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# CISSR Annual Meeting on Christian Origins

Bertinoro, September 29 – October 1, 2016

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**9:00 – 11:00 | Joint Session AM 1**

## **CHRIST GROUPS AND ANCIENT ASSOCIATIONS**

**Presiding: John S. Kloppenborg**

PHILIP A. HARLAND (York University, Toronto)

'The Most Sacred Society (*Thiasos*) of the Pythagoreans': Educated and Literate Professionals Forming Associations

JOHN S. KLOPPENBORG (University of Toronto)

Associations, Christ Groups, and Their Place(s) in the Polis

MARK MUELLER (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)

'So That We May Be Treated Humanely':  
Associations and Liturgical Obligations in Roman Egypt

SARAH E. ROLLENS (Rhodes College, Memphis)

Visions, Dreams, and Origin Stories: Strategies of Legitimation among Associations

**Break 11:00 – 11:15**

**11:15 – 13:00 | Joint Session AM 2**

## **METHODOLOGICAL QUESTIONS**

**Presiding: Roberto Alciati**

EMILIANO R. URUIOLI (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

'I Have Nothing Else To Live By': Discomforting Religious Individualization as a Comfort-zone Religiosity

DANIEL ULLUCCI (Rhodes College, Memphis)

Spiritualization and the Rhetoric of Simplification

CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna)

When the Body Speaks: Preliminary Remarks on Religious Individualization and Body Practices in the Early Modern Period

ROBERTO ALCIATI (Università di Torino)

"God Is Never Anything Other than Society": A Bourdieusian Interpretation of Tertullian's Theology

## Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

### 15:00 – 16:45 | Parallel Session PM 1.A

#### ANCIENT INTELLECTUAL CULTURE

Presiding: John S. Kloppenborg

PATRICK STANGE (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)

The Delian Aretology of Sarapis and the Export of Alexandrian Poetics

GREGORY FEWSTER (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)

Gospels in Anti-Judean Rhetoric? A Comparison of Justin and Marcion

IAN BROWN (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)

Thomas and the Pempaideumenoï: Reading the Gospel of Thomas  
in Light of Ancient Intellectual Culture

MICHELLE CHRISTIAN (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)

Approved Moneychangers? The Economic and Intellectual Context of an  
Early Christian Maxim

### 15:00 – 16:45 | Parallel Session PM 1.B

#### JEWISH HISTORY AND HELLENISTIC JUDAISM

Presiding: Cristina Termini, Marco Vitelli

FERNANDO BERMEJO RUBIO (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid)

The Fourth Philosophy and Violence

DARIO GARRIBBA (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Meridionale, Napoli)

Fiscus Iudaicus e giudaicità. L'impatto del Fiscus sulla definizione dell'identità giudaica  
*// Fiscus Iudaicus and Jewishness: The impact of Fiscus Iudaicus on Jewish Identity*

PAOLO CIMADOMO (Università di Napoli "Federico II") (with L. DI FRANCO and S. LA PAGLIA)

Munera in Judaea: From the Tel Shalem Bronze Statue of Hadrian to the Local Perception  
of the Gladiatorial Combats

ARIEL LEWIN (Università della Basilicata)

DONATA VIOLANTE (Ph.D. Stud., Univ. della Basilicata)

Il ceto dirigente della Giudea nel I secolo e i suoi problemi *// The Ruling Class of Judea in  
the First Century*

## Break 16:45 – 17:15

**17:15 – 19:00 | Joint Session PM 2**

**ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGIOUS FORMS AND IDENTITIES**

Presiding: **Adriana Destro**

ADRIANA DESTRO (Università di Bologna)  
Memorization and Writing Processes

ZELDA FRANCESCHI (Università di Bologna)  
Conversion as Autobiographical Testimony: Ethnography amongst the Wichí of the Argentinean Chaco

FRANCESCA SBARDELLA (Università di Bologna)  
Rewritten Scriptures: Hagiographic Texts in Cloistered Praying Practices

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**9:00 – 11:00 | Joint Session AM 1**

