

Newsletter “Beyond Canon” – April 2019

Dear Fellows and Friends,

By and by, our **Fellows offices are filling**: In April, Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev joined us and Kelsie Rodenbiker (Durham) and Anna van den Kerchove (Paris) paid us a visit to deliver lectures (see below).

May and June will be even busier with at least five Short Time Fellows visiting us – and July will not only bring our annual conference “Extracanonical Traditions”, but also the arrival of no less than seven Fellows and Friends.

1. Review: Activities of our Group in April

Despite of the semester break in April, we had **quite a busy schedule in our Centre** with some very inspiring lectures:

- [Judith König: "Spatial, temporal, put in perspective? Mark 1 and the drawing near of the basileia tou theou"](#) (April 10, 2019)
- [Luigi Walt: "A Little Tour among the Ag'ruh-fuh"](#) (April 11, 2019)
- [Kelsie Rodenbiker: Rezeption biblischer Figuren in den Katholischen Briefen](#) (April 11, 2019)
- [Anna van den Kerchove: "Fasting in Manichaeen communities"](#) (April 26, 2019).

Here are some impressions for you:



2. “Extracanonial Traditions” program

Again, the graphic design office Ballmann & Weber (Hamburg) has provided us with some impressive artwork: Please find the **conference program attached** to this e-mail.

As we are already preparing the attendants’ arrivals, we kindly ask you to give us your dates of arrival and departure within the next weeks, so we can book your hotel rooms to your convenience – and of course we will refund your travel expenses after the conference!

3. “Scripture and the Enemy” program

Together with Daniel Weiss (Cambridge), our Fellow **Julia Snyder is currently preparing the SRU Conference** from July 1-3 2019 (Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge), please find the program attached to this e-mail.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to prevent the overlap in time with our “Extracanonial Traditions” conference in Regensburg – but still, we are very excited about our Centre for Advanced Studies being represented in Cambridge!

4. “Horologia” workshop from July 18-20 in Regensburg

On July 18-20 a workshop on "The Early History of the Byzantine Liturgy of the Hours and the Horologion" will be co-organised by our *Centre for Advanced Studies*. The early history of the Byzantine Liturgy of the Hours is particularly obscure: although significant progress has been made in recent years by the edition and study of key sources, we are far from a coherent picture and a scholarly consensus on the early development, which was specifically intricate on the one hand because of repeated exchange and complex relations between Jerusalem, the wider Palestinian and Sinaitic context, and Constantinople, on the other hand because of the great variety of ecclesial and monastic institutions involved. Since manuscripts in various languages of the Byzantine world emerge only relatively late, have travelled or come from the periphery, also questions about the possibility, condition, and limits of inference to earlier periods and other regions are inevitable.

The envisaged workshop takes advantage of a fortunate coincidence that will lead to the presence of several protagonists of the research in Byzantine liturgical history in Regensburg (through a number of Fellowships of our *Centre* and of the Humboldt foundation, the DFG-Graduate training group on "Pre-Modern Metropolitanism" and a temporary position likewise funded by the DFG). Notable is also the cooperation with the University of Oslo, where a major project in the field is located.

5. Newsletter changeover

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Best wishes,

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