

the
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of the
DOUBT

workshop

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BETWEEN SKEPTICISM AND GODLESSNESS, CRITIQUE
OR INDIFFERENCE IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS OF THE
ANCIENT WORLD

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- 13.30 REGISTRATION
- 14.00 NICOLE HARTMANN & FRANZISKA NAETHER
14.30 Welcome and Introduction
- 14.30 KENNETH YU (University of Toronto)
15.15 Ritual Lament and Blasphemy in Plato's Laws (7, 800b8-e9)
- 15.15 JOHN GEE (Brigham Young University)
16.00 Internal and External Critiques of Egyptian Religion in the
Graeco-Roman Period
- 16.00 COFFEE
16.30
- 16.30 PHD-PANEL
17.30 GIULIA FIORE (Università di Bologna)
»Why should I dance? The worship of the gods is perishing.«
Doubting the Divine in Sophocles' Oedipus Tyrannus
- RAMÓN SONEIRA MARTÍNEZ (Max Weber Kolleg Erfurt)
'Ἡ νόσος of declaring that gods do not exist. Condemnation
and persecution of atheist positions in Plato's Laws
- PUNSARA AMARASINGHE (School of Advanced Studies Pisa)
Understanding Pyrrho's Skepticism parallel to Madhyamika
School in Buddhism
- PABLO PINEL MARTÍNEZ (Universidad Complutense Madrid)
The Quest for Arguments for Disbelief in Ancient Greece
- 17.30 RESPONSE
18.00 MICHAEL SATLOW (Brown University)
- 18.30 PUBLIC LECTURE
19.30 NICKOLAS P. ROUBEKAS (Vienna University)
Doubting vs. Explaining Religion. From 'Atheism' to Theorizing
about Religion in Antiquity
- 20.00 COMMON DINNER

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- 09.30 LIVIO WARBINEK (Tel Aviv University)
10.15 Hittites and their Oracles. They believed in them,
although they did not trust them
- 10.15 FRANZISKA NAETHER (Universität Leipzig)
11.00 Doubting Priests and Practitioners in Ancient Egyptian Religion
- 11.00 COFFEE
11.30
- 11.30 DARJA ŠTERBENC ERKER (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
12.15 Skepticism and Doubt in Religious Traditions in Rome:
Deification of Mortals.
- 12.15 FERNANDO BERMEJO-RUBIO
13.00 (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia Madrid)
Laughing at the Promised Salvation - Doubters and Scoffers
in Early Christianity
- 13.00 LUNCH
14.30
- 14.30 IOANNIS PAPADOGIANNAKIS (King's College London)
15.15 The Greek Christian literature of questions-and-answers
(erotapokriseis) as literature of doubt
- 15.15 REUVEN KIPERWASSER (Hebrew University Jerusalem)
16.00 Chatting with God and the Benefit of the Doubt.
Skeptical Theism in Late-Antique Rabbinic Stories
- 16.00 COFFEE
16.30
- 16.30 NICOLE HARTMANN (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
17.15 Exploring the Dimensions of Godlessness in the Roman Empire
- 17.15 FINAL DISCUSSION
17.45
- 19.00 POSSIBILITY FOR COMMON DINNER



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