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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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RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM

WOMEN AND GENDER IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN RELIGIONS

18 & 19 June 2015 | FNO 02/40-46
 Convener: Meghan DiLuzio



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Women and Gender in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

This workshop aims to achieve a better understanding of the ways in which religion contributed to the social and cultural construction of gender in antiquity. Its cross-cultural and chronological scope provides a comparative perspective not often found in contemporary scholarship, allowing for the development of new avenues of inquiry. The speakers will approach the problem from a variety of angles, examining the representation of gender in literary texts as well as the ritual activities of women who lived and worshipped throughout the Mediterranean region.

Thursday, 18 June 2015

09:30 - 09:45 **Welcome Addresses**

Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

Rebecca Lesses (Ithaca, NY & Bochum)

Meghan DiLuzio (Waco, TX & Bochum)

*** **Session 1** ***

09:45 - 10:30 **Emotions in Context: The Image of Esther in the Hebrew Bible and the Septuagint**

Beate Ego (Bochum)

10:30 - 11:15 **Were There Jewish Women Mystics in First Century Alexandria? A Dialogue Between Philo's *On the Contemplative Life*, *Joseph and Aseneth*, and the Testament of Job**

Rebecca Lesses (Ithaca, NY & Bochum)

11:15 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 - 12:30 **Female Philosophers and the Problem of Desire in Early Christian Dialogues**

Dawn LaValle (Oxford)

12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch Break**

*** **Session 2** ***

02:00 - 02:45 **Women Leaders in the Ancient Synagogue Revisited** Tal Ilan (Berlin)

02:45 - 03:30 **Debate, Dialogue, and Women Leaders in Late Antique Rome** Meghan DiLuzio (Waco, TX & Bochum)

03:30 - 04:00 **Coffee Break**

*** **Session 3** ***

04:00 - 04:45 **Some Notes on Women and Religion in Greece from a Comparative Perspective** Evy Johanne Håland (Bergen)

04:45 - 05:30 **Women and the *ludi saeculares* of 17 B.C.** Darja Šterbenc Erker (Berlin)

06:00 **Dinner**

Friday, 19 June 2015

*** **Session 4** ***

09:30 - 10:15 **Women and Men in Religious Beliefs and Practices Surrounding Childbirth in Ancient Egypt** Marie-Lys Arnette (Cairo)

10:15 - 11:00 **Women's Knowledge and Reproduction Rituals in Ancient Greece** Irene Salvo (London)

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

*** **Session 5** ***

11:30 - 12:15 **Feminine Entities in Contact: The Adoption of Canaanite Goddesses in New Kingdom Egypt** Bérénice Lagarce-Othman (Paris & Bochum)

12:15 - 01:00 **Some Fragments of the Roman Sacred Gender Order in Roman Memory** Katariina Mustakallio (Tampere)

01:00 **Lunch Break**