

## Beyond the Polis

### Religious Associations and Individual Adoration

As non-citizens were not permitted to participate in the communal cults of a polis, they established cultic communities of their own. But how did they shape these religious spaces? In addition, one can also identify citizens who were looking for possibilities of worshipping outside their “original” cultic community, for instance while on a journey or at a supra-regional sanctuary. Thus gods like Asklepios were worshipped by individuals and smaller groups of people out of a particular and ephemeral motivation. Foreign cults like those in Rome or the mystery cults which were spread especially during the Hellenistic era also play an important role in this context.

During the workshop questions related to the organization and realization of cultic rituals outside the cultic communities of poleis will be discussed on the basis of literary traditions and inscriptions. In this regard, the workshop will focus on the attraction and acceptance of religious activity outside traditional polis structures.



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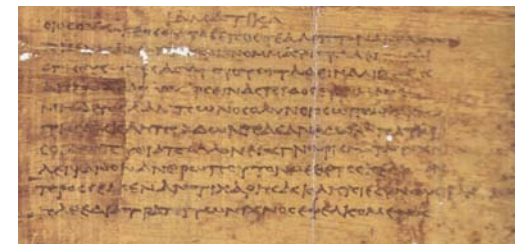
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## Thursday, 21 February 2013

16:00	Welcome and Introduction
16:30	<b>Cults of the Polis and Religious Associations – Interactions in the Hellenistic Age</b> Benedikt Eckhardt (Münster)
17:15	<b>Foreign Cults in Rome</b> Darja Sterbenc Erker (Berlin)
18:00	Coffee Break
18:15	<b>Die milesischen Temenitenvereine</b> N.N.
19:00	<b>»En pásais taís synódois« – Appearances of Corporate Worship at Rhodes</b> Benedikt Boyxen (Freiburg)
ca. 20:30	Dinner

## Friday, 22 February 2013

09:15	<b>The Creation of a Fictitious Asclepius' Cult by Collecting Private Adorations in the Iamata of Poseidippus</b> Manuel Baumbach (Bochum)
10:00	<b>Asclepius – a Privately Worshipped God?</b> Linda-Marie Günther (Bochum)
10:45	Coffee Break
11:00	<b>Vorderasiatische Erlöserreligionen? Antike Mysterienkulte zwischen ‚privat‘ und ‚öffentlich‘</b> Hans Kloft (Bremen)
11:45	Discussion and Conclusion
ca. 13:00	Lunch



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Take the U35 towards Bochum Querenburg (Hustadt) from Bochum Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) and get off at the stop »Ruhr-Universität«. From there you turn right and cross the pedestrian bridge keeping left while you pass the university library. The FNO building is on your left-hand side.

### By Car:

The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs "Ruhr-Universität" and then the (electronic) information boards.



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