

The Ancient Zodiac in a Cross-Cultural Perspective

workshop 2–4 October 2024
ZODIAC - Ancient Astral Science in Transformation
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programme

Wednesday 2 October

18:00 - 21:00 Reception
venue: ZODIAC/Inst. for History of Knowledge in the Ancient World, [Arnimallee 10](#)

Thursday 3 October

venue: Freie Universität Berlin, [Hittorfstrasse 18](#), Room 010/011

09:15 - 09:45 **Mathieu Ossendrijver** (Freie Universität Berlin – ZODIAC)
Introduction

09:45 - 10:30 **John Steele** (Brown University)
Greek Use of Babylonian Observations

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 11:45 **Jeffrey Kotyk** (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
Understandings of the Zodiac Signs in Historical East Asian Horoscopy

11:45 - 12:30 **Helen R. Jacobus** (The University of Manchester)
The role of the zodiac in ancient and late antique Judaism

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 14:45 **Michael Zellmann-Rohrer** (Macquarie University)
Zōdiēl and his colleagues: Angels, demons, and zodiac signs in early Syriac magic

14:45 - 15:30 **Martin Gansten** (Lunds universitet)
The Indian Reception of Hupsomata Degrees in Antiquity

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 16:45 **Ahmad Al-Jallad** (The Ohio State University)
Zodiacal Months: Once again on the calendar of the nomads of Ancient North Arabia

16:45 - 17:30 **Marvin Schreiber** (Freie Universität Berlin – ZODIAC)
Babylonian astrology-related practices in the Hellenistic world

17:30 - 19:00 Reception
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Friday 4 October

venue: Freie Universität Berlin, [Hittorfstrasse 18](#), Room 010/011

09:15 - 10:00 **Andreas Winkler** (University of Toronto)
Egyptian astrology in Greek and Demotic

10:00 - 10:45 **Bill Mak** (University of Science and Technology of China)
Zodiac-based Astral Science in the Yavanajātaka – Transformation and Development in India and Other Parts of Asia

- 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:00 **Francesca Schironi** (University of Michigan)
The Ars Eudoxi
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Levente László**
Earthly and heavenly domains of the zodiac in Hellenistic astrology
- 12:45 - 14:15 Lunch break
- 14:15 - 15:00 **Fabio Spadini** (Université de Lausanne)
Zodiac: A Travelling Image. The Support of the Zodiacal Image as a Means of Transmission
- 15:00 - 15:45 **Victor Gysembergh** (CNRS, Centre Léon Robin)
Eudoxus of Cnidus and the zodiac
- 15:45 - 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:15 - 17:00 **Mathieu Ossendrijver** (Freie Universität Berlin – ZODIAC)
Babylonian planetary tables and their counterparts from Oxyrhynchus: a comparison
- 17:00 - 17:15 Conclusion
- 17:30 Reception
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- 19:00 Conference dinner