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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:45 – 10:45 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

ORAL AND WRITTEN SOURCES OF THE GOSPELS AND OF EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTES

Presiding: Mara Rescio

ENRICO NORELLI (Université de Genève)

Locating the Gospel of the Hebrews in the Early Transmission of Materials about Jesus

Respondent: MAURO PESCE (Università di Bologna)

ADRIANA DESTRO and MAURO PESCE (Università di Bologna)

Some Observations on the Sources of the Sayings of Jesus: the Sayings Not Attributed to Jesus

Respondent: ENRICO NORELLI (Université de Genève)

DOROTA HARTMAN (Ph.D., Università di Napoli L'Orientale)

The Parables Unique to Luke's Gospel and Their Frames

Break 10:45 – 11:15

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

HISTORICAL JESUS [11:15 – 12:15]

Presiding: Fernando Bermejo-Rubio

THOMAS KAZEN (Teologiska högskolan Stockholm)

Apocalyptic Imagery and the Historical Jesus: Social and Emotional Functions of Myth and Metaphor

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

CHRISTOPHER B. ZEICHMANN (University of Toronto)

Where Were the Romans and What Did They Know? Military and Intelligence Networks as a Probable Factor in Jesus of Nazareth's Fate

BOOK DISCUSSION (1) [12:15 – 13:00]

F. SOCAS, P. TORIBIO (EDS.), *Martin Seidel, Origo et fundamenta religionis christianae. Un tratado clandestino del siglo XVII*, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid 2017.

Discussants: FERNANDO BERMEJO-RUBIO (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid), CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna)

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

ANTROPOLOGY OF RELIGIOUS FORMS AND IDENTITY

Presiding: Adriana Destro and Francesca Sbardella

ADRIANA DESTRO (Università di Bologna)

Was Jesus Revolutionary? Reflections on Political Issues in the Judaic Scenario of That Time

MATTEO ARIA (Sapienza Università di Roma)

Maîtres-noyeurs and Independentist Theologists: The Oblivion and Renaissance of Polynesian Culture

ELISA FARINACCI (Ph.D., Università di Bologna)

Borders and Religious Identities Disputed at the Icon of Our Lady of the Wall: The Israeli-Palestinian Wall and the Assemblage Theory

RÉKA NEMÉNYI and ATTILA P. KISS (Pécsi Tudományegyetem, Hungary)

“They Will Stand in Opposition to Our Opponents for the Simple Reason that They Are Arians.” Christian Identities during the IV – VI Centuries in the Carpathian Basin?

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.C (Captain Room – Rivellino)

JEWISH HISTORY AND HELLENISTIC JUDAISM

Presiding: Dario Garribba

LUKE NEUBERT (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

Josephus' Theological Perspective on the Capture of Jerusalem and Flavian Imperial Ideology

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

Da regno a provincia. Gerusalemme e la Giudea alla morte di Erode // From Reign to Province: Jerusalem and Judea at the Death of Herod

MARCO VITELLI (Pontificia Facoltà dell'Italia Meridionale, Napoli)

Furono i *sicarii* un “gruppo” rivoluzionario giudaico? Discussione di alcune recenti teorie // Were the *Sicarii* a Revolutionary Jewish “Group”? Discussion of Some Recent Theories

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

15:00 – 16:30 | Parallel Session PM 1.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

EARLY CHRISTIAN GROUPS AND EPIGRAPHY

Presiding: Sarah E. Rollens

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

Literacy as a Cultural Value in the Christian Epigraphy of Northern Phrygia

PAOLA NOVARA (Museo Nazionale di Ravenna)

An Unknown Episode of the XVIII Century: The Relics of the Martyr Argiris Preserved in Ravenna

DOMINIQUE MARIA DI CARO, (Ph.D. Stud., Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

Central-South Sicily in Late Antiquity: Relationships Between Christianity and Judaism

15:00 – 16:30 | Parallel Session PM 1.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

ROMAN LAW AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Presiding: Leo Peppe

SEMINAR SESSION: THE PROCESS OF PAUL OF TARSUS

LEO PEPPE (Università degli Studi Roma Tre)
Recent Law Studies about Paulus' Roman Process

LUIGI GAROFALO (Università di Padova)
Experiences of Police Measures and of Legal Proceedings in Saint Paul's Life

Break 16:30 – 17:00

17:00 – 19:15 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

LECTIO MAGISTRALIS [17.00-18.00]

Presiding: Daniele Tripaldi

PETER LAMPE (Universität Heidelberg)
What Moves Humans to Behave Altruistically? A Look at the Early Christian World

BOOK DISCUSSION (2) [18:00 – 19:15]

ISTVAN CZACHESZ, *Cognitive Science and the New Testament: A New Approach to Early Christian Research*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2017.

