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Thursday, 19 October

09.45-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.05 Welcome: Susanne Gödde

10.05-10.15 Introductory remarks: Sebastian Zerhoch

1. Norms, Contexts and Interconnections (chair: Sebastian Zerhoch, Renate Schlesier)

10.15-11.00 Beate Dignas (University of Oxford): “Reflecting and Refracting the Meaning of Sacrificial Ritual: The Medium of Inscriptions”

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.15 Irene Polinskaya (King’s College London): “Sacrifice in the Temporal Context: Communal Mobilization in the Run-Up to Ritual Slaughter”

12.15-13.00 Stella Georgoudi (École Pratique des Hautes Études Paris): “Sacrifice and Purification: Affinities and Divergences”

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

2. Focus: Setting the Table for the Gods (chair: Emrys Schlatter)

15.00-15.45 Gunnel Ekroth (Uppsala University): “Putting Food on the Table: A Study of the Iconography of Foodstuff”

15.45-16.30 Saskia Peels-Matthey and Felix Budelmann (University of Groningen): “Imagining Divine Presence in the Theoxeny Ritual”

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

3. Focus: Incense Burning (chair: Marta Lietti)

17.00-17.45 Milette Gaifman (Yale University): “Incense Burners and Ritual Spaces in Greek Art of the Fifth Century BCE”

17.45-18.30 Sebastian Zerhoch (Freie Universität Berlin): “Free Radicals: Incense as an Example of Ritual Interactions in Greek Religion”

19.00 Dinner (restaurant)

Friday, 20 October

4. Literary Contexts (chair: Susanne Gödde)

- 09.30-10.15 Rebecca Lämmle (University of Cambridge): “The Sacrifice on Thrinakia (Hom. *Od.* 12)”
- 10.15-11.00 Athena Kavoulaki (University of Crete): “Entering the Ritual Web of Sacrifice: the Persistent Spell of Kinaesthetic Rites in Greek Drama”
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

5. Roman and Near Eastern Contexts (chair: Asja Müller, Sebastian Zerhoch)

- 11.30-12.15 Johannes Eber (University of Zurich): “*Pars pro toto*. The *praefatio* in Pompeian Cult Practices”
- 12.15-13.00 Nils P. Heeßel (Philipps-Universität Marburg): “The Rich, the Poor, the Diviner and the Widow: The Social Aspect of Divining Materials in Ancient Mesopotamia”
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00-15.45 Götz König (Freie Universität Berlin): “On the Relationship between the Sacrificial Cult and the Fire Cult in Zoroastrianism”
- 15.45-16.30 Elia Weber (Freie Universität Berlin): “Tracing Animal Sacrifice in the Zoroastrian ‘Long Liturgy’ in Antiquity”
- 16.30-17.00 Coffee break

6. Back to Greece (chair: Susanne Gödde)

- 17.00-17.45 Andreas Scholl (director, Antikensammlung, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin - SPK): “The Context of Animal Sacrifice on the Archaic Akropolis of Athens”
- 19.00 Dinner (restaurant)