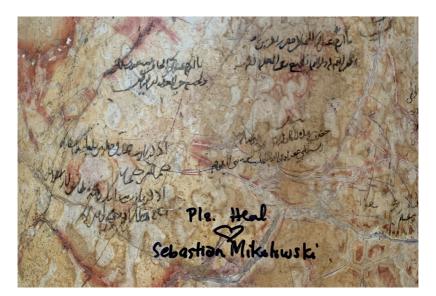


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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE **EPIGRAPHIES OF PIOUS TRAVEL** THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF PILGRIMAGE GRAFFITI (1500 BC - 1500 AD)





# PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY 24th 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 ReadingLived Religion and the Graffiti-Habit before the Christian Period:Some Case-Studies from Egypt and Other Cultures

20:00 RECEPTION

### THURSDAY 25th 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 MEDIEVAL 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 (7th-9th cent.)* 

### 11:30-12:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Rachael Helen Banes Andreas Rhoby

12:00 LUNCH

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