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Public Transportation:

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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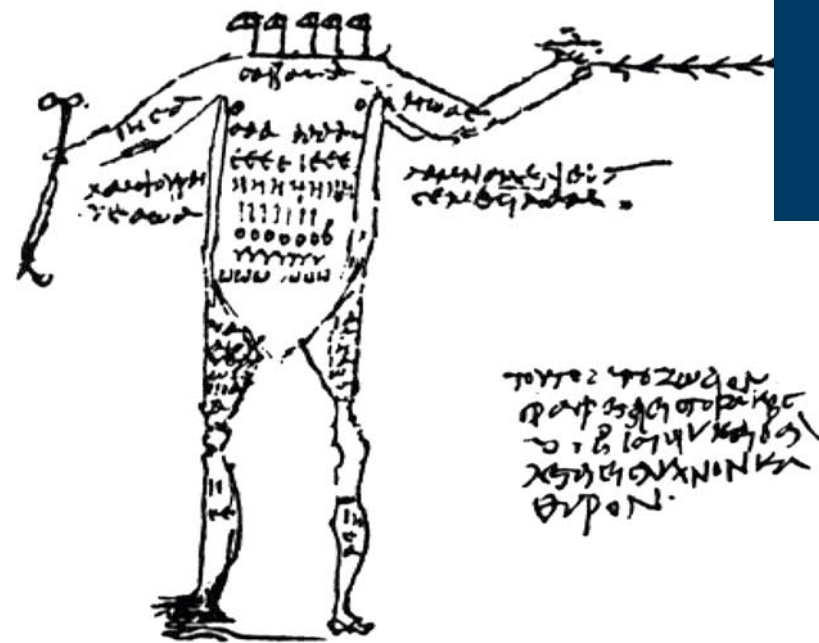
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Akephalos ("Headless One"), Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum P. 5026;
Karl Preisendanz, *Akephalos - Der kopflose Gott*, Leipzig 1926, table I.



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TRADITIONS OF "MAGIC": RITUALS OF POWER IN CONTACT FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE MIDDLE AGES

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This workshop investigates the relation between tradition and contact in the study of "magical" practices. The presentations examine the intra-religious formation of these traditions and interreligious contact between them. They discuss rituals, texts, and/or objects that cross the boundaries between different religious and cultural realms and that, at the same time, invoke authoritative figures to create legitimacy.

Monday, 20 July 2015

01:45 - 02:00 **Welcome Address**

Volkhard Krech (Bochum)

02:00 - 02:30 **Introduction**

Mareile Haase (Toronto/Bochum)

Session 1: Ancient Near Eastern & Egyptian Sources

Chair: Christian Frevel (Bochum)

02:30 - 03:15 **Poison Incarnate: The Babylonian Demoness Lamashtu on the Move throughout the Ancient Near East**

Rosel Pientka-Hinz (Bochum)

03:15 - 04:00 **The Significance of Egyptian "Magical Wands" in a Levantine Context**

Bérénice Lagarce-Othman (Paris/Bochum)

04:00 - 04:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 2: Hebrew Bible & Septuagint Traditions

Chair: Rebecca Lesses (Ithaca/Bochum)

04:30 - 05:15 **Balak's Try: Failing Magic in the Balaam Narrative**

Christian Frevel (Bochum)

05:15 - 06:00 **"A Demon in Love": Magic in the Book of Tobit in Cross-Cultural Perspective**

Beate Ego (Bochum)

06:30 **Dinner**

Tuesday, 21 July 2015

Session 3: Pagan, Christian & Gnostic Traditions in the Roman Empire & Beyond

Chair: Kianoosh Rezaia (Göttingen/Bochum)

09:30 - 10:15 **The Return of the Unclean Spirit: Observations on the Context and Tradition History of Luke 11,24-26 in the Light of Ancient Magic, Medicine and Miracle Practice**

Reinhard von Bendemann (Bochum)

10:15 - 11:00 **When West meets "Magic": The Mainz Curse Tablets and the Impact of Intercultural Contact on Local Ritual**

Andreas Bendlin (Toronto)

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 12:15 **Christ, Ialdabaoth, and the Paraclete Spirit (P. Macq. I 1, 9): Sethian Traditions in a Coptic Book of Invocations (P. Macq. inv. 375)**

Eduard Iricinschi (Bochum)

12:15 - 02:00 **Lunch Break**

Session 4: Jewish Traditions in Late Antiquity & the Middle Ages

Chair: Andreas Bendlin (Toronto)

02:00 - 02:45 **The Interweaving of Traditions of Ritual Power in the Aramaic Incantation Bowls**

Rebecca Lesses (Ithaca/Bochum)

02:45 - 03:30 **Divination, Possession and Exorcism from the Medieval Maghreb to Ethiopia: Preliminary Observations**

Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

Session 5: Further Perspectives

Chair: Andreas Bendlin (Toronto)

03:30 - 04:15 **Magic, Early China, and Sinology: Some Reflections**

Licia DiGiacinto (Bochum)

04:15 - 04:45 **Coffee Break**

04:45 - 05:30 **General Discussion: Summary and Further Perspectives**

Alexandra Cuffel, Beate Ego, Mareile Haase & Rebecca Lesses

06:30 **Dinner**