

# BabMed Workshop



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## Physiognomy and Ekphrasis: The Mesopotamian Tradition and its Transformation in Graeco-Roman and Semitic Literatures

convened by J. Cale Johnson and Alessandro Stavru

### MESOPOTAMIA

Nils P. Heeßel (Würzburg)

**Curling hairs, curious figures, and cuneiform signs: An overview on  
Babylonian physiognomy**

J. Cale Johnson (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Demarcating Ekphrasis in Mesopotamia**

Kenneth G. Zysk (Copenhagen)

**The flow of physiognomic ideas in antiquity: India, Mesopotamia  
and Greece**

Marvin Schreiber (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

**Late Babylonian astrological physiognomy**

### GRAECO-ROMAN

Alessandro Stavru (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Physiognomy and Ekphrasis from Aristotle to the Second Sophistic**  
Maria Gerolemou (Nicosia)

**Callistratus' *Statuarum descriptiones*: Portraying Mental Disorder**

Laetitia Marcucci (Nice)

**Physiognomics and 'actio' by Cicero and Quintilian: the application  
and transformation of the traditional physiognomics in rhetorical  
theory**

Gian Franco Chiai (BBAW Berlin)

**Good emperors, bad emperors: the function of physiognomic  
representation in Suetonius' *De vita Caesarum***

### ARABIC

Antonella Ghersetti (Venice)

**Physiognomy in the Arabic tradition: Arabic roots, Greek influence**

Emily Cottrell (Paris) and Regula Forster (Freie Universität Berlin)

**Physiognomy as a Secret for the King. The chapter on physiognomy  
in the pseudo-Aristotelian "Secret of Secrets"**

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