

Contextualising the sacred in the Hellenistic and Roman Near East:

Religious identities in local, regional and imperial settings

18 – 20 September 2008

Aarhus University, Denmark

Organised by Rubina Raja

Thursday 18 September (venue: Department of Classical Archaeology, Aarhus University, building 1414, auditorium 407, 4th floor, entrance from Nordre Ringgade)

16.00 – 17.00: Registration

17.00: Gert Almind, director of the Novo Nordisk Foundation, opens the conference

17.15: Introduction to the conference by Rubina Raja

17.30: Opening lecture by Michal Gawlikowski, 'Gods and places. Local and oecumenical cults in Syria of the imperial period'

18.30: Reception and buffet in Antikmuseet

(ground floor, building 1414, entrance from Victor Albecks vej)

Friday 19 September

Venue: Hotel Marselis

Chair: Rubina Raja

8.30-9.15

Kevin Butcher

Patronage and resources in Lebanese temples

9.15-10.00

Andreas Kropp

Pre-Roman Heliopolis (Baalbek): cults and temples under the Ituraean tetrachs of Chalkis

Saturday 20 September

Venue: Hotel Marselis

Chair: Inge Nielsen

Joseph Patrich

The Herodian Temple at Jerusalem and its courts: New observations on architecture and rite

Sidsel Westh-Hansen

Religious identity and globalisation. The case of Uruk in the Hellenistic period

Friday 19 September

10.00-10.45

Ted Kaizer

*Cult centres and local mythologies in
Strabo's and Pliny's Near East*

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee

Chair: Andreas Kropp

11.00-11.45

Jacqueline Dentzer-Feydy

*The sanctuary of the Qasr al-Bint in
Petra: from Nabataean cult to Roman
Imperial celebration*

11.45-12.30

Robert Wenning

*Nabataean identity by sanctuaries and
burial places*

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

Chair: Nicholas Purcell

14.00-14.45

Jean-Marie Dentzer

*Sanctuaries and political power in
southern Syria: the case of Si*

14.45-15.30

Annie Sartre-Fauriat

*La vie religieuse et son évolution à
l'époque impériale romaine dans le
Trachôn*

Saturday 20 September

Susan Downey

*Evidence for ritual and religious
communities in temples at Palmyra*

Coffee

Chair: Nicholas Purcell

Nicole Belayche

*La construction des 'identités
religieuses' dans des colonies
romaines d'Orient (Anatolie et
Proche-Orient): entre modèle
institutionnel et particularismes locaux*

Jane Lightfoot

*Pseudo-Meliton on the local religions
of the Near East: a couple of case
studies and their implications*

Lunch

Chair: Inge Nielsen

Rudolf Haensch

*Die Vertreter Roms im Osten und die
indigenen Kulte*

Michael Sommer

*"You shall not make yourself an
idol"? – Elagabalus, Rome and the
power of aniconism*

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Coffee

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15.30 – 16.00

Chair: Ted Kaizer

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16.00-16.45

Klaus Stefan Freyberger

Achim Lichtenberger

*The sanctuaries at Kanatha and Seeia:
evidence for religiously sanctioning
the power to use water*

*Religious identities in late antique
Judaea: the case of the Beit Nattif
workshop*

16.45-17.30

Maurice Sartre

Volker Menze

*Les panthéons urbains du Hauran:
Bostra, Canatha, Adraha*

*Imperial control of belief and
Christian identity in the sixth century
CE*

17.30-18.15

Frank Daubner

Closing discussion

*Göttertransfer aus Makedonien:
Athena Kyrrhestis, Zeus Bottiaos und
andere?*

18.15 – 18.45

Closing discussion

19.15

Dinner

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For more information please visit: www.religiousidentity.dk