

14.50–15.30 | **Emperor Julian's Use of Hellenismos as an Act of Cultural Appropriation and Transposition**

Douglas Boin, University of Saint Louis

15.30–16.00 | **Break**

16.00–16.40 | **Weapons of the (Christian) Weak. Riddles, Coded Transcripts and Other Everyday Trickeries**

Emiliano Urciuoli, MWK, University of Erfurt

16.40–17.20 | **Individualizing Texts and Textualizing Individuals. Alternative Modes of Personal Textual Appropriations in Rabbinic Literature**

Moulie Vidas, University of Princeton

17.20–17.40 | **Break**

17.40–19.00 | **ROUND TABLE: Long-term Developments in Mediterranean Religion**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Rubina Raja)  
Corinne Bonnet, Jean Jaurès University of Toulouse; Jan N. Bremmer, University of Groningen; Judith Lieu, University of Cambridge; Zsuzsanna Varhelyi, University of Boston

19.30 | **Dinner**

**Wednesday 5 April**

8.30–11.00 | **WORKSHOP, Thematic Field I: Experiencing the Religious**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Katharina Waldner)

**Addressing a Deity as Kyrios or Despotès. An Evidence for Religious Experience?**

Nicole Belayche, École Pratique des Hautes Études Paris

**Experiencing Curses. Emotional and Experienced Practitioners in the Roman Empire**

Irene Salvo, Georg August University of Göttingen

**The Experience of Pure Prayer and Reducing the Self to Silence in Late Antique Syriac Christianity**

Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**'They are not the Words of a Rational Man'. Ecstatic Prophecy in Montanism**

Maria Dell'Isola, Fondazione San Carlo di Modena

**Ego-documents on Religious Experiences in Paul's Letters: 2 Corinthians 12**

Oda Wischmeyer, Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen

8.30–11.00 | **WORKSHOP, Thematic field IV:**

**Switching the Code. Individual Appropriation of Religious Texts**

Elisabeth von Thüringen Room (chair: Roberto Alciati)

**Transmission as Appropriation and Modification. Processes of re-Writing / re-Functionalization and Visionary Habitus in Late Antiquity (According to P.Oxy. 5 [Grenfell - Hunt 1898, 8–9] and the Codex Sangermanensis)**

Luca Arcari, Federico II University of Naples

**The Appropriation of the Book of Jonah in 4th Century Christianity by Theodore of Mopsuestia and Jerome of Stridon**

Katharina Bracht, Friedrich Schiller University of Jena

**Symbolic Mourning. The Appropriation of Signs in Late Republican and Early Imperial Rome**

Christopher Degelmann, Humboldt University of Berlin

**Ovid's Appropriation of the Augustan Calendar in his Fasti**

Darja Sterbenc-Erker, Humboldt University of Berlin

**Freedom of Choice and Creation of Meaning. The Collections of "Biblical" Psalms in the Qumran Psalms-scrolls**

Anna Krauß, University of Heidelberg

9.30–10.00 | **Break**

11.00–12.00 | **FINAL DISCUSSION**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Jörg Rüpke)

12.30–13.30 | **Lunch**

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Concluding Conference of the Research Program "Lived Ancient Religion"

Leaving the (Disciplinary) Comfort Zone - Lived Ancient Religion AD 1 to 800

Monday 3 – Wednesday 5 April 2017  
Haus Hainstein, Eisenach, Germany

**Crossing disciplinary borders – bridging gaps – opening perspectives**

The Lived Ancient Religion project has in its research and a number of conferences and publications achieved numerous results, has further developed methodological tools, opened up new perspectives and formulated new questions in its attempt to allow for a better comprehension of the religious transformations of the Roman Imperial period.

The last conference within this programme of research financed by an ERC Advanced Grant is not so much dedicated to a stock-taking, but to the comparative confrontation and the disciplinary enlargement of its research. Thus, it is inviting specialists not only from the narrow field, but from a larger period to test, criticise, and contextualise methods as well as results. In the discussion of pre-distributed papers, short paper sessions and round-tables, specialists from disciplines dealing with the history of religion of the Mediterranean, West-Asian, and European area from the (late) Hellenistic period to the (early) Middle Ages are invited to join these efforts.

We will combine about twenty key notes by invited speakers with a series of smaller parallel workshops focusing on more specialised issues on the basis of short statements, reviews, or posters. In order to leave as much time as possible for discussion, the invited papers will be circulated among the participants a fortnight in advance and only briefly summarized in order to start discussion.

