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Concepts of Humans and Nature in Historical Perspective: Universals and Variations, Continuities and Transformation 6-8 September 2022

A conference of
The Research Training Group 1876
“Early Concepts of Humans and Nature“
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany



Tuesday, 6. September 2022

18:00 Get together & Welcome Dinner for the Speakers

Wednesday, 7. September 2022

9:15 Registration & Coffee

9:45 Welcome & Introduction

10:20 Prof. Markham J. Geller (University College London)
Does Anatomy Matter? How a Mesopotamian Physician Navigated the Human Body

11:15 Jonny Russell
Variations and continuities in medical concepts: towards a historical contextualisation of Egyptian *sry.t* and Mesopotamian *suālu*

12:10 Lunch Break

14:00 Dr. Ulrike Steinert & Judit Garzón Rodríguez
The powers of semen and their conceptualization in ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian cultures

14:55 Jessica Knebel, Sibel Ousta & David Usieto Cabrera
Fire as an agent of punishment – a universal concept? On the use of fire against individuals in ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Byzantium

15:50 Coffee Break

16:05 Dr. Elisabeth Günther (Universität Trier)
Ugly bodies: Humor in Apulian vase-painting

17:00 Christoph Appel & Francisco Gómez Blanco
Gladiators and Tragic Heroes: Exploring and Comparing Semantics and Mediality of Public Violence and Pain in Roman Antiquity

19:30 Conference Dinner

Thursday, 8. September 2022

9:30 Registration & Coffee

10:00 Welcome

10:10 Prof. Paul Pettitt (Durham University)
What were Neanderthals doing in deep caves? A psychological approach to their imaginary worlds

11:00 PD Dr. Sara Kipfer (Universität Heidