Emperor between Man and Deity

"The race of men (and) of gods is one and the same" as the ancient Greek lyric poet Pindar plainly assessed (Pind. Nem. 6,1ff.), while Cicero distinguished between two types of intelligent beings: gods and humans (Cic. Off. II,3,11). However the hero cult of the Greeks and afterwards the Hellenistic ruler cult initiated a process which dissolved the Pindarian and Ciceronian definitions. The phenomenon of the sacralisation of individuals and especially the emperor presumably did not originate in the simple adaption of eastern religious beliefs. It rather seems that the idea of the ruler's sacral character was also based on genuine Roman traditions. The image of the emperor as *pater patriae* was an apt design to build upon the existing roman conception of the *pater familias* who did not only wield unlimited power within his family but who also managed the relation towards the gods.

It is this sacral presence which will be the topic of the conference. There exists a number of factors which constitute sacral presence and which contribute to the comprehension of the ruler's cult as a phenomenon of the increasing differentiation of the sacral sphere.

The conference shall contribute to the decoding and a new understanding of the concept of sacral presence. Not least this shall cast a new light on the grasp and perception of the Christian ruler. Although this development had not been a continuous one, it is nevertheless remarkable that the Christianisation of the emperor was able to utilize already existing structures and ideas.

Therewith concludes the Trilogy on the "Religious Traditions and Innovations from Indus to the Adriatic Sea". In accordance with the overall conception of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg a link will be established – probably once more by taking a closer look at Mesopotamia – with the Far East.

Part 1

Thursday, 23 September 2010

14.00 h **Welcome and Introduction**

Chair: **Meret Strothmann** (Bochum)

14.30 h *Bernhard Linke* (Bochum):
Sakrale Potentiale der Herrschafts-legitimation in den antiken Gesellschaften. Einleitende Bemerkungen.

15.30 h *Konrad Vössing* (Bonn)
Prekäre Divinität – der Kaiser als präsumptiver Gott

16.30 h **Coffee Break**

17.00 h *Karl Galinsky* (Texas/Bochum):
The Cult of the Roman Emperor and its Discovery by New Testament Scholars: Current Issues

18.00 h *Andreas Bendlin* (Toronto):
Work on Divinity: *deus*, *divus*, and Deification in the 1st Century BCE

19.30 h **Supper:** Restaurant Chianti

Friday, 24 September 2010

Chair: **Meret Strothmann** (Bochum)

09.30 h *Horst Schneider* (Munich):
Imperial Self-Representation and Ancient Statuary in Constantinople

10.30 h *Heiner Roetz* (Bochum):
Religion und Herrschaft im klassischen Konfuzianismus

11.30 h **Coffee Break**

12.00 h **Discussion and Summary**

13.00 h **Lunch**

– End of Part 1 –

Part 2

Thursday, 21 October 2010

18.00 h *John Scheid* (Paris/Genf):
Der Kaiser – Priester und Gott?

19.30 h **Summary and further Aspects**: **The Ancient Ruler-Cult between Centre and Periphery – Conceptions and Conclusions.**

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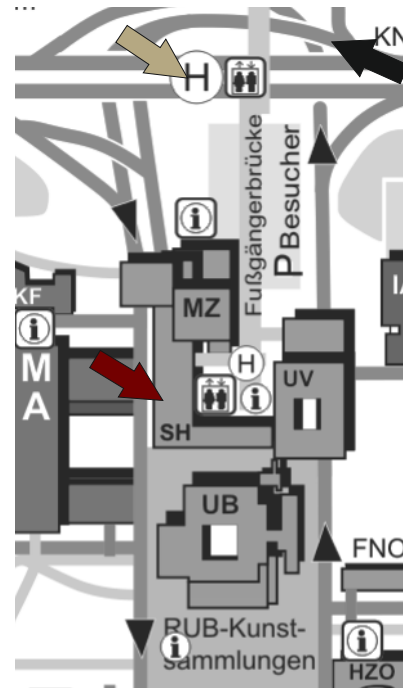IN THE
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