

Ritual Matters Archaeology and Religion in Hellenistic Central Asia



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2.-4. November 2017

PROGRAM

Thursday, 2 November 2017

- 11.00 **Svend Hansen** (Berlin)
(Director of the Eurasia Department of the DAI)
Address of Welcome
- 11.15 **Gunvor Lindström** (Berlin) and
Rachel Mairs (Reading)
Opening Remarks
- 11.30 **Wu Xin** (Shanghai)
*On the Land of the Great King: Ritual and religion in
Achaemenid Bactria*
- 12.00 **Frantz Grenet** (Paris)
*The ex-votos and Offerings in the Oxus and
Mir Zakah Treasures: What they tell about the cults*
- 12.30 **Lunch break**
- 14.00 **Rachel Mairs** (Reading)
*The „Age of Syncretism“? Conceptualising
religious practice in Hellenistic Central Asia*
- 14.30 **Milinda Hoo** (Kiel)
*Western, Eastern, both, or neither? A community of
practice perspective on religious syncretism
in Hellenistic Bactria*
- 15.00 **Coffee break**
- 15.30 **Alberto Cantera** (Berlin)
What Does It Mean the Label 'Zoroastrian'?
- 16.00 **Marcin Wagner** (Warsaw)
Topaz Gala (Turkmenistan): Features relating to rituals
- 16.30 **Coffee break**
- 17.00 **Johanna Lhuillier** (Lyon), **Julio Bendezu-Sarmiento** (Kabul) and **Philippe Marquis** (Paris)
*Mortuary Practices in Bactria at the Eve of the Hellenistic
Conquest: A sepulchral pit from Tepe Zargaran*

- 17.30 **Marc Mendoza** (Barcelona)
*Alexander the Undertaker. Persians,
Bactrians and ataphoi*
- 19.00 **Conference Dinner**

Friday, 3 November 2017

- 9.00 **Viktor Mokrobodov** (Moscow)
*The Kindyktepa Temple: Historical, religious and
archaeotypological aspects*
- 9.30 **Nargis Khojaeva** (Dushanbe)
*The Oxus Temple – did it serve Greek or
Zoroastrian religion?*
- 10.00 **Anjelina Drujinina** (Berlin/Dushanbe)
*The atašgāh of the Oxus Temple at Takht-i Sangin:
Interpreting the archaeological record*
- 10.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 **Gunvor Lindström** (Berlin)
*Archaeological Features and Ancient Religion.
The case of Torbulok*
- 11.30 **Laurianne Martinez-Sève** (Lille)
*Religious Life at Ai Khanoum: the sanctuary of
the temple à redans and its various cults*
- 12.00 **Lunch break**
- 13.30 **Lauren Morris** (Freiburg)
*Deliberately Deposited Assemblages in Central Asia
from the Hellenistic to Kushan Periods*
- 14.00 **Hanna Gołąb** (Princeton)
*Herodorus' Hymn to Apollo or did Hellenistic
Susa stay in close cultural contacts with Bactria?*
- 14.30 **Coffee break**

- 15.00 **Michele Minardi** (Bordeaux)
*Chorasmian Ritual and Funerary Spaces.
Recent discoveries and new lines of research*
- 15.30 **Alison Betts** (Sidney)
Fire Features at Akchakhan-kala
- 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.30 **Michael Shenkar** (Jerusalem)
*The Chorasmian Gad: On the god wearing a turreted
crown from Akchakhan-kala*
- 17.00 **Barbara Kaim** (Warsaw)
*Cultic(?) Implements of Hellenistic Tradition
in Zoroastrian Temple*
- 19.00 **Conference Dinner**

Saturday, 4 November 2017

- 9.30 **Rolf Strootman** (Utrecht)
A Kingship Ritual in Seleukid Central Asia
- 10.00 **Gunnar R. Dumke** (Halle)
*(Ver) Ehrung? Reflections on the meaning
of royal (cult?) epithets in Hellenistic India*
- 10.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 **Razieh Taasob** (Princeton)
*Development of Greek Religious Practice in
Early Kushan Coinage: Integration,
adaptation and transformation*
- 11.30 **Ladislav Stančo** (Prague)
*Cult of Divine Heroes in Hellenistic Bactria: Heracles,
Dioscuri and the others*
- 12.00 **Lunch break**

- 13.30 **Hafiz Latify** (Kabul/Allahabad)
*Pre-Kushan Religious Art in the National Museum
of Afghanistan*
- 14.00 **Olga Kubica** (Wrocław)
*Bardaisan's Account of Indian Religious Practices.
The identification of the described phenomena*
- 14.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.00 **Juping Yang** (Nankai)
The Deities in China from Hellenistic Central Asia
- 15.30 **Luca M. Olivieri** (Berlin), **Elisa Iori** (Rome)
*Before Indo-Greek Bazira. Complexity and
continuity in an early-historic urban town
(Swat, Pakistan)*
- 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.30 **Sören Stark** (New York) and
Fiona Kidd (Abu Dhabi)
*Hellenism at the Fringes: New excavations at
Bashtepa (Bukhara region, Uzbekistan)*
- 17.00 **Paul Bucherer-Dietschi** (Bubendorf)
*Pre-Islamic Buddhist Religious Practice at
the Main Ziyarat in Bamiyan*



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Conference venue

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