

- 15:20 | **Giulia Pedrucci**  
(University of Erfurt):  
“Male Pregnancies and Caesarean Birth in the Greek and Roman Lore”
- 15:40 | **Georgia Petridou**  
(University of Liverpool):  
“Adoption and Initiation Ritual in the Golden Lamellae”
- 16:00 | **Gerritt Lange**  
(University of Marburg):  
“Divine Non-Births in Hindu Mythology as a Commentary on Human and Non-human Existence”
- 16:20 | **Romina Rossi**  
(University of Rome):  
“Restoration of Virginity as Manic Reparation: A Psychoanalytic Interpretation of Two Myths Found in the *Mahābhārata*”
- 16:40 | **Discussion**

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- 13:00 | **Lorenzo Verderame (University of Rome):**  
“Birth Metaphors in Ancient Mesopotamian Incantations”
- 13:20 | **Massimo Cultraro (CNR Catania):**  
“Images and Contexts of Pregnancy and Childbirth in Aegean Prehistory”
- 13:40 | **Jan Bremmer (University of Groningen):**  
“Pregnancy and Birth in Ancient Greece”
- 14:00 | **Discussion**
- 14:20 | **Coffee Break**
- 14:40 | **Rebecca Sebbagh (University of Erfurt):**  
“Amulets, Prayers and Additional Guarding Practices in Jewish and Christian Rituals”
- 15:00 | **Marie-France Morel (Ecole Normale Supérieure):**  
“Which Recourses in Case of Difficult Births? The Lesson of the ex-voto (17<sup>th</sup> –19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)”
- 15:20 | **Anna Andreeva (University of Heidelberg):**  
“Reconstructing the Buddhist Expertise on Women’s Health in Premodern East Asia”
- 15:40 | **Discussion**

- 16:00 | **Coffee Break**
- 16:20 | **Florence Pasche Guignard (Ryerson University):**  
“Spiritual, Religious, Anti-Religious and Secular Discourses on Homebirth and ‘Natural’ Childbirth in Francophone Contexts”
- 16:40 | **Hasna Abbaoui, Saddik Darai and Zouhir Adaoui (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University):**  
“The Single Mothers’ Experience of Pregnancy and Delivery in Morocco”
- 17:00 | **Kaja Kojder (University of Warsaw):**  
“Pregnancy and Childbirth Rituals among the Orthodox Christian Minority in Poland”

- 17:20 | **Discussion**

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- 10:00 | **Dvora Lederman Daniely (David Yellin College):**  
“Miriam’s Tradition as Sanctifying the Mythic-Transformative Power of Femininity and Childbirth”
- 10:20 | **Claudia D. Bergmann (University of Erfurt):**  
“Ancient Near Eastern Obstetrical Knowledge and Theological Constructions in Two Biblical Birth Narratives”
- 10:40 | **David Lorin (EPHE, Paris / La Sapienza, Rome):**  
“Female Body in Late Antiquity”
- 11:00 | **Discussion**

- 11:20 | **Sucharita Sarkar (D.T.S.S. College of Commerce):**  
“Hindu Regulatory Frameworks for Ideal Pregnancy and Childbirth”
- 11:40 | **Pascale Eingelmajer (Carroll University):**  
“Maya, a Passive Vessel or the Culmination of Mothering as the Buddhist Path?”
- 12:00 | **Ivan Arjona Pelado (Director General European Office Church of Scientology for Public Affairs and Human Rights):**  
“Women in Scientology: Pragmatic Religious Proposals for the Care and Dignity of Women and Children at Birth”
- 12:20 | **Discussion**
- 12:40 | **Lunch**
- 14:00 | **Wolfram Aichinger and Alice-Viktoria Dulmovits (University of Vienna):**  
“Emergency Baptism and the *limbus puerorum* in Early Modern Spain”
- 14:20 | **Hannah Fischer-Monzón (University of Vienna):**  
“Goddesses of Birth and Shadow of the Virgin: Lucina, Diana and Luna in Early Modern Spain”
- 14:40 | **Discussion**
- 15:00 | **Coffee Break**