

## Medical Commentaries and Comment(aries) on Medicine

September 26–27, 2017

BabMed – Babylonian Medicine, FU Berlin & Max Planck Institute for the  
History of Science

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### *Tuesday, September 26, 2017*

13.00

*Registration*

13.30

GREETING ADDRESS

**Lorraine Daston/MPIWG & Markham J. Geller/BabMed:** Brief Introduction

**SESSION I – Chair: Marten Stol** (Leiden)

14.00-14.45

**Heinrich v. Staden** (Princeton)

Interpretations of Hippocratic texts in the first century BCE: ‘Empiricist’ exegesis and its adversaries?

14.45-15.30

**Paul U. Unschuld** (Charité Berlin)

Li Shizhen’s (1518-1593) role as a commentator in his encyclopedia Bencao gangmu.

15.30-16.00

*Tea + snacks*

16.00-16.45

**Nils P. Heeßel** (Marburg)

Short neo-Babylonian prescriptions with advertising comments: Remnants of folk medicine?

17.00

*Transfer to BBAW, Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin-Mitte*

*Tuesday, September 26, 2017*

**KEY NOTE LECTURE**

18.00-19.30

**Glenn W. Most** (Pisa)

Text and paratext on roll and codex (*part of BBAW Summer School: Griechische Paläographie, Handschriftenkunde und Editionswissenschaft*)  
<http://www.bbaw.de/veranstaltungen/2017/september/text-and-paratext-on-roll-and-codex>.  
Akademiegebäude am Gendarmenmarkt, Einstein-Saal  
Jägerstraße 22/23, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

*ca 20.00 Conference Dinner (on invitation)*

*Wednesday, September 27, 2017*

**SESSION II – Chair: J. Cale Johnson** (BabMed/Leiden)

10.00 -10.45

**Enrique Jiménez** (Madrid)

Abstruse perfection: Connecting sign and prognosis in Babylonian medical commentaries.

10.45-13.00

**Reading Session** / E. Jiménez

*13.00-14.00 Lunch*

**SESSION III – Chair: Frans Wiggermann** (Amsterdam)

14.00-14.45

**Klaus Wagensonner** (Yale University, New Haven)

Unchain divine wrath – new lists of stones and their use in ritual.

14.45-15.30

**Henry Stadhouders** (Utrecht)

'Take a sip and live forever': Musings on Pliny's bios brand of wine.

*15.30-16.00 Short break*

**SESSION IV**

16:00-16:45

**Vivian Nutton** (UCL London)

Medical commentary from the Renaissance to Galen.

16.45-17.30

**Giulia Ecca** (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin)

Commenting on and commenting through the first Hippocratic aphorism: practices and patterns.

*17.30 High Tea, informal gathering at MPIWG courtyard*