



International Workshop “Abraham as Ritual Model II”

Oct 22, 2019 | Bildungshaus St. Ursula, Erfurt

Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions remember Abraham as a model of various types of ritual action including sacrifice, circumcision, and the rejection of polytheism and idolatry. Bringing together specialists in Hebrew Bible, Jewish Studies, Islamic Studies, and early Christian literature, the workshop explores the various ways in which the figure of Abraham was deployed as an exemplary model whose actions were understood to provide patterns that could be followed by subsequent groups and agents.

10.00 | **Claudia D. Bergmann and Thomas R. Blanton IV**
Welcome

10.05 | **Mika Pajunen (Helsinki)**
“Abraham as a Mediator of Sacrificial Practices and a Model for Incantations in the Genesis Apocryphon and Jubilees”

10.30 | **Jan Willem van Henten (Amsterdam)**
“Abraham as exemplum in 4 Maccabees”

11.00 | **Clare Wilde (Groningen)**
“Abraham as Model for Muhammad? Some Christian Arabic Views”

11.30 | **Thomas R. Blanton IV (Chicago)**
“Abraham, Covenant, and Circumcision: Philo’s Revisionist Exegesis of Genesis 17”

14.00 | **Marcel Poorthuis (Tilburg)**
“Abraham and Kashrut: A Moot Point”

14.30 | **May May Latt (Chicago) and Claudia D. Bergmann (Erfurt)**
“Look to Abraham and Sarah’: The Motifs of Barrenness and Childbirth in Genesis and Second Isaiah”

15.00 | **Final Discussion**

16.00 | **Judith Frishman (Leiden)**
Concluding Remarks

The Workshop is organized by the Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present”.

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