



MONDAY LECTURES | SOSE 2025

IN RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

RESEARCH BUILDING “WELTBEZIEHUNGEN” | C19.00.02/03 | 16:15 - 17:45

14.04.2025 | CORINNE BONNET

WHERE DO THE GODS LIVE? (1): “EVERYTHING IS FULL OF GODS”? A COMPARATIVE MAPPING OF GREEK AND SEMITIC GODS

Taking as my starting point the famous sentence attributed to Thales of Miletus, and drawing on the data contained in the MAP database, I will propose an initial mapping of the spatial location of the gods using onomastic attributes. This will involve comparing the Greek and Semitic worlds, paying attention to chronological parameters, the type of inscriptions involved (e.g. dedications, oaths, defixiones, epitaphs, etc.) and the agency of those who choose to associate one or more gods with one or more spaces. In this way, we will begin to observe the interplay of scales and the importance of mobility that make space a multifaceted concept whose aim is not just to anchor the gods, but also to help them spread and have a supralocal, or supraregional impact. We will look in detail at one case study, that of Olympian Zeus, the god of Olympia and at the same time of Olympus, who is attested throughout the Mediterranean world, from Egypt to Italy, from the Near East to Cyprus and Pontus, via Asia Minor, with forms of appropriation that reshape the space associated with the god in different ways.

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