

# BabMed Annual Workshop 4

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## Cultural Systems of Classification: Sickness, Health and Local Biologies

## Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Medical Cultures in Anthropology and the Historical Sciences

**6–7 June 2016**

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## Monday, 6 June 2016

*10.00 Coffee and Registration*

### **Morning Session**

10.30 – 11.00

#### **Introduction – Cultural Classifications of Illness and “Local” Epistemologies**

Ulrike Steinert (Freie Universität Berlin)

11.00 – 11.40

#### **Classifications of Illnesses in the Hippocratic Corpus**

Philip van der Eijk (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

*11.40 – 12.00 Coffee Break*

12.00 – 12.40

#### **The Delicacy of the Rabbinic “Asthenes”: Sickness, Weakness or Self-indulgence?**

Aaron Amit (Bar-Ilan University Ramat Gan)

*12.40 – 14.10 Lunch*

### **Afternoon Session**

14.10 – 14.50

#### **Ancient Egyptian Prescriptions for the Back and the Abdomen and Their Broader Context**

Juliane Unger (University of Heidelberg)

14.50 – 15.30

#### **Types of Diagnoses in Papyrus Ebers and Smith**

Susanne Radestock (University of Leipzig)

*15.30 – 16.00 Afternoon Tea*

### **Key Note Lecture**

16.00 – 17.00

#### **On the Pluralism of Popular Logics Concerning Illness: Naming, Imputing, Classifying, Not Knowing ... Some Inputs from Sahelian Africa**

Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan (Niamey/EHESS Marseille)

*18.00 – 20.30 Conference Dinner*

## Tuesday, 7 June 2016

*9.30 Coffee*

### **Morning Session**

10.00 – 10.40

#### **Orchard Twigs as Recipe for ‘Contagious Corpses’? Diverse Biologies in a Song Chinese Formula Text**

Elisabeth Hsu (University of Oxford)

10.40 – 11.20

#### **The Tree of Nosology in Tibetan Medicine**

Katharina Sabernig (University of Vienna)

*11.20 – 11.40 Coffee Break*

#### **11.40 – 12.20 Reasoning With the Insides: Reconsidering the Problem of “Mental Diseases” in Ancient Mesopotamia**

Erica Couto-Ferreira (University of Heidelberg)

12.20 – 13.00

#### **Experiences of the Dead in Ancient Egyptian Healing Texts**

Rune Nyord (University of Cambridge)

*13.00 – 14.30 Lunch*

### **Afternoon Session**

14.30 – 15.10

#### **‘The Paradise of Wisdom’: Complex Classifications in the First Medical Encyclopaedia in Arabic**

Lucia Raggetti (Freie Universität Berlin)

15.10 – 15.50

#### **Roman Perspectives of Health: Gardens and Sensory Experiences**

Patricia Baker (University of Kent)

15.50 – 16.30

#### **Conclusion (Ulrike Steinert and Markham J. Geller)**

*16.30 – 18.00 High Tea*

### **Dahlem Seminar Lecture, TOPOI Excellence Cluster**

#### **18.15 – 19.30 Performing the King's Watch: Celestial Observation and Scholars at the Assyrian Court**

Lorenzo Verderame (Sapienza University Rome)