



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# EPIGRAPHIES OF PIOUS TRAVEL

## THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI (1500 BC - 1500 AD)

# PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### 18:30–19:00 WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION

**Claudia Rapp** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Andreas Rhoby** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Rachael Helen Banes** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

### 19:00–20:00 KEYNOTE

**Ian Rutherford** | University of Reading  
*Lived Religion and the Graffiti-Habit before the Christian Period:  
Some Case-Studies from Egypt and Other Cultures*

20:00 RECEPTION

## THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### 09:30–11:00 METHODOLOGIES FOR STUDYING PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI

Chair: **Grace Stafford** | University of Vienna  
**Marlena Whiting** | University of Groningen  
*Graffiti and Gender: Graffiti as Testimony for Women and Gendered  
Behaviour on Pilgrimage*  
**Rachael Helen Banes** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*Does Pilgrimage Graffiti have to be Religious? A Discussion*  
**Arkadiy Avdokhin** | University of Oxford  
*Christian Graffiti and Travel: Methodologies, Outcomes, and a Case  
Study from Hierapolis*

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:30–12:30 PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI BEFORE CHRISTIANITY

Chair: **Renate Burri** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Elizabeth Frood** | University of Oxford  
*Scales of Belonging: (Re-)Assessing Local and Nonlocal Graffiti Practices  
in Ancient Egyptian Temples*  
**Ilaria Bucci** | Birkbeck, University of London  
*Pilgrimage in Hatra: People, Places and Time in  
Local Religious Practices*

12:30–14:00 LUNCH

### 14:00–15:30 PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI IN THE HOLY LAND

Chair: **Adrian Pirtea** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Grigory Kessel** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*A Survey of Pilgrimage Graffiti in Syriac*  
**Yana Tchekhanovets** | Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
*Armenian and Georgian Graffiti in the Holy Land*  
**Estelle Ingrand-Varenne and Clément Dussart** | University of Poitiers  
*A Landscape of Signs: the Southern Façade of the Holy Sepulchre  
(12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> c.)*

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 16:00–17:00 CHRISTIAN AND NON-CHRISTIAN GRAFFITI IN THE MIEVEAL ERA

Chair: **Andreas Külzer** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Adam Łajtar** | University of Warsaw  
*Pilgrimage Graffiti in Christian Nubia*  
**Frédéric Imbert** | Aix-Marseille University, IREMAM  
*On the roads of Arabia: Muslim Pilgrims and their Graffiti during the  
Early Islam Period*

19:00 DINNER FOR INVITED GUESTS

## FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

### 10:00–11:30 PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Chair: **Andreas Zajic** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
**Alexei Gippius and Savva Mikheev** | HSE University & University of  
Heidelberg  
*Early East Slavic Epigraphy Outside Rus: Texts and Contexts*  
**Mia Gaia Trentin** | STARC, The Cyprus Institute  
*Between Tangible and Intangible: The Wall as Interactive Space of  
Worshipping in Medieval and Early Modern Cyprus.*  
**Antonio Enrico Felle** | University of Bari  
*Pilgrims in Early Medieval Rome. Writings religionis causa in the  
Sanctuary of Marcellinus and Petrus (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

### 11:30–12:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

**Rachael Helen Banes**  
**Andreas Rhoby**

12:00 LUNCH

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