

# Reverence and Deference

## Kinship and Patronage in Early and Modern Societies

Interdisciplinary workshop of the University of Witten/Herdecke, the DFG research project „The Noise of the Gods“ and the DFG research group „Rethinking Oriental Despotism“

February 05 - February 06, 2019

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### Tuesday, February 05

- 10.00 - 10.30 **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** (FU Berlin; Assyriology) and **Thomas Götzelt** (University Witten/Herdecke, Witten; Near Eastern Archaeology)  
*Welcome and introduction*
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Seth Richardson** (Chicago University; Assyriology)  
*Old Babylonian clientage, kinship, and class: competitive, functional, historical, systematic?*
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Christian Meyer** (FU Berlin; Sinology)  
*From clan to clientelism: Changing elitist social networks in China of the Northern Song dynasty (960-1126)*
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Thomas Götzelt**  
*Kinship, clientele and parasitic power in early and modern social systems: A trial*
- 12.00 - 12.30 *General discussion*

### Wednesday, February 06

- 10.00 - 10.30 **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum**  
*Recapitulation and introduction*
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Stephen Lyon** (Aga Khan University London; Social Anthropology)  
*Marital alliances as a political network strategy in contemporary Pakistan: Landowner politics, state politics and the role of marital networks in creating channels of communication*
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Juan Carlos Moreno García** (Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Paris; Egyptology)  
*Clientele, power and family bounds in ancient Egypt: building social links between individual strategies and group tension*
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Dirk Baecker** (Universität Witten/Herdecke, Witten; Sociology)  
*The State, a one-off invention in the history of human societies*
- 12.00 - 12.30 *General discussion*
- 12.30 - 13.00 **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** and **Thomas Götzelt**  
*Outlook and farewell*