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Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”

The Cluster of Excellence “**Religion and Politics. Dynamics of Tradition and Innovation**” has been investigating since 2007 the complex relationship between religion and politics across eras and cultures. In the funding phase from 2019 to 2025, the 140 researchers from 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences analyze in transepochal studies ranging from antiquity to the present day the factors that make religion the motor of political and social change. The research network is the largest of its kind in Germany; and, of the Clusters of Excellence, one of the oldest and the only one to deal with the issue of religion. It will receive funding of 31 million euros from 2019 to 2025.

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Belonging and Sacred Places in Antiquity

11-12 December 2023

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Bild: The spring of Banias with the Cave of Pan.

Programme

Monday, 11.12.2023

14.00 – 14.15 | Welcome and Introduction | **Achim Lichtenberger (Münster) and Francesca Mazzilli (Münster)**

14.15 – 14.30 | Research Cloud Introduction

Sacred Places and Water from the East to the West

14.30 – 15.00 | On Agencies and Belonging to Sacred Springs in the Ancient Near East | **Guseppina Marano (Toulouse) and Corinne Bonnet (Toulouse)**

15.00 – 15.30 | Idol of the Spring. Cultic Landscape of the Springs in Arabia, Mesopotamia, and Syria | **Aleksandra Kubiak-Schneider (Wrocław)**

15.30 – 16.00 | Waterways of the Gods in first Millennium BC Southern Mesopotamia. The Use of Channels as Travelways for the Gods | **Bernhard Schneider (Warsaw)**

16.00 – 16.30 | Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.00 | A Valley-Wise Belonging. Hydrology and Sacr(aliz)ed Places in the Lebanon Mountains in Roman Times | **Katharina Rieger (Graz)**

17.00 – 17.30 | The Mosque and the Falaj. Sacredness of Water and Settlement Morphology in the Arab-Persian Gulf Region in the Late Antique to Middle Islamic Periods | **Agnieszka Lic (Warsaw/Copenhagen)**

17.30 – 18.00 | Appropriating Nymphs and Bodies. Spring Sanctuaries in the Danubian Provinces | **Csaba Szabó (Szeged)**

18.00 – 18.15 | Break

Keynote Lecture

18.15 – 19.15 | Timeless Roots. Divine Narratives and Ritual Practices as Urban Anchors of Belonging | **Christina Williamson (Groningen)**

19.30 | Reception at the Archaeological Museum

Tuesday, 12.12.2023

Greek Sacred Natural Places

9.00 – 9.30 | Just Passing through? The Cave of Antiope. Belonging and Settlement in the Mazi Plain | **Roy van Wijk (Trento)**

9.30 – 10.00 | Aspects of Belonging in Laconia | **Sophia Nomicos (Münster)**

10.00 – 10.30 | The Sacredness of Natural Elements and the Movement of People on an Insular Landscape. A Case Study of the Sanctuaries of Apollo on the Cycladic Archipelago | **Erica Angliker (Athens)**

10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break

Sacred Places, Landscape and Settlements

11.00 – 11.30 | The Materiality of the Sacred Space as a Resource of Belonging. The Northern Apennines during the Iron Age | **Raffaella Da Vela (Tübingen)**

11.30 – 12.00 | Powerful Landmarks. Sacred Rocks as Ritual Foci | **Manuel Fernández-Götz (Edinburgh)**

12.00 – 12.30 | Gods in a Frontier Landscape. Rethinking local Deities and Regional Iconography on Hadrian's Wall | **Eleri Cousins (Lancaster)**

12.30 – 13.00 | Where the Iron is Born. The Meaning of Place in the Cult of Jupiter Dolichenus | **Michael Blömer (Münster)**

13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.00 | Place-Making in the End of the Bronze Age. Aspects of the Locational Strategies of Warrior Stelae in the Portuguese Beira Interior and Spanish Alta Extremadura | **Pedro Baptista (Freiburg/Coimbra)**

15.00 – 15.30 | Sacred Place of Garvão. Overlooking Hills, River Streams, and Settlements | **Francesca Mazzilli (Münster/London) and Tiago Costa (Ourique/Coimbra)**

15.30 – 16.00 | The Heart of Latium. Jupiter Latiaris, the Mons Albanus, and the Latini | **Marian Helm (Münster)**

16.00 – 16.30 | Coffee Break

Sacred and Belonging in Urban Landscapes

16.30 – 17.00 | Urban Emotionspaces. On the Significance of Affordances and Atmospheres in Roman Place-Attachment Processes | **Asuman Lätzer-Lasar (Marburg)**

17.00 – 17.30 | Transformations in the Cultic Practices of Isis in Cyrene during Roman Rule | **Pablo R. Valdés (Madrid)**

17.30 – 18.00 | The Coins of Tel Dor. A Methodological Approach – Understanding Urban Dynamics and the City's Sacred Spaces | **Vagner Carneiro Porto (São Paulo)**

18.00 – 18.30 | The Sacred Space and the Water System in the Roman City of Pax Iulia (Beja) | **Maria Conceição Lopes (Coimbra) and Francesco K B. Simi (Rome)**

18.30 – 18.45 | Break

18.45 – 19.15 | Concluding Remarks | **Pedro Paulo Funari (Campinas)**

19.30 | **Conference Dinner**