**PAPYROLOGY AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY (1)**

Presiding: **Peter Arzt-Grabner**

PETER ARZT-GRABNER (Universität Salzburg)  
How Old Was Jesus at the Start of His Mission? The Papyrological Evidence and Impacts for the Calculation of Jesus' Year of Birth

SABINE HÜBNER (Universität Basel)  
The Oldest Christian Letter on Papyrus

DOROTA HARTMANN (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale")  
The Babatha Archive and New Testament Research

**Individual Paper**

THOMAS WITULSKI (Universität Bielefeld)  
The Letters to the Seven Churches and the Main Body of the Book of Revelation

**Break 11:00 11:15**

**11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A**

**PAPYROLOGY AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY (2)**

Presiding: Peter Arzt-Grabner

DAN BATOVICI (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Reading Aids or Lectional Signs?

ELEONORA ANGELA CONTI (Istituto Papirologico “G. Vitelli”, Firenze)

Termini di parentela dalla lingua d’uso quotidiano alla vita ufficiale cristiana // *Kinship Terms from Everyday Language to Official Christian Life*

MARCO STROPPA (Istituto Papirologico “G. Vitelli”, Firenze)

I rotoli cristiani delle origini // *The Early Christian Rolls*

**11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.B**

**HISTORY OF THE RESEARCH ON JESUS IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY TIMES**

Presiding: Mauro Pesce

Seminar Lecture:

PINA TOTARO (CNR / ILIESI, Roma)

Il Cristo ‘secundum spiritum’ e ‘secundum carnem’ in Spinoza. Cristianesimo, ebraismo, messianesimo o ateismo? // *‘Christus Secundum Spiritum’ and ‘Christus Secundum Carnem’ in Spinoza: Judaism, Christianity, Messianism, or Atheism?*

Individual Papers:

CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna)

Religious Polemics and ‘Regimes of Historicity’: Interpreting the Magen wa-Herev of Leon Modena

MIRIAM BENFATTO (Ph.D. Stud., Università di Bologna)

La rivalutazione ebraica di Gesù: tra filosofia e ricerca storica // *The Jewish Revaluation of Jesus: Among Philosophy and Historical Research*

**Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00**

**15:00 – 17:00 | Joint Session PM 1**

**RE-READING MARK AND PAUL**

Presiding: Mara Rescio

SANDRA HÜBENTHAL (Universität Passau)

The Portrayal of Jesus and Jesus Traditions in the Gospel of Mark

MARA RESCIO (CISSR, Bologna)

Sensing the Gospel: Re-Reading Mark in the Light of Sensory Criticism

WILLIAM ARNAL (University of Regina)

'The Spirit Goes Where It Will': Ritual, Mobility, and Social Integration among Early Jesus-People

LUIGI WALT (Universität Regensburg)

Mystery Plays in Corinth: Re-Reading 1 Cor 4 through the Lens of Ancient Pantomime

**Break 17:00 – 17:30**

**17:30 – 19:45 | Joint Session PM 2**

**RE-DATING THE EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS**

Presiding: **Claudio Gianotto**

Seminar Lecture:

MATTHIAS KLINGHARDT (Technische Universität Dresden)

The Marcionite Gospel as the Origin of the Gospel Tradition

Respondents:

CLAUDIO GIANOTTO (Università di Torino), ENRICO NORELLI (Université de Genève)

Individual Paper:

MAURIZIO GIROLAMI (Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto, Padova)

Not Peace, but a Sword and Division: Lk 12:49-53 in Marcionite Texts

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**9:00 – 11:00 | Joint Session AM 1**

**HISTORICAL JESUS**

Presiding: **Mauro Pesce**

MAURO PESCE (Università di Bologna)

The Sources of Jesus' Certitude: Was Jesus a Mystic?

