

MESOPOTAMIA IN THE ANCIENT WORLD
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UNIVERSITY CENTER OBERGUGL, AUSTRIA
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Program

Monday 4 November

16:00 Registration and get-together

Opening of the Conference

17:30 Opening address by Prof. Dr. Klaus Eisterer, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities 1 (Philosophy and History) of the University of Innsbruck

17:45 Opening address by the Organizers (Erik van Dongen, Saint Mary's University, Halifax)

18:00 Impulse Lecture: Old Battles, New Horizons: Ancient Near-Eastern Influences on the Homeric Epics (Robert Rollinger, University of Helsinki/University of Innsbruck)

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday 5 November

Morning Session: Talking to God(s): Prayers and Incantations

Chair: Tzvi Abusch (Brandeis University)

08:45 Introduction by the Chair

09:00 Cynthia Jean (Université Libre de Bruxelles): Performing Rituals in Secluded Places: A Comparison of the Akkadian and Hittite Corpus

09:20 Alan Lenzi (University of the Pacific): The Language of Akkadian Prayers in Ludlul Bēl Nēmeqi and Its Significance within and beyond Mesopotamia

09:40 David P. Wright (Brandeis University): Silence from Silence: Verbal Expression in the Priestly Sanctuary of the Pentateuch and Its Near Eastern Context

10:00 Alberto Bernabé (Complutense University of Madrid): To Swear to Heaven and Earth, from Mesopotamia to Greece

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 Response: Martin Lang (University of Innsbruck)

11:00 Round-table discussion

11:30 Introductions to today's posters

Stéphanie Anthonioz (Université Catholique de Lille): Babel Head in the Sky

Sabrina Buchebner (University of Innsbruck): The Position of the Tomb of Meskalamdug within the Royal Cemetery of Ur

Jörg Erdtmann (Trier University): Egyptian-Oriental Based Welfare Ethics in Graeco-Roman Voluntary Associations?

Peeter Espak (University of Tartu): Some Influences of Mesopotamian Royal Ideology and Mythology to the Biblical
World and beyond

Angelika Kellner (University of Innsbruck): Carl Friedrich Ferdinand Lehmann-Haupt: A Study about His Life and Work

Aleksandra Kubiak (University of Warsaw): Anonymous God Revisited: A Case of Palmyrene Dedications

John A. Lynch (University of California, Los Angeles): Gilgamesh's Ghosts: Connecting Visions of the Dead across the
Ancient Near East

Bernhard Schneider (University of Innsbruck): The Construction History of the Ekur Temple of Nippur

12:00 Poster Session I

13:00 Lunch + Leisure time (relaxing, hiking, chatting)

Afternoon Session: Et Dona Ferentes: Foreign Reception of Mesopotamian Objects

Chair: Gerhard Tomedi (University of Innsbruck)

15:00 Introduction by the Chair

15:15 Iulia Dumitrache (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University): *Garum* between East and West

15:35 Winfried Held (Philipps-Universität Marburg) and Deniz Kaplan (Mersin University) (read by WH): The Residence
of a Persian Satrap in Meydancikkale, Cilicia

15:55 Giacomo Bardelli (University of Innsbruck/Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum Mainz): Eastern Influences in
Etruria between the Orientalizing and the Archaic Period: The Case of Rod-Tripods

16:15 Kai Ruffing (University of Kassel): Economic Life on the Euphrates Frontier: Roman Dura Europos

16:35 Coffee break

16:55 Joachim Ganzert (Leibniz Universität Hannover): On the Archetype of Sacral Rulership Legitimization and the
Lower Court in the Lüneburg Townhall

17:25 Response: Ann Gunter (Northwestern University)

17:45 Round-table discussion

18:15 Poster Session I

20:00 Dinner

Wednesday 6 November

Morning Session: ‘Fighting like a Lion’: The Use of Literary Figures of Speech

Chair: Simone Paganini (RWTH Aachen University)

08:45 Introduction by the Chair

09:00 Johannes Haubold (Durham University): ‘Shepherds of the People’: The Many Lives of a Mesopotamian Metaphor

09:20 Krzysztof Ulanowski (University of Gdańsk): The Metaphor of the Lion in Mesopotamian and Greek Civilization

09:40 Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck): Metaphors for the Unrecognizability of God in Mesopotamian and Greek

Texts

10:00 Raoul Schrott (University of Innsbruck): The Origin of the Muses or Who Is the Goddess of the *Iliad*

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 Amar Annus (Freie Universität Berlin): Ancient Mesopotamian Mythology and International Folklore

11:00 Response: Thomas Kämmerer (University of Tartu)

11:20 Round-table discussion

11:45 Introductions to today’s posters

Silvia Balatti (University of Kiel): The Mountain People of the Zagros in the 1st Millennium BC

Alexandra Bourguignon (Université Libre de Bruxelles): Semitic Loanwords in Mycenaean Greek: Multiple Roads, Multiple Ways

Max Gander (University of Zurich): Ahhiyawa – Hiyawa – Que: Is There Evidence for Greek Presence in Cilicia in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages?

Martin Gronau (University of Innsbruck): A Sheep among Wolves: Two Traditions of the Beastlike ‘Way of Life’ in Berossos?

