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Postgraduate Workshop

The Materiality of Divine Agency in the Graeco-Roman World

Aug. 29th – Sept. 2nd 2016

Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt

The Workshop engages closely with an extensive methodological and thematic agenda that focusses on all aspects of the materiality of divine agency in Classical antiquity as depicted in narratives, religious practices and ideas, as well as iconographical evidence. More specifically, it sets out to explore processes of embodying, objectifying, portraying physically and, more generally, grounding the divine and its agency in our rather limited sensual perception. Following in the steps of recent scholarly studies on the iconicity, aniconicity and hybridity of the divine in the classical world, the Workshop aims at casting its net wider so as to include religious action taking place in the so-called margins of urban religious activities, such as magic and healing.

The Workshop will be conducted in English. All materials will be precirculated. Participants are encouraged to present their own work at the Workshop, provided that it is related to the general theme. If you decide to do so, please include in your application a brief research statement. There will be a participation fee of 100 Euro covering the costs of the reader, coffee breaks etc. Inexpensive accommodation on campus (ca. 30 Euros per night) is available and can be booked by the organisers. **Applications should reach Ms Ursula Birtel-Koltes (ursula.birtel-koltes@uni-erfurt.de) by the 31st of May 2016.** Please include a brief CV and a list of publications, if applicable.

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