MICHAEL DAISE (The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg)

Destroying and Rebuilding the Temple: Light from Flavius Josephus

ANDREA NICOLOTTI (Università di Torino)

The Scourge of Jesus

**Individual Paper**

RENZO TOSI (Università di Bologna)

Lettura degli scolii del ms. GA 1424 // *The scholia of ms. GA 1424*

## Break 11:00 – 11:15

### 11:15 – 13:00 | Joint Session AM 2

#### CHRISTIAN ORIGINS: MODERN MYTHS AND HISTORICAL REPRESENTATIONS

Presiding: Luigi Walt

HALVOR MOXNES (Universitetet i Oslo)

Historical Jews in the Image of Modern Muslims in Renan's Life of Jesus

EMMA J. WASSERMANN (Rutgers University, New Jersey)

Myths of Victory: "Powers of Evil" in 20th Century Biblical Theology

FERNANDO BERMEJO RUBIO (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid)

Why Can We Be Reasonably Confident that Jesus Harboured Royal Claims? Arguments versus Fallacies from the 18th to the 21st century

## Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

### 15:00 – 16:45 | Parallel Session PM 1.A

#### EARLY GROUPS OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

Presiding: Mara Rescio, Arianna Rotondo

JULIA SNYDER (Universität Regensburg)

Were Jesus-Followers Recognizable?

GEORGES MASSINELLI (Ph.D. Stud., University of Notre Dame)

Paul's Collection as Anti-Patronal Act? A Re-Evaluation of Early Christian Financial Practices

MARIA ARMIDA NICOLACI (Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia, Palermo)

Stigmatizzazione dei «falsi maestri» e costruzione dell'identità credente nella Seconda Lettera di Pietro // *Vilifying 'False Teachers' and Constructing Believers' Identity in the Second Letter of Peter*

MICHAEL SOMMER (Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg)

Widows in Luke 18: A Test Case of Socio-Historical Research

### 15:00 – 16:45 | Parallel Session PM 1.B

#### GOSPEL OF THOMAS, NAG HAMMADI, AND GNOSTICISM

Presiding: Claudio Gianotto

ANDREA ANNESE (Ph.D. Stud., Università di Roma "La Sapienza")

Vangelo secondo Tommaso, logion 40: tracce di conflitti tra gruppi di seguaci di Gesù? // *Gospel of Thomas, Logion 40: Traces of Conflicts among Groups of Jesus' Followers?*



LAVINIA CERIONI (Ph.D. Stud., University of Nottingham)  
Human Creation and Eschatological Redemption: Observations on Logion 114 in the Gospel of Thomas

FRANCESCO BERNO (Ph.D. Stud., Università di Roma "La Sapienza")  
La figura del 'mietitore' e del 'seminatore' tra il Vangelo di Filippo e le Annotazioni di Eracleone: analisi di un teologumeno valentiniano // *The 'Reaper' and the 'Sower' between the Gospel of Philip and Heracleon's Commentary on John: Explanation of a Valentinian Exegesis*

GIOVANNI HERMANIN DE REICHENFELD (Ph.D. Stud., University of Exeter)  
The Use of the Word ἡμοούσιος in Heracleon's Fragments: The Case of the Exegesis of John 4:24 and John 8:44

**Break 16:45 – 17:10**

**17:10 – 19:30 | Joint Session PM 2**

**RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES  
IN HELLENISTIC-ROMAN JUDAISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

Presiding: Daniele Tripaldi

LUCA ARCARI (Università di Napoli "Federico II")  
Emotions and Visionary Experiences in 1st Cent. Judaism: Group Dynamics and Cultural Interactions among the Jesus Followers

GIOVANNI B. BAZZANA (Harvard University)  
Speaking the Tongues of Angels: Intelligibility and Authority in the Debate on Glossolalia in 1 Cor 12-14

BRIGIDDA BELL (Ph.D. Stud., University of Toronto)  
Prophet for Hire: Remuneration in Early Christian Perceptions of Prophetic Legitimacy

EUNATE MIRONES LOZANO (Universidad de Salamanca)  
Jewish Exorcism in Christian Context: A Case Study

FRANCESCO MASSA (Université de Genève)  
The 'Mysteries' in the 2nd Century, or How to Produce an Instrument to Challenge Pagans Cults