The Research Center “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present” at the University of Erfurt is proud to announce its opening conference, which features the following speakers and topics:

**May 11, 2016, 6 pm**

*Mose und die Offenbarung der Tora im rabbinischen Judentum*

Günter Stemberger (Wien)

**Musical Performance** by Jascha Nemtsov (Weimar/Potsdam)

**May 12, 2016, 9 am – 6.30 pm**

**Memories of Ritual/In Memory of the Temple in the Jewish Tradition**

*Imaginary Priests in the Second Temple Period and Beyond*

Tessa Rajak (Reading/Oxford)

*The Dynamics of Temple and of Ritual in Mishnaic Memory*

Naftali S. Cohn (Montreal)

*Memory of the Temple and Memories of Temples at Sukkot*

Clemens Leonhard (Münster)

**No Temple – No Sacrifice? The Temple as Argument in Medieval Cult Debates**

Thomas Lentes (Münster)

*Jewish and Christian Traditions in Liturgy: The Protestant Tradition(s) of the Commemoration of the „Destruction of Jerusalem“ as an Intertextual Phenomenon*

Alexander Deeg (Leipzig)

Please, RSVP for one or both days by April 1, 2016. For May 12, participants will be charged 25 Euros covering lunch and dinner.

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