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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 – 9:15 | Opening of the Meeting (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

Presiding: Mara Rescio & Emiliano R. Urciuoli

9:15- 11:15 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

ISSUES OF METHOD: NEW 'SECULAR' APPROACHES TO EARLY CHRISTIAN RESEARCH

Presiding: Roberto Alciati & Emiliano R. Urciuoli

JHON S. KLOPPENBORG (University of Toronto)

Argumentum e Silentio: From Absence to Lacunae

MARKUS VINZENT (King's College, London / Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

Not Probable, but Interesting: The Subversive Nature of the *Argumentum e Silentio*

WILLIAM ARNAL (University of Regina)

A Secular Approach to Paul and Nag Hammadi: Religion as Political Imaginary

EDUARD IRICINSCHI (Ruhr University Bochum, CERES)

Imagine There's a New Heaven: Eschatological Images and Their Political Use in Late Antique Manichaeism

Break 11:15 – 11:45

11:45 – 13:15 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

RE-DATING EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS

Presiding: Enrico Norelli

MARKUS VINZENT, *Christi Thora: Die Entstehung des Neuen Testaments im 2. Jahrhundert*, Herder, Freiburg i.B. 2022.

Discussants: Claudio Gianotto (University of Turin), Wolfgang Grünstäudl (University of Münster), Markus Vinzent (King's College, London / Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

11:45 – 13:15 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

THE JOHANNIST CONSTELLATION: SYSTEMIC QUESTIONS AND DIFFERENT ANSWERS

Presiding: Michael Daise

MARIDA NICOLACI (Pontifical Theological Faculty of Sicily, Palermo)

Semantic Connections between the Theological Employ of $\delta\omicron\xi\acute{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ and the Sanctification of the Name in the Fourth Gospel

ALESSANDRO CAVICCHIA (Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, Jerusalem)

Casting Out the “Ruler of This World” (John 12:31): Dualistic Literary Devices in John 18:36; 19:16b-42

FEDERICO ADINOLFI (Institute of Religious Sciences, Mantua)

After the Apocalypse: The Johannine Signs Gospel as a Millenarian Transformation of Mark

Lunch Break 13:15 – 15:15

15:15 – 17:15 | Joint Session PM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

WOMEN IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Presiding: Maria Dell’Isola & Mario Resta

BARBARA CROSTINI (Newman Institute, Uppsala)

Women-with-Child on Show: Painting Motherhood from Dura to Luke

MARIANNA CERNO (University of Udine)

Dreams and Virtues of the «Women of Clement». Matthidia and Procula in the Light of a Newly Recovered Pseudo-Clementine Fragment

TOMMASO INTERI (University of Turin)

Womanhood as Exegetical Paradigm in Eusebius

ALESSANDRO DE BLASI (University of Padua)

(Im)pious Sisterhood. Once More on Greg. Naz. carm. II 1, 41, *Contra Maximum*

Break 17:15 – 17:45

17:45 – 18:45 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

BOOK DISCUSSION (1)

Presiding: Luca Arcari

ANNELIES LANNOY, *Alfred Loisy and the Making of History of Religions: A Study of the Development of Comparative Religion in the Early 20th Century*, De Gruyter, Berlin 2020.

Discussants: Andrea Annese (University of Bologna), Cristiana Facchini (University of Bologna), Annelies Lannoy (Ghent University)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 – 11:00 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

THE BIBLE AND CONFLICT

Presiding: Sarah E. Rollens

JAMES C. CROSSLEY (MF School of Theology, Religion, and Society, Oslo / St Mary's University, London / CenSAMM)

The Quest for the Working-Class English Jesus

DANIEL C. ULLUCCI (Stonehill College, Easton, Mass.)

Group Formation via Violent Ideation: Roko's Basilisk and Matthew 10:32-33

STEPHEN L. YOUNG (Appalachian State University, Boone, NC)

Babylon's Sea Merchants: Revelation and the Gendered Politics of Decline and Renewal

Break 11:00 – 11:30

11:30 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

RE-EXPLORING THE APOCRYPHAL CONTINENT: TEXTS, PARATEXTS, AND CONTEXTS

Presiding: Luigi Walt

ÁNGEL NARRO (University of Valencia) & ISRAEL MUÑOZ GALLARTE (University of Córdoba)

The New Critical Edition of the Acts of Thomas: Methodology and Publication Plans

MARCO STROPPA ("Girolamo Vitelli" Papyrological Institute, University of Florence)

Un nuovo frammento della cosiddetta "Storia di Giuseppe" // A New Fragment of the So-called "History of Joseph"

ENRICO NORELLI (University of Geneva)

Mt 27,24 and Gospel of Peter v. 1 as Mutually Independent Readings of Dt 21,1-9

11:30 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

FROM THE HISTORY OF EXEGESIS TO RECEPTION HISTORY AND BEYOND (1. New Testament and Christian Origins)

Presiding: Laura Carnevale

AMIEL DRIMBE (Baptist Theological Institute of Bucharest / Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City)

History Hidden, Not Revealed: Matthew 27:51–53 in the Earliest Reception (ca. 100–200 CE)

MARKUS VINZENT (King's College, London / Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

Paul's Letters Read in a Historical Exegesis of Reception vs. One of Retrospection

EMANUELE CASTELLI (University of Messina)

The Birth of the Term Χριστιανισμός: With Some Preliminary Remarks on the Reception History of the Terms Ἰουδαϊσμός and Χριστιανός

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

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

ANTHROPOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS FORMS AND PRACTICES

Presiding: **Adriana Destro & Francesca Sbardella**

ADRIANA DESTRO & MAURO PESCE (University of Bologna)

An Anthropological Interpretation of the Acts of the Apostles: For a New Commentary

LAURA VOLPI (University of Milan)

Eating White People's God: Being Christian Today in the Upper Peruvian Amazon Rainforest

CATERINA FRANCESCA FIDANZA (University of Bologna)

Feather Art in South America between Sky and Earth: 'Sacredness' of Forgotten Museum Objects

FRANCESCA SBARDELLA & ELISA FARINACCI (University of Bologna)

The Visual Representation of Total Religious Institutions

Break 17:15 – 17:45

17:45 – 19:00 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

LECTIO MAGISTRALIS

Presiding: **Mara Rescio**

SABINE R. HÜBNER (University of Basel)

The First Christians of Egypt: New Documentary Evidence from the Egyptian Hinterland

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 – 11:15 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

GOSPEL OF THOMAS, NAG HAMMADI, GNOSTICISM

Presiding: **Andrea Annese & Francesco Berno**

LOUIS PAINCHAUD (Laval University, Québec)

The Mystery of the Kiss in the Gospel According to Philip (CG II,3)

STEPHEN J. PATTERSON (Willamette University, Salem/Portland)
Wisdom, Immortality, and Apocalyptic in the Gospel of Thomas

MARIA FALLICA (Sapienza University of Rome)
The Fifth Gospel and the Gospel of Thomas: An Apocryphal Narrative for the 21st Century

EDUARD IRICINSCHI (Ruhr University Bochum, CERES)
'Talking It Over': Dialogue, Mastery of Emotions, and the Mind in the Nag Hammadi Literature

MARTA ADESSI (Sapienza University of Rome)
The Scribal Notes of the Nag Hammadi Codices: Their Peculiarities in the Light of the Corpus of Coptic Colophons and Scribal Subscriptions

Break 11:15 – 11:45

11:45 – 13:15 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

CONTEXTS OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY (11:30 – 12:30)

Presiding: John S. Kloppenborg

DANIEL C. MAIER (University of Zurich)
The Economic Crisis of 33 C.E. and the Rise of Early Christianity: How Roman Financial Legislation Impacted Everyday Life in the Eastern Mediterranean

HARRY O. MAIER (Vancouver School of Theology)
Ritual and Urban Networking with Ignatius of Antioch

HISTORICAL JESUS (12:30 – 13:00)

FERNANDO BERMEJO RUBIO (UNED - National Distance Education University)
Were Jesus' Disciples Left Unmolested? Rethinking the Fate of James, the Brother of John

11:45 – 13:15 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

FROM THE HISTORY OF EXEGESIS TO RECEPTION HISTORY AND BEYOND (2. Judaism and Early Christianity)

Presiding: Edmondo Lupieri

CATERINA MORO (Roma Tre University)
Ideas on Human Conception in Judaism and Their Scriptural and Scientific Foundations

CARLA NOCE (Roma Tre University)
The Process of Human Conception in Some Christian Exegetical Traditions of the First Three Centuries: Mary and the Others

GAMBRY G. PARDEE (Pepperdine University, London)
Patriarch, Disciple, Defender: Portraits of Levi in Jewish and Christian Literature

Lunch Break 13:15 – 15:15

15:15 – 16:15 | Joint Session PM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

BOOK DISCUSSION (2)

Presiding: Luca Arcari

NICOLA DENZEY LEWIS, *The Early Modern Invention of Late Antique Rome*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2020.

Discussants: Roberto Alciati (University of Florence), Sarah Rollens (Rhodes College, Memphis), Nicola Denzey Lewis (Claremont University, CA)

Break 16:15 – 16:45

16:45 – 18:15 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

FROM THE HISTORY OF EXEGESIS TO RECEPTION HISTORY AND BEYOND (3. Round Table Discussion: History of Exegesis, Reception History, Retrospection and Beyond)

Presiding: Cambry G. Pardee

C. G. PARDEE, J. M. TRIPP (eds.), *Sacred Texts & Sacred Figures: The Reception and Use of Inherited Traditions in Early Christian Literature*. A Festschrift in Honor of Edmondo F. Lupieri, JAOC 25, Brepols, Turnhout, 2022.

Discussants: Laura Carnevale (University of Bari), Caterina Moro (Roma Tre University), Carla Noce (Roma Tre University), Louis Painchaud (Laval University), Cambry G. Pardee (Pepperdine University, London), Markus Vinzent (King's College, London / Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt), Edmondo Lupieri (Loyola University Chicago)