Zenobia Homan (University of Cambridge): Social Networking in Ancient Arrapha: Comparative Palaeography of Nuzi

Nella Sudano (University of Salento): Babylonian Motifs within Greek Fables and Proverbs

Brigitte Truschnegg (University of Innsbruck): The Description and Perception of Ancient Cities Involved in the Campaigns of Alexander the Great in Greek and Latin Literary Sources

Jonathan Valk (New York University): The Origins of the Assyrian King List

12:05 Poster Session II

13:00 Lunch + Leisure time

Afternoon Session: Mesopotamia and the World: Interregional Interaction

Chair: Giovanni Lanfranchi (University of Padua)

15:00 Introduction by the Chair

15:15 Reinhard Pirngruber (University of Vienna): “The King Paid No Heed to Any of the Words We Sent before”: The Interaction between the Neo-Assyrian King and the Outside World

15:35 André Heller (University of Bamberg): Why the Greeks Know So Little about Assyrian and Babylonian History

15:55 Irene Madreiter and Birgit Gufler (University of Innsbruck): The Ancient Near East and the Genre of Greek Histori-

ography

16:15 Julien Monerie (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): Writing Greek with Weapons Singularly Ill-Designed for the Purpose: The Transcription of Greek Names in Cuneiform

16:35 Coffee break

16:55 Krzysztof Nawotka (University of Wrocław): Alexander the Great in Babylon: Reality and Myth

17:15 Response: Simonetta Ponchia (University of Verona)

17:35 Round-table discussion

18:00 Poster Session II

20:00 Dinner

Thursday 7 November

Morning Session: The World of Politics: 'Democracy', Citizens, and 'Polis'

Chair: Kurt Raaflaub (Brown University)

08:45 Introduction by the Chair, followed by paper: Early Greek Poets and Early Israelite Prophets: A Comparison of Their Social and Political Thinking

09:20 Saana Svärd (University of Helsinki): Political Leadership and Femininity: Neo-Assyrian and Neo-Babylonian Royal Women

09:40 Kristoffer Momrak (University of Bergen): Identifying Popular Power: Who Were the People of Ancient Near Eastern City-States?

10:00 Aaron Tugendhaft (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich): Cosmology and Political Thought in Ugarit, Ionia, and Athens

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 Sabine Müller (University of Innsbruck): A History of Misunderstandings? Macedonian Politics and Persian Prototypes in Greek Polis-Centred Perspective

11:00 Response: Raija Mattila (University of Helsinki)

11:20 Round-table discussion

11:45 Introductions to today's posters

Ennio Biondi (University of Catania): The Egyptian Rebellion of Inarus: Athens between Persia and the Levant

Melanie Groß (University of Vienna): The Structure and Organisation of the Neo-Assyrian Royal Household

Claudia Horst (University of Bremen): Democracy between the Near East and Greece

Sanae Ito (University of Helsinki): Royal Image and Political Thinking in the Correspondence of Assurbanipal

Mait Kõiv (University of Tartu): Archaic Greek Tyranny and City State Monarchy in the Near East: A Comparative Approach

Sean Manning (University of Innsbruck): Raising an Army in Achaemenid Sparda

Louisa Désirée Thomas (Philipps-Universität Marburg): Killing the King: Royal Assassinations in Achaemenid Persia

Agnieszka Wojciechowska (University of Wrocław): The Babylonian Dating System and the Date of the Conquest of Egypt

by Artaxerxes III

12:05 Poster Session III

13:00 Lunch + Leisure time

Afternoon Session: Iran and Early Islam

Chair: Lucian Reinfandt (University of Vienna)

15:00 Introduction by the Chair

15:15 Vladimir Sazonov and Andreas Johandi (Estonian National Defense College/University of Tartu; read by VS): Some Remarks Concerning Influences of Assyrian Royal Ideology on Achaemenid Iran: Reflections of Ancient Mesopotamian Traditions in Ancient Iranian Royal Ideology and Official Propaganda Using the Example of Royal Titulary

15:35 Aleksandra Szalc (University of Wrocław): Semiramis, Kandake and Alexander

15:55 Timothy Greenwood (University of St. Andrews): Oversight, Influence and Mesopotamian Connections to Armenia across the Sasanian and Early Islamic Periods

16:15 Lutz Berger (University of Kiel): Looking for Patterns in the *Futûh*

16:35 Coffee break

16:55 Response: Josef Wiesehöfer (University of Kiel)

17:15 Round-table discussion

17:45 Poster Session III

20:00 Dinner

Friday 8 November

Morning Session: Representations of Power: Shaping the Past and the Present

Chair: Sabina Franke (University of Hamburg)

08:45 Introduction by the Chair

09:00 Mario Fales (University of Udine; read by Simonetta Ponchia): Looking the Gods in the Eye: Sennacherib's Gaze toward Destiny, from Rock Reliefs to Cylinder Seals, in Historical Light

09:20 Dirk Wicke (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz): Assyrian or Assyrianising: Reflections of Assyrian Imperial Art in Southern Anatolia

09:40 Rocío Da Riva (University of Barcelona): The Long-Lasting Images of an Ephemeral Empire: Neo-Babylonian Representations in the Periphery

10:00 Christoph Schäfer (Trier University): Inspiration and Impact of Seleucid Royal Representation

10:20 Response: Beate Pongratz-Leisten, with Jonathan Valk (New York University; read by JV)

10:40 Round-table discussion

11:10 Coffee break

Closing Discussion: The Future of the Melammu Project

Chair: Simo Parpola (University of Helsinki)

11:30 Introduction by the Chair

11:40 Panellist 1: The Meetings (Robert Rollinger, University of Helsinki/University of Innsbruck)

11:50 Panellist 2: Methodology and Research (Martti Nissinen, University of Helsinki)

12:00 Panellist 3: The Melammu Database and Website (Erik van Dongen, Saint Mary's University, Halifax)

12:10 Panellist 4: A Young Researcher's Perspective (Sebastian Fink, University of Innsbruck)

12:20 Plenary discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:30 End of the Conference