



## 16. Melammu Symposium 2023

# *Concepts of Governance and the Study of Ancient Near Eastern Societies*

12.–14.7.2023  
„Engler-Villa“  
Altensteinstraße 2  
14195 Berlin

## 12.7.2023

**14:00–14:30** Welcome and introduction

**14:30–15:15** *Anarchy at the Origin of the State* (Eva von Dassow)

**15:15–16:00** *Die „sumerische Tempelstadt“ aus heutiger Perspektive – Forschungsgeschichte und Neubestimmung* (Ingo Schrakamp)

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**16:30–17:15** *From the Ground Up: The Foundational Role of the Land-Tenure System for Social Stratification in Southern Mesopotamia during the Ur III Period* (Andrew Pottorf)

**17:15–18:00** *Towards a Hermeneutic of "Justice" in Sumerian Texts* (Joachim Schaper)

## 13.7.2023

**09:00–09:45** *Bringing Light into the Dark Age of the Mid 2<sup>nd</sup> Millennium: Evidence from Tigranani* (Regine Pruzsinszky)

**09:45–10:30** *How to Reconstruct Political Power Structures from Ancient Sources: The Hittite Empire in Syria (14<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> BCE)* (Yoram Cohen & Eduardo Torrecilla)

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**11:00–11:45** *Dealing in Absolutes? The State and its Discontents in Hittite Anatolia* (İlgi Gerçek)

**11:45–12:30** *Zur Diskussion um eine hethitische ‚Verfassung‘* (Jörg Klinger)

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**14:30–15:15** *Assyrian Hegemonies and Local Communities: Questioning Political Subordination in Assyria* (Cinzia Pappi)

**15:15–16:30** *"Vigilance" as a Tool of Governance in the Late Assyrian Empire* (Poppy Tushingham)

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**16:30–17:15** *What is Urartu? Changing Views on the Ancient State and its Repertoires of Rule* (Dan Socaciu)

## 14.7.2023

**09:00–09:45** *Herodotus's Political Lessons for Early Modern Readers* (Suzanne Marchand)

**09:45–10:30** *Kambyses und der Begriff der Despotie* (Wouter Henkelman)

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**11:00–11:45** *„Bürokratie“ und Staatlichkeit im Alten Orient - ein Konzept und seine Folgen* (Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum)

**11:45–12:30** *Some Misconceptions about Ancient Egyptian Kingship* (Thomas Gertzen)

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**14:30–15:15** *Konstruktionen der Richterzeit* (Markus Witte)

**15:15–16:00** *The Enlightened Hammurabi. German Conceptions of Governance at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the Exploration of the Ancient Near East* (Felix Wiedemann)

**16:00–16:45** *Der Alte Orient in der Weltgeschichtsschreibung der DDR - Theoretisch-fachliche Grundlagen und Kontroversen* (Hans Neumann)