Discussants: CARLO BROCCARDO (Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto, Padova), ISTVAN CZACHESZ (Universitetet i Tromsø) LEONARDO PARIS (Facoltà Teologica del Triveneto, Padova; Studio Teologico e Accademico di Trento), EMILIANO R. URCIUOLI (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:45 – 10:45 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

CONFLICT AND COMPETITION IN AND WITH THE BIBLE

Presiding: Sarah E. Rollens

SARAH E. ROLLENS (Rhodes College, Memphis)
Introduction: Opening Remarks Explaining the Rationale for the Panel Theme

ROB KASHOW (Ph.D. Stud., Brown University)
"Satan" as Exiled Judeans in Babylon: A Reconsideration of the Opponents within Proto-Zechariah

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

“Rather, You Have Become like the Judeans”: Competition over Judean Ancestral Traditions in the Gospel of Thomas

JAMES G. CROSSLEY (St Mary’s University, London)

Reimagining the Apocalypse on the Contemporary English Left

ROUNDTABLE

Discussion on the Role of the Scholar when the Bible Is Used in Politics

Break 10:45 – 11:15

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

ISSUES OF METHOD: NEW ‘SECULAR’ APPROACHES TO THE ANALYSIS OF EARLY CHRIST RELIGION AND EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS

Presiding: Roberto Alciati

ANGELA HARKINS (Boston College)

Experiencing the Journey: Spaces in the Book of Visions of the Shepherd of Hermas

HARRY O. MAIER (Vancouver School of Theology)

Romans Watching Romans: Jesus Religion in Close Urban Quarters and Neighborhood Transformations

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

What Is Urban Religion, Anyway? Outlining a Research Program with an Eye to Early Christ-Religion

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

PAPYROLOGY AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Presiding: Peter Arzt-Grabner

THOMAS A. WAYMENT (Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah)

Describing Social Tensions that Led to the Creation of Textual Variation Units

MATTIAS BREND (Ph.D. Stud., Universiteit Leiden)

A Situational Approach to Religious Identification in Late Antique Papyri

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

Il termine γλωσσόκομον da Giuda ai papiri // The Word γλωσσόκομον from Judas to Papyri

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

Cambiavalute (kollybistai) nel I sec. d.C.: la testimonianza di un documento latino dall’Egitto (PSI inv. 3244) // Money-changers (kollybistai) in the 1st Century AD: A Latin Document Evidence from Egypt (PSI inv. 3244)

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM2.C (Captain Room – Rivellino)

**STUDYING JESUS AND EARLY CHRISTIANS IN MODERN TIMES:
NEW PERSPECTIVES & METHODS (1)**

Presiding: **Cristiana Facchini**

CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna)
Introduction to the Session

DANIELE CONTI (Villa I Tatti, Harvard – Firenze)
“Apostolo par est credere, sed secundum suum dicendi modum.” Rhetoric and Biblical Criticism in Galeotto Marzio’s *De incognitis vulgo*

JONATHAN BIRCH (University of Glasgow)
Jesus, Moral Realism, and the Sovereignty of the Good: Early Modern Hermeneutics and the Origin of Liberal Theology

SABINA PAVONE (Università di Macerata)
La figura di Cristo come modello dei martiri gesuiti: il caso orientale // The Figure of Christ as a Model of the Jesuit Martyrs: The Eastern Case

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

15:00 – 17:15 | Parallel Session PM 1.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

MARK AND THE OTHER GOSPELS

Presiding: **Mara Rescio**

MARA RESCIO (Universität Regensburg)
“He Makes Both the Deaf Hear and the Speechless Speak”: Mark 7:31-37 in the Light of Documentary Papyri and Semi-Literary Texts

JUDITH BAUER (Ph.D. Stud., Universität Regensburg)
Remembering the Betrayer: Judas Iscariot in Synoptic Memory

JUDITH KOENIG (Ph.D. Stud., Universität Regensburg)
Corporeality and the βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ in Mark 10

NATHAN SHEDD (Ph.D. Stud., St Mary’s University, London)
The Death of John the Baptist and the Sociology of Beheading in the Ancient World

15:00 – 17:15 | Parallel Session PM 1.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

**EXPERIENCING AND NARRATING THE BODY: ASCETIC DISCOURSES AND PRACTICES IN
EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

Presiding: **Maria Dell’Isola**

MARIA DELL’ISOLA (Ph.D., Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Modena)
Introduction to the Session

ANNETTE WEISSENRIEDER (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
Inside out! Carnal Corporeality and the Notion of the Inner and Outer Human Being in the New Testament

NICOLE HARTMANN (Humboldt Universität Berlin)
Martyrs' Extreme Denial of the Body as Ascetic Ideal

TOMMASO INTERI (Università di Torino)
Body and Flesh in Origen's Newly Discovered Homilies on the Psalms

CHIARA DI SERIO (Sapienza Università di Roma)
The Asceticism of the Brahmans in the *Refutatio omnium haeresium*

FABRIZIO PETORELLA (Università degli Studi Roma Tre)
"The True Disciple of the Blessed Thecla": Saint Syncretica and the Construction of Female Asceticism

15:00 – 17:15 | Parallel Session PM 1.C (Captain Room – Rivellino)

