Divine Statues and Urban Sociability in Rome (1st Century BCE – 5th Century CE)

Verena **Fugger** | Group-Formation Functions of Religious Image-Objects in Late Roman Syria

Stephanie **Langin Hooper** | The Materiality of the Divine in Seleucid-Parthian Babylonia: Investigations from the Miniature Objects

3 p.m. – 5 p.m. | 20.06.24

Veronika **Kolomaznik** | Red-Faced and High Above Heads: Phallic Décor in Roman Streets

Antonio Enrico **Felle** | Displaying Religious Faith by Epigraphic Medium in Early Christianity (3rd-4th Century CE): The Case of Rome

Barbara **Borg** | Forging Christian Identity in a Non-Christian Environment: The Cult Site of Peter and Paul on the Appian Way

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Katell **Berthelot**, Jörg **Rüpke** | Urban Rivalries and Religious Groups Formations: Coins

Sitta **von Reden** | L'Exception Égyptienne? Circulation and Religious Iconographies on the Nomos Coinages in Roman Egypt

David **Jacobson** | Religious and Cultural Currents Reflected on Judaeen Coins

11:15 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. | 20.06.24

Gil **Gambash** | Gods of Gaza

Amit **Gvaryahu** | The Mental Mint: An In-group Use of an Out-group Technology in Ancient Judaism

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | 21.06.24

Ulrike **Peter** | An Enigmatic Cult Object and Urban Rivalries

Rubina **Raja** | Coining Religious Urban Rivalry in the Decapolis: The Case of Gerasa

Panel 6: Property of Ritual Space

Room C19.00.04

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. | 20.06.24

Edmondo **Lupieri** | The Temple, the Savior, the End of this World: Relativity of Time in a Space Delimited by a Sacred Human Manufact

Greg **Woolf** | Mobile Place Makers

Beatriz **Pañeda Murcia** | The Objectscape of the Syro-Phoenician Cults in Rome's Trastevere: Their Impact on Ethnicity, Community and Ritual-Space Formation

5:15 p.m. – 6:35 p.m. | 20.06.24

Fabio **Caruso** | The *Mensa* and Its Sacred Objects: Some Reflections on *Refrigerium* Between Paganism and Early Christianity

Jennifer **Quigley** | The Gendered Economy of Early Christianity: Thinking with Objects

9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | 21.06.24

Donatella **Nuzzo** | Christian Amulets in Late Antiquity (between Rule and Praxis)
(read by Antonio Felle)

Wednesday, June 19			Thursday, June 20			Friday, June 21		
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9 a.m.	Panel 1	C19.00.02	9 a.m.	Panel 3	C19.00.04	9 a.m.	Panel 5	C19.00.02
	Panel 2	C19.00.04		Panel 5	C19.00.02		Panel 6	C19.00.04
11 a.m.	Coffee break		11 a.m.	Coffee break		11 a.m.	Coffee break	
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	Panel 2	C19.00.04		Panel 5	C19.00.02			
1:15 p.m.	Lunch break		12:35 p.m.	Lunch break				
			1:30 p.m.	Roundtable				
2:15 p.m.	Panel 1	C19.00.02	2:30 p.m.	Coffee break		2:30 p.m.	Coffee break	
	Panel 2	C19.00.04		Panel 4	C19.00.02			
3:35 p.m.	Coffee break		3 p.m.	Panel 6	C19.00.04			
4 p.m.	Panel 3	C19.00.04	5:15 p.m.	Coffee break		5:15 p.m.	Coffee break	
	Panel 4	C19.00.02		Panel 6	C19.00.04			