Gendering Ascetic Knowledge in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam
Intra- and Interreligious Transfers and Transformations

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Methodological Toolkits
Chair: Blossom Stefaniw
10.00–10.30 Almut-Barbara Renger, Tudor Sala, Alexandra Steilmacher | Gendering, Ungendering, and Transgendering Ascetic Knowledge: Prolegomena
10.30–11.00 Björn Krondorfer | Can Late Antiquity and Postmodernity Speak to Each Other? Taking the Leap with Critical Men’s Studies
11.00–11.30 Discussion
11.30–12.15 Coffee Break

Gendering and Transgendering Ascetic Knowledge among Jews and Muslims
Chair: Lennart Lehnhauß
12.15–12.45 Ada Rapoport-Albert | The Integrity of the Female as Body and Its Implications for Ascetic Practice in Rabbinic Judaism
12.45–13.15 Alexandra Cuffel | Holy/Dangerous Women: Transgendering and Imagining Women’s Spiritual Leadership among Jews and Muslims in the Middle East
13.15–13.45 Discussion
13.45–15.00 Lunch

Transgendering and Ungendering Ascetic Knowledge in Late Antique Christianities
Chair: Roberto Alciati
15.00–15.30 Kate Cooper, Conrad Leyser | The Thecla Tradition and the Transgendering of Ascetic Knowledge: Late Fourth-Century Asia Minor and North Italy
15.30–16.00 Christiane Zimmermann | Christian Women and Asceticism: A Case Study on Ancient Anatolia
16.00–16.30 Discussion
16.30–17.15 Coffee Break

Public Lecture
Chair: Almut-Barbara Renger
17.00–18.30 Susanna Elm | Bodies of Knowledge: Augustine and the Extra-ordinary
18.30 Dinner

Gendering Ascetic Knowledge in Byzantium
Chair: Roberto Alciati
10.00–10.30 Stavroula Constantinou | Monastic “Gynaealogy”: The Maternal-Feminine Structure of Byzantine Women’s Asceticism
10.30–10.45 Discussion
10.45–11.15 Coffee Break

Ungendering Ascetic Knowledge in Early and Medieval Islam
Chair: Hannelies Koloska
11.15–11.45 Christopher Melchert | Early Female Muslim Renunciants (8th-9th Centuries CE)
11.45-12.15 Sara Sviri | “You and your husband are both on the same rung”: Extra-ordinary Women in Early Islamic Mysticism, Their Tales, Visions and Relationships
12.15–12.45 Discussion
12.45–14.00 Lunch

Transgendering Ascetic Knowledge in Twentieth-Century Islam
Chair: Almut-Barbara Renger
14.00–14.30 Angelika Neuwirth | Constructions of Martyrdom: A Case Study on Mahmud Darwish
14.30–14.45 Discussion
14.45 Final Discussion

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