STUDYING JESUS AND EARLY CHRISTIANS IN MODERN TIMES NEW PERSPECTIVES & METHODS (2)

Presiding: **Cristiana Facchini**

CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna)
Introduction to the Session

MARI MAMYAN (Matenadaran Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, Yerevan, Armenia)
The "Armenian Gospel of the Infancy": The Ambiguous Fate of the Armenian Apocryphon in the Later Middle Ages"

MIRIAM BENFATTO (Università di Bologna)
Non-canonical Gospels in Jewish Anti-Christian Polemical Literature

VINCENZO LAVENIA (Università di Bologna)
The Trial of Jesus and Its Stories: About a Sentence Never Written

SALVATORE LO RE (Ph.D., Università di Catania)
Giudizio sanguinario dei Giudei: Iconografia e storia del processo a Gesù in Sicilia. Testimonianze inedite // Giudizio sanguinario dei Giudei ("The Bloody Judgment of the Jews"): Iconography and History of the Trial of Jesus in Sicily. Unpublished Testimonies

Break 17:15 – 17:45

17:45 – 19:30 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

REMEMBERING JONATHAN Z. SMITH

Presiding: **Cristiana Facchini**

ALESSANDRO SAGGIORO (Sapienza Università di Roma)
Introduction to the Session

SERGIO BOTTA (Sapienza Università di Roma)
On Parrots and Taxonomies: Jonathan Z. Smith and Indigenous Religions

MARIANNA FERRARA (Sapienza Università di Roma)

Incomparable Magic: Jonathan Z. Smith and the Redescription of Ancient Indian Canons

LUIGI WALT (Universität Regensburg)

Is There a Bible in This Class? Rethinking Biblical Studies with Jonathan Z. Smith

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 – 11:00 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

LECTIO MAGISTRALIS [9:00 – 10:00]

Presiding: Roberto Alciati

NICOLA DENZEY LEWIS (Brown University)

Of Models and Men: Did Christianity Really 'Rise'?

BOOK DISCUSSION (3) [10:00 – 11:00]

EDMONDO LUPIERI (ed.), *Una sposa per Gesù. Maria Maddalena tra antichità e postmoderno*, Carocci, Roma 2017.

Discussants: LUCA ARCARI (Università di Napoli Federico II), LAURA CARNEVALE (Università di Bari), CRISTIANA FACCHINI (Università di Bologna), EDMONDO LUPIERI (Loyola University, Chicago)

Break 11:00 – 11:15

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

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

Presiding: Luca Arcari and Daniele Tripaldi

LUCA ARCARI (Università di Napoli Federico II)

Invocation as Spell for the Visionary Experience of Jesus: Rev 22:21 in Context

MATTIAS BRAND (Ph.D. Stud., Universiteit Leiden)

The Manichaean Discourse of Suffering and Persecution

PRZEMYSŁAW PIWOWARCZYK (Uniwersytet Śląski w Katowicach, Poland)

Spiritual Authority in the Scribal Note in NHC VII

DANIELE TRIPALDI (Università di Bologna)

The Living Water of Wisdom (Rev. 22, 17) or: Who Really Cares about Eucharist?

11:15 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

**THE JOHANNIST CONSTELLATION: SYSTEMIC QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENT ANSWERS
SOURCES, LOCATIONS, HISTORY**

Presiding: **Edmondo Lupieri**

MAURO PESCE (Università di Bologna)

The Johannist Constellation: A Plausible Hypothesis?

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

The Fourth Gospel and Luke: A Review of Marie-Émile Boismard's *Comment Luc a remanié l'Évangile de Jean*

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

GOSPEL OF THOMAS AND NAG HAMMADI

Presiding: **Claudio Gianotto**

(1) SEMINAR SESSION: ON SOME NEW RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES

CLAUDIO GIANOTTO (Università di Torino)

Introduction to the Session

HUGO LUNDHAUG (Universitetet i Oslo)

Textual Fluidity, New Philology, and the Nag Hammadi Codices

Respondents: ANDREA ANNESE (Sapienza Università di Roma), FRANCESCO BERNO (Sapienza Università di Roma)

(2) PAPER PRESENTATIONS

ELENA SOL JIMÉNEZ (Ph.D. Stud., University of Cantabria)

Living and Bubbling Water, the Samaritan Woman and Initiate's Gnosis

EMILY LAFLÈCHE (Ph.D. Stud., University of Ottawa)

Early Christian Self-definition and Categories of Insider Identity in the Gospel of Philip

15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

ANCIENT INTELLECTUAL CULTURE

Presiding: **Peter Arzt-Grabner**

ELENA GRITTI (Università di Bergamo)

Minicius Fundanus, proconsul Asiae (121-122) and the Emperor Hadrian's Rescript about Christian

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

Educational Contexts of Three Pauline Papyri: Toward a Rethinking of Alexandrian Criticism of the *Corpus Paulinum*

ERIN ROBERTS (University of South Carolina)

Matthean Moralizing and Roman Propaganda