

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 (chair: Alexandra von Lieven)

09.50–11.00 Christian Leitz: The Astronomical Ceiling in the Temple of Esna (presentation in German)

11.00–11.30 Coffee

Session 2: Approaches to Pharmacy (chair: Amber Jacob)

11.30–12.00 Friedhelm Hoffmann: Identifying an Ancient Egyptian Plant: the *tby*-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 (chair: Tanja Pommerening)

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

14.30–15.00 Troels Pank Arbøll: “Why Do You Not Diagnose the Nature of this Illness of Mine?” A Closer Look at Sickly Esarhaddon

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 (chair: Luigi Prada)

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 (chair: Troels Pank Arbøll)

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

Session 2: Case Studies in Astronomy (chair: Marina Escolano-Poveda)

10.00–10.30 Alexander Jones & Francesca Schironi: *P.Hib.* 1.27 Revisited

10.30–11.00 John Steele: Tabular Formatting of Compilations of Astronomical Observations in Cuneiform

11.00–11.30 Coffee

Session 3: Theories of Disease and Healing (chair: Friedhelm Hoffmann)

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 (chair: Joachim Quack)

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: Understanding Astrological Practices (chair: Alexander Jones)

15.30–16.00 Ida Adsbøl Christensen: Decans and Zodiacal Signs in An Unpublished Demotic Astrological Manual

16.00–16.30 Levente László: Lots and Places by Sign and by Degree in Hellenistic Astrology

16.30–17.00 Marina Escolano-Poveda & Kim Ryholt: Heavenly Bodies: Astrological Physiognomies in Egypt and Qumran (presented by M. Escolano-Poveda)

17.00–17.15 **Closing remarks**

19.00–22.00 Conference Dinner

