



**crisis  
management**

Ritualization and States of Exception  
in Ancient Cultures

online workshop november 12-13, 2020

# thursday

## 12/11/2020

11.45  
Log in

12.00 – 12.30  
Susanne Gödde, Reinhard Bernbeck  
Opening remarks

### **SESSION 1 DISEASE, CONTAGION AND PURITY**

— Chair: Dominik Bonatz

12:30 – 12.45  
Nicole Brisch (Copenhagen)  
Ritual and Hygiene in Ancient  
Mesopotamia

12.45 – 13.00  
Mark Geller (London/Berlin)  
Responding to Crisis: Infectious  
Diseases in Ancient Mesopotamia

13.00 – 13.45  
Discussion

13.45 – 14.30  
Lunch Break

— Chair: Monika Trümper

14.30 – 14.45  
Philip van der Eijk (Berlin)  
Crisis and Crisis Management in  
Graeco-Roman Medicine

14.45 – 15.00  
Esther Eidinow (Bristol)  
A Crisis of Trust: Mistrust, Uncertainty  
and Impurity in Ancient Greek Religion

15.00 – 15.15  
Marietta Horster (Mainz)  
Coping with Jupiter's Portents  
and Threats

15.15 – 16.15  
Discussion

16.15 – 16.45  
Coffee Break

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**SESSION 2**  
**MAYHEM AT THE LARGE**  
**SCALE: ITS HISTORICAL AND**  
**ANTHROPOLOGICAL FACE**

— Chair: Michael Meyer

16.45 – 17.00

David Fontijn (Leiden)  
Horsemen of the Apocalypse  
– a Deep History?

17.00 – 17.15

Evangelos Kyriakidis (Kent)  
Ritual as a Tool for Crisis Management:  
an Extreme Example from Minoan Crete

17.15 – 17.30

Ömür Harmanşah (Chicago)  
Excavating the Earth: Rituals of Apology  
vs. Unfettered Resource Extraction

17.30 – 18.30

Discussion

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**SESSION 3**  
**COSMIC FORCES: THEIR**  
**CONSTRUCTION AND**  
**DOMESTICATION THROUGH**  
**RITUALS AND TECHNOLOGY**

— Chair: Ralph Birk

12.00 – 12.15

Susanne Bickel (Basel)  
Ritual Responses to Crises and Natural  
Catastrophes in Egypt

12.15 – 12.30

Dagmar Schäfer (Berlin)  
Hanging by a (Silken) Thread: Preven-  
tion and Crisis in 13th Century East Asia

12.30 – 12.45

Brigitta Schütt (Berlin)  
Reducing Drought Vulnerability – Imple-  
menting Water Management Strategies

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Lunch Break

**SESSION 4  
POWER RITUALS IN TIMES  
OF CRISIS**

— Chair: Susan Pollock

14.30 – 14.45  
Richard Bussmann (Köln)  
Making Crisis Relevant: Temple Ritual,  
Local Life and the Early State in Ancient  
Egypt

14.45 – 15.00  
Cale Johnson (Berlin)  
Is Resilience Semiotic or Economic?  
Feeding the Gods in Late Uruk  
Mesopotamia

15.00 – 15.15  
Constantin Willems (Marburg)  
Managing Crises by Way of Ritualization  
and Exception in Roman Inheritance Law

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Discussion

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Coffee Break

— Chair: Almut-Barbara Renger

16.45 – 17.00  
Cosima Möller (Berlin)  
The Crisis of the *confarreatio* Marriage:  
a Ritual through the Ages

17.00 – 17.15  
Edward Swenson (Toronto)  
Rites of Intensification Revisited:  
Ritual, Order, and Alterity

17.15 – 18.15  
Final Discussion

**This online workshop** is part of the Test Topic *Crisis Management: Ritualization and States of Exception in Ancient Cultures*, dealing with the question of how past societies reacted to crises and catastrophes and which coping methods they developed.

The workshop will be held as a video conference via Webex, please register at: ***sekretariat@berliner-antike-kolleg.org***

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