



Université Catholique de Lille

Representing the Wise - A Gendered Approach

Melammu Workshop 1

Université Catholique de Lille

April 4-5, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

We are organizing the First Melammu Workshop “Representing the Wise - A Gendered Approach”. It will be held on April 4th-5th, 2016, at the Catholic University of Lille. The aim of the one-and-a-half-day workshop is to reflect not so much on the nature of wisdom in the ancient East and Mediterranean but to offer different views and portraits of male and female sages in a voluntarily gendered approach. Both human and divine sages will be taken into account. The study of their representations in texts and images might lead to some kind of typology and reveal links not brought to light before. Clearly the expected result is a better understanding of wisdom through the witnesses of sages in different times and places.

Various short sessions will be held on the following subjects:

Monday April 4th, 2016

- Female and Male Sages in Sumerian Literature

9:00-9:30 Gebhard Selz (Vienna): Female Sages in Sumerian Literature

9:30-10:00 Peeter Espak (Tartu): Male Sages in Sumerian Literature

Coffee break 10:00-10:30

- Female and Male Sages in Akkadian Literature

10:30-11:00 Saana Svärd (Helsinki): Female Sages in Akkadian Literature

11:00-11:30 Raija Mattila (Helsinki): Male Sages in Akkadian Literature

- The Wise Woman and Man in Egypt

11:30-12:00 Christian Cannuyer (Lille): Female Sages in Egyptian Literature

12:00-12:30 Pascal Vernus (Paris): Male Sages in Egyptian Literature

Lunch at the University Restaurant

- Female and Male Sages in the Levant

14:30-15:00 Ingo Kottsieper (Göttingen): Female and Male Sages in Aramaic Literature

15:00-15:30 Ehud Ben Zvi (Alberta): Female and Male Sages in the Bible

- Female and Male Sages in India

15:30-16:00 Aleksandra Szalc (Wroclaw): Female and Male Sages in India

Dinner in the city 19:30



Tuesday April 5th, 2016

- Female and Male Sages in Greece

9:30-10:00 Ennio Biondi (Franche-Comté): Female Sages in Greek Literature

10:00-10:30 Cathy Leblanc (Lille): Male Sages in Greek Literature

Coffee break 10:30-11:00

- Female and Male Sages in Rome

11:00-11:30 Kordula Schnegg (Innsbruck): Female Sages in Roman Literature

11:30-12:00 Claudia Horst (Bremen): Roman Sages and New Formations of Masculinity

- Comparative thoughts and final discussion

12:00-12:30

The talk should be limited to 20 minutes; 10 minutes are reserved for questions and discussion. As some comparative aspects will be highlighted at the end of the workshop we ask you to send us a preliminary version of your paper by March 1st, 2016 the latest. This invitation includes your trip and accommodation in Lille (from Sunday to Tuesday), Monday's lunch and dinner and coffee breaks.

We look forward to hearing from you,

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