

# Conference programme

## OBSERVING NATURE, INTERPRETING SIGNS SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN, SCHLOSS HOHENTÜBINGEN, BURGSTEIGE 11, ERNST VON SIEGLIN HÖRSAAL

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

#### **Welcome and Opening Speech**

09.30–09.50 Sofie Schiødt: Welcome

#### **Session 1: Keynote**

09.50–11.00 Christian Leitz: The Astronomical Ceiling in the Temple of Esna

*11.00–11.30 Coffee*

#### **Session 2: Approaches to Pharmacy**

11.30–12.00 Friedhelm Hoffmann: Identifying an Ancient Egyptian Plant

12.00–12.30 Sean Coughlin: Perfumery and Alchemy in the Ancient World

12.30–13.00 Tanja Pommerening: News from Combining the Disciplines of Egyptology, History of Pharmacy and Medicine, and Sciences

*13.00–14.00 Lunch*

#### **Session 3: Case Studies in Medicine**

14.00–14.30 Luigi Prada: Physical Blindness or Loss of Faith?

14.30–15.00 Troels Pank Arbøll: A Microhistorical Study of the Neo-Assyrian Healer, Kišir-Nabû

15.00–15.30 Sofie Schiødt: Spit Happens! The Use and Concept of Spit in Egyptian Medicine

*15.30–16.00 Coffee*

#### **Session 4: Principles of Divination**

16.00–16.30 Joachim Quack: Some Remarks on Divination by Means of Animals in Ancient Egypt

16.30–17.00 Nicla de Zorzi: Writing and Seeking Knowledge: Principles of Interpretation in Ancient Mesopotamian Divination

*17.00–19.00 Reception*

## **TUESDAY OCTOBER 1**

### **Session 1: Keynote**

09.00–10.00 Elyze Zomer: A Science of Nightmares? Dream Interpretation in Ancient Mesopotamia

### **Session 2: Understanding Astrological Practices**

10.00–10.30 Ida Adsbøl Christensen: TBA

10.30–11.00 Levente László: Lots and Places by Sign and by Degree in Hellenistic Astrology

***11.00–11.30 Coffee***

### **Session 3: Theories of Disease and Healing**

11.30–12.00 Claire Bubb: The Anonymous London Papyrus and the Relationship between Food and Disease in Early Greek Medical Thought

12.00–12.30 Ulla Koch: The Placebo-Effect in Ancient Mesopotamian Medicine and Magic

12.30–13.00 Juliane Unger: The Medical Papyrus Brooklyn 47.218.75+.86

***13.00–14.00 Lunch***

### **Session 4: Transmission of Astronomical Knowledge**

14.00–14.30 Alexandra von Lieven: Production and Reproduction of Knowledge. On the Transmission History of the Classical Sky Picture

14.30–15.00 Victor Gysembergh: Eudoxus of Cnidus, Hipparchus of Nicaea, and Egyptian Astronomy

***15.00–15.30 Coffee***

### **Session 5: Case Studies in Astronomy**

15.30–16.00 Alexander Jones & Francesca Schironi: *P.Hib.* 1.27 Revisited

16.00–16.30 John Steele: TBC

16.30–17.30 **Closing discussion**

***19.00–22.00 Conference Dinner***