

Conference (30 June – 1 July, Berlin)

Ancient Practical Expertise and Knowledge Practices.

Pragmatic texts, handbooks and compendia – cultural dynamics, developments and epistemic functions of practical knowledge.

RFE-network “Between Encyclopaedia and Epitome – Talmudic strategies of knowledge-making in the context of ancient medicine and sciences” (U. Tübingen, UC London, FU Berlin)

Convenors: Lennart Lehmhaus (Tübingen), Markham J. Geller (UCL), Cale Johnson (FU Berlin)

Organizers: Lennart Lehmhaus (Tübingen), Tanja Hidde (Berlin)

ALL PANELS ARE HYBRID, for in-person or virtual attendance, please RSVP before 26 June by writing to wissensgeschichte@geschkult.fu-berlin.de

Day 1: Monday, June 30

8:45-9:15 Welcome/Registration

9:15 Opening Remarks (Lennart Lehmhaus/Markham J. Geller)

Panel 1, 9:30 – 11:00

Chair: **J. Cale Johnson**, *Director of the Institute for the History of Knowledge in the Ancient World, Freie Universität Berlin*

Alessia Pilloni, *Freie Universität Berlin, in-person*

Planetary Combinations in Babylonian Astronomical Tables and Astrology

Angelo Gargiulo, *Ghent University, in-person*

From Hesiod to Byzantium: the Unbroken Continuity of *Paraepgmata*

11:00 Break

Panel 2, 11:45 – 13:15

Chair: *Jacqueline Vayntrub, Yale University, New Haven*

*Gideon Bohak, Tel Aviv University (ERC project “Jewish Library in Late Antiquity”),
Würzburg University (MagEIA-Centre), **ZOOM***

**The Pishra de-Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa: A Babylonian Jewish Anti-Witchcraft Spell in
Medieval and Modern Manuscripts**

*Elyze Zomer, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, **in-person***

**Dreaming Without Borders. Dreams and Dreambooks from a Cross-cultural
Perspective in Early Antiquity**

13:15 LUNCH (by invitation)

Panel 3, 15:00 – 16:30

Chair: *Katja Krause, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte/Technische
Universität Berlin*

*Silke Diederich, Universität zu Köln (Cologne), **ZOOM***

The Tabula Peutingeriana – An Ancient Route Map for Travel Planning?

*Marco Formisano, Ghent University, **in-person***

What is a Sustainable Text? Some Late Latin Examples

16:30 BREAK

Panel 4, 17:00 -18:30

Chair: *Isabel Toral, Freie Universität Berlin*

*Leonie Böttiger, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, **in-person***

Bees, Birds, and Bathhouses: Materialities of Premodern Arabic Craft Recipes

*Sousan Razaei, Freie Universität Berlin, **in-person***

Healing in Mandaism and its connection to writing

18:30 Final Discussion (Day 1)

19:15/19:30 Dinner (by invitation)

Day 2: Tuesday, July 1

Panel 5, 09:30 – 11:00

Chair: *Reimund Leicht, Freie Universität Berlin*

Claire Burridge, Universitetet i Oslo, in-person

Compiling Knowledge in the Early Medieval Latin West: The Addition of Practical Medical Texts to Non-Medical, Technical Manuscripts

Lennart Lehmhaus, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, in-person

Practitioners, Peer-Medicine and Prooftexts – Talmudic Discourse on Healing and Health

11:00 Break

Panel 6, 11:45 - 13:15

Chair: *Anuj Misra, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte/Freie Universität Berlin*

Magdaléna Jánošíková, Universiteit van Amsterdam, in-person

Textualizing Medical Knowledge in Early Modern Europe and the Place of Jewish Physicians in the Medical Archive and Histories

Anthony Cerulli, University of Wisconsin, Madison, in-person

To Treat Ailing Bodies, Read Medical Texts

13:15 LUNCH (by invitation)

Panel 7, 15:00 – 16:30

Chair: *Mathieu Ossendrijver, Freie Universität Berlin (ERC-project ZODIAC)*

*Anna Cherkashina, Tel Aviv University (ERC project “Jewish Library in Late Antiquity”),
ZOOM*

Indian and Iranian Connections in Newly Identified Judaeo-Syriac Medical Fragments from the Cairo Genizah

Thomas Benfey, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, in-person

Aḥūdemmeḥ Anṭipatrōs Revisited: The Movement of Practical (?) Medical Knowledge between Greek, Syriac, and Hebrew in the Premodern Middle East

16:30 BREAK

Panel 8, 17:00 – 18:30

Chair: *Shabo Talay, Freie Universität Berlin*

*Matteo Martelli, Università di Bologna, **ZOOM***

Zosimus of Panopolis and His Syriac Compendium on Alchemy

*Markham J. Geller, University College London, **in-person***

Talmudic Recipes in Their Transcultural and Multilingual Contexts

18:30 Final Discussion (Day 2)

Ca. 19:15/19:30 Dinner (by invitation)