**Monday 3 April**

**10.00–10.20 | Welcome and Opening**  
Jörg Rüpke, Rubina Raja

**SESSION, Thematic Field II: A ‘Thing’ Called Body. Handling Bodies, Body-parts and Human Remains in Classical and Late Antiquity,**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Janico Albrecht)  
**10.20–11.00 | Pieces of Human Flesh. Xenocrates of Aphrodisias and Galen**  
Caroline Petit, University of Warwick

**11.00–11.40 | The Body Undone. Pain and Patient Experience in Aelius Aristides’ Hieroi Logoi and Lucian’s Podagra**  
Georgia Petridou, University of Liverpool

**11.40–12.20 | Ailments and Advices: Lived Ancient Religion in Oracular Temples in Roman Syria**  
Katharina Rieger, MWK, University of Erfurt

**12.20–13.30 | Lunch**

**SESSION, Thematic Field III: Commemorating the Moment. Individual Modification and Appropriation of Sacralised Spaces and Objects**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Alexandra Busch)

**13.30–14.10 | Roman Praedia as Places of Ritual Practices**  
Marco Galli and Mattia Ippoliti, La Sapienza University of Rome

**14.10–14.50 | Does Religion Matter? Life, Death, and Interaction in the Roman Suburbium**  
Barbara Borg, University of Exeter

**14.50–15.10 | Break**

**15.10–15.50 | Carving the Rocky Memory Lane. The Visit of Senator G. C. Calpurnius Rufinus to Panóias (Vila Real, Portugal)**  
Valentino Gasparini, MWK, University of Erfurt

**15.50–16.30 | Christianization of the Domestic Sphere in Late Antique Egypt. Indigenous Agency and the Engagement of New Media**  
David Frankfurter, University of Boston

**16.30–17.00 | Break**

**17.00–19.00 | WORKSHOP, Thematic field II: A ‘Thing’ Called Body. Handling Bodies, Body-parts and Human Remains in Classical and Late Antiquity**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Marlis Arnhold)  
**Food for the Body; the Body as Food**  
Nicola Denzey Lewis, Brown University  
**When is a Hand a ‘Hand’? Anatomical Votives as Material ‘Props’ in Ritual Performance**  
Emma-Jayne Graham, The Open University  
**Parts and Wholes. Embodiment by / before the Gods in the Roman Empire**  
Rebecca Flemming, University of Cambridge  
**Giftng the Body. Real, Prosthetic and Depicted Body Part Votives**  
Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis, Corpus Christi College of Oxford

**17.00–19.00 | WORKSHOP, Thematic field III: Commemorating the Moment. Individual Modification and Appropriation of Sacralised Spaces and Objects**

Elisabeth von Thüringen Room (chair: Benjamin Sippel)  
**How Idols Live and Die. The Value of Analogies for Understanding Roman Cult Images**  
Philip Kiernan, University of Buffalo, (SUNY)  
**Acts of Remembering and Objects of Remembrance. Individual Modification and Appropriation of Mithraea**  
Nirvana Silnović, Central European University of Budapest

**19.30 | Dinner**

**Tuesday 4 April**

**SESSION, Thematic Field I:**

**Experiencing the Religious**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Harry Maier)

**9.00–9.40 | Inferring Religious Experience from Ancient Hymns. Orpheus, the ‘Theban Library’, Serapis**  
Richard Gordon, MWK, University of Erfurt

**9.40–10.20 | Looking at Individual Experiences of Lived Religion in the Past as More than the Cultivation of the Self**  
Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry

**10.20–11.00 | Replicating the Divine. The Religious Experience of Late-Antique Pilgrims to Qal’at Sem’an, Syria**  
Heather Hunter-Crawley, University of Swansea

**11.00–11.30 | Break**

**11.30–12.10 | About Servants and Flagellants. Seneca’s Capitol Description and the Variety of Religious Experience at Rome**  
Maik Patzelt, MWK, University of Erfurt

**12.10–12.50 | The Experience of Pilgrimage in the Roman Empire: Communitas, Anxiety, and Costly Signaling**  
Ian Rutherford, University of Reading

**12.50–14.10 | Lunch**

**SESSION, Thematic Field IV: Switching the Code. Individual Appropriation of Religious Texts**

Johann-Sebastian-Bach Room (chair: Markus Vinzent)

**14.10–14.50 | To Convert or not to Convert. The Appropriation of Jewish Rituals, Customs and Beliefs by non-Jews**  
Katell Berthelot, University of Aix-en-Provence