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*Schicksal, Freiheit und Prognose.
Bewältigungsstrategien in Ostasien und Europa*

WORKSHOP

Convenor:
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(IKGF Visiting Fellow)

Jewish Divination



March 17-18, 2015

IKGF Seminar Room, Building D1
(Hartmannstraße 14, 91052 Erlangen)

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Address
- 9:15 a.m. The Employment of Foreign and Exotic Languages (including Hebrew or Pseudo-Hebrew) in Medieval Arabic and Latin divination
Prof. Charles Burnett (The Warburg Institute, University of London)
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Divination as Transaction: Rhetorical and Social Dimensions of Ancient Jewish Divination Texts
Prof. Michael D. Swartz (Ohio State University)
- 11:45 a.m. Sephardic (Judeo-Spanish) Male and Female Folk Divination
Prof. Eliezer Papo (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break
- 2:15 p.m. Jewish Oneiric Divination: From Biblical Dreams to the Dream Requests of the Cairo Genizah
Alessia Bellusci, PhD candidate (Tel Aviv University)
- 3:15 p.m. Ibn Sirin in the Judaeo-Arabic Dream Manuals from the Cairo Genizah
Blanca Villuendas, PhD candidate (Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid)
- 4:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:45 p.m. Round table

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Abraham Ibn Ezra's Views of Astrology as Reflected by the Introductions to his Astrological Treatises
Prof. Shlomo Sela (Bar Ilan University)
- 11:00 a.m. Power and Powers in Hellenistic And Medieval Astrology
Dr. Josefina Rodríguez Arribas (IKGF, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. How horoscopes may have been compiled in Second Temple Judaism
Dr. Helen R. Jacobus (University College of London)
- 2:30 p.m. Remedies for possession: A note in a manuscript found in Yemen
Dr. Anne Regourd (University of Copenhagen)
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:30 p.m. Round table

Divination is very relevant to our understanding of some specific manifestations of culture. Some of the divinatory practices still in use were introduced or re-introduced in the West by Semitic peoples, and Jews played an important role in their preservation and diffusion. This workshop is focused on the Jewish contribution to divinatory

practices since the Bible to modern times. Astrology, oneiromancy, geomancy, palmistry, medical prognosis, etc. are going to be considered, as well as parallel practices in Christian and Muslim cultures. The purpose is to explore the different forms of divination among Jews, its distinctive character, and any original contribution.



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