

# Workshop: Intellectual Interaction Between Paganism and Christianity

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Friday 26.06.26 / 16.00-20.00

16.15: Jacob Bernitzki und Gregor Kirilov (Bonn) / *Welcome and Introduction*

16.30-17.15: Adrian Linz (Regensburg) / *Isis, Mithras — Christ? Gods Between Real and Actual Presence*

17.15-18.00: Athanasios Koutoupas (Nikosia) / *Pagan-Christian Interaction and the Negotiation of Religious Space in Late Antique Alexandria*

Coffee until 18.30

18.30-19.15: Kristoffel Demoen (Gent) / *Ascetics, Bishops, and Classical Learning*

19.15-20.00: Jacob Bernitzki (Bonn) / *Snakes, Saints, and Olympians. What to Make of Nonnus' s Dionysiaca?*



Saturday 27.06.26 / 9.00-15.00

9.15-10.00: Adrien Bresson (Saint-Étienne) / *Toward a „Grammar of Coexistence“ Lexical and Stylistic Negotiations Between Paganism and Christianity in the 4th Century*

10.00-10.45: Nicola Holm (Warsaw) / *The Relicts of St. Babylas in Julian' s Reign*

10.45-11.30: Gregor Kirilov (Bonn) / *Theodoret' s Cure for Greek Maladies*

Lunch until 12.15

12.15-13.00: Silvio Roggo ( Frankfurt) / *Paganism under Justinian and John of Ephesus. Fact or Fiction?*

13.00-14.30: Laura Bottenberg (Tübingen), Ruggiero Lionetti (Urbino) / *„It is not right for the pure to touch the impure“: Orthodoxy and Pagan Heritage in Theophylact Simocatta*

14.30-15.00: *Conclusion*



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