A remarkable number of studies on animal sacrifice in ancient Greek religion has appeared over the last two decades. These studies explore not only the variety of this ritual in cult, but also its significance in society, politics and literature. However, by focusing on just one particular ritual and by emphasizing its centrality, these works give the impression that other rituals that were integral elements of Greek ritual practice are less complex and matter less for the understanding of Greek religion and culture as a whole.

The aim of this conference is to contextualize sacrifice, by giving particular conceptual space to ritual actions that were both closely connected to animal sacrifice and practiced separately, such as, for instance, the burning of incense, purifications and food offerings.

Are the relationships between these rituals dynamic or static? Do certain ritual actions ,bond' more easily than others? How do different interconnections of rituals inform religious communication and religious experience? The conference tries to answer these questions, by taking into consideration inscriptions, archaeological evidence, art and literature. The conference also takes an interest in a comparative perspective and integrates viewpoints from Roman religion and religions of the ancient Near East.



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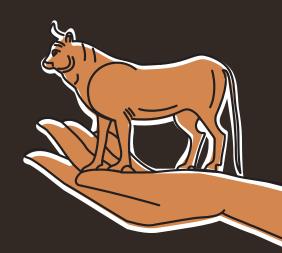
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Interactions and Interconnections of Rituals in Ancient Greek Religion



CONFERENCE 19-20 OCTOBER 2023

### THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER

Registration

09.45

10.00 10.05	Welcome: Susanne Gödde Introductory remarks: Sebastian Zerhoch						
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NORMS, CONTEXTS AND							
	INTERCONNECTIONS						
	(chair: Sebastian Zerhoch, Renate Schlesier)						
10.15	Beate Dignas (University of Oxford)						
	Reflecting and Refracting the Meaning of						
	Sacrificial Ritual: The Medium of Inscriptions						
11.00	Coffee break — 11.30						
11.30	Irene Polinskaya (King's College London)						
Sacrifice in the Temporal Context: Communal							
	Mobilization in the Run-Up to Ritual Slaughter						
12.15	Stella Georgoudi (École Pratique des Hautes Études Paris)						
	Sacrifice and Purification: Affinities and						
	Divergences						
13.00	Lunch break 15.00						
	2.						
	FOCUS: SETTING THE TABLE						
	FOR THE GODS (chair: Emrys Schlatter)						
15.00	Gunnel Ekroth (Uppsala University)						
Putting Food on the Table: A Study of the							
	Iconography of Foodstuff						

15.45	Saskia Peels-Matthey and Felix Budelmann (University of Groningen) Imagining Divine Presence in the Theoxeny Ritual
	Nitual 30
16.30	Coffee break 17.00
	3.
	FOCUS: INCENSE BURNING
	(chair: Marta Lietti).
17.00	Milette Gaifman (Yale University) Incense Burners and Ritual Spaces in Greek Art
	of the Fifth Century BCE
17.45	Sebastian Zerhoch (Freie Universität Berlin) Free Radicals: Incense as an Example of Ritual Interactions in Greek Religion

### FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER

19.00 Dinner (restaurant)

## LITERARY CONTEXTS

(chair: Susanne Gödde)

- 09.30 Rebecca Lämmle (University of Cambridge)
  The Sacrifice on Thrinakia (Hom. Od. 12)
- 10.15 Athena Kavoulaki (University of Crete)
  Entering the Ritual Web of Sacrifice: the
  Persistent Spell of Kinaesthetic Rites in Greek
  Drama

11.00	) ——/	Coffee break	 11.30

# ROMAN AND NEAR EASTERN CONTEXTS

(chair: Asja Müller, Sebastian Zerhoch)

- 11.30 Johannes Eber (University of Zurich)

  Pars pro toto. The praefatio in Pompeian Cult

  Practices
- 12.15 Nils P. Heeßel (Philipps-Universität Marburg)
  The Rich, the Poor, the Diviner and the Widow:
  The Social Aspect of Divining Materials in
  Ancient Mesopotamia

13.00 — Lunch break — 15.00

15.00 Götz König (Freie Universität Berlin)
On the Relationship between the Sacrificial
Cult and the Fire Cult in Zoroastrianism

15.45 Elia Weber (Freie Universität Berlin)

Tracing Animal Sacrifice in the Zoroastrian

'Long Liturgy' in Antiquity

16.30 — Coffee break — 17.00

## 6. BACK TO GREECE

(chair: Susanne Gödde)

- 17.00 Andreas Scholl (director, Antikensammlung, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin SPK)

  The Context of Animal Sacrifice on the Archaic Akropolis of Athens
- 17.45 Conclusion, Final remarks: Sebastian Zerhoch
- 19.00 Dinner (restaurant)