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MONDAY LECTURES

IN RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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Research Building „World Relations“

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MONDAY LECTURES: VALENTINO GASPARINI

Building the Divine Power in the Greco-Roman World: (2) The Power of the Many

The second lecture in the event series “Building the Divine Power in the Greco-Roman World” will be devoted to the topic of “groupness”. The OMEGA project claims that dyads, triads, enneads, Dodekathea and other divine “elite clubs” constantly changed from one context to another because they were the result of local and contingent decisions. The indeterminacy of some synthetic formulas that referred to non-individualized pluralities of gods were also the result of a very situational choice that mobilized specific “micro-panthea” which really only made sense in relation to the cultic context of the dedication by the religious actors. By analysing how such divine “groups” were named and / or represented, OMEGA aims to explore i) what constituted the unity of a given divine group and what qualities and powers were stressed through their grouping; ii) if a hierarchical relationship could be established between such divine powers within a group or among different groups; iii) what degree of contact / interference between institutions and individuals was enacted in negotiating the cohabitation of divine entities perceived as particularly mighty in the same sanctuary or urban / rural context.

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