

Friday, 6th of July 2018

First session

Chair: Richard Gordon

09:00–09:45 | **What kind of neighbour is a temple? Interactions of/with sanctuaries in dense urban contexts**
Asuman Lätzer-Lasar

09:45–10:30 | **An intraurban grotto sanctuary at Pergamon and its neighbourhood**
Benjamin Engels

10:30–10:45 | **Coffee break**

Second session

Chair: Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

10:45–12:30 | **Round table with discussants**
John Curran and Julia Kindt
Final discussion

Organisation:

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Jörg Rüpke (Max-Weber-Kolleg – University of Erfurt)
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Location:

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Registration:

For participation as a discussant please inquire with Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli (emiliano.urciuoli@uni-erfurt.de), by June 20th at the latest. Attendance throughout is required.



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International Conference

Religion of Quarters: Practicing
Religion on a Neighbourhood
Scale in the Hellenistic and
Imperial Periods

4th–6th July 2018 | Haus Hainstein, Eisenach,
Germany

For the study of ancient Mediterranean religions, basic units of dwelling, working, and gathering in densely-populated quarters of the cities of the empire form a privileged focus of investigation. Often devoid of monumental complexes, the kind of religion taking place on this scale of the urban fabric and life is traditionally grouped under the questionable rubric of 'private religion'. The conference brings together scholars from different fields in order to discuss how inner-city spaces affected the shape of religious representations, conducts, and experiences during the Hellenistic and Roman Period ('Urban Religion'). The topic of the conference comprises a rich variety of urban settlements: (a) multi-storey crowded tenements with several rental apartments functioning as space for a variety of religious practices; (b) grand houses organized into portions whose physical setting could occasionally accommodate non-resident and extra-familial worshippers; (c) different non-residential locales (shops, halls, clubhouses; etc.) belonging to the same city block and run by family members, leased to private individuals, and/or used as meeting places for associations; (d) privately owned but publicly used facilities (neighbourhood baths, cookshops, and bars) functioning as neighbourhood highlights and landmarks and forming the focus of the local communal life; (e) side-streets and crossroads with their relatively small-scaled religious material environments. The conference programme raises questions as: how and to what extent did the varying spatial features of domestic units, housing stocks, and street networks affect the imagination and practice of religion? Which was the interplay between urban layout, locational aspect and occupancy patterns of buildings, and the construction of neighbourhood-based religious networks? What forms of rivalry among religious specialists did such locations prompt? What codes of religious and ethical conduct became necessary and persuasive in such settings?

PROGRAMME

Religion of Quarters

Practicing Religion on a Neighborhood Scale in the Hellenistic and Imperial periods

Wednesday, 4th of July 2018

14:00–14:15 | **Welcome and introduction**
Harry O. Maier, Jörg Rüpke,
Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

First session

Chair: Asuman Lätzer-Lasar

14:15–15:00 | **Urban cult places in context**
John Scheid

15:00–15:45 | **Vineyards, wine and women:
The embedded space of sixth-century Eastern monastic settlements and urban asceticism**
Luise Marion Frenkel

15:45–16:15 | **Coffee break**

Second session

Chair: Markus Vinzent

16:15–17:00 | **Marcion the shipmaster:
Unlikely religious experts of the Roman world**
Heidi Wendt

17:00–17:45 | **Urban landscapes and religious shifts in Lucian's *Alexander***
Andromache Karanika

17:45–18:30 | **This must be the place (or not?):
The seven letters of Revelation (Rev 2–3) and the religious market in Asia Minor urban spaces (1st cent. CE)**
Luca Arcari

Dinner

Thursday, 5th of July 2018

First session

Chair: Harry O. Maier

09:00–09:45 | **Where did the early Christians meet?**
Jan N. Bremmer

09:45–10:30 | **Religious associations in an urban context**

Julietta Steinhauer

10:30–11:00 | **Coffee break**

Second session

Chair: John Curran

11:00–11:45 | **Rituals of intimacy and enmity:
The Talmudic constitution of Jewish neighbourhood**
Charlotte E. Fonrobert

11:45–12:30 | **Mortal gods: The urban origins of Roman worship of humans**
Barbara Borg

12:45 | **Lunch**

Third session

Chair: Julia Kindt

14:00–14:45 | **Augustus: Scale and memory in the inscriptions of Rome's imperial *vici***
J. Bert Lott

14:45–15:30 | **Displaying religion in public spaces: Neighbourhoods of a metropolis**
Jörg Rüpke

15:30–16:00 | **Coffee break**

Fourth session

Chair: Maik Patzelt

16:00–16:45 | **The cityscape and scattered sacred space: Diversification of Jewish group identity in Roman Dura-Europos**
Jessica van 't Westeinde

16:45–17:30 | **Romans watching Romans: Jesus religion in close urban quarters and neighbourhood transformations**
Harry O. Maier

17:30–18:15 | **The (good) people next door: How Christians' stated prosociality shaped Christ religion at a neighbourhood level**
Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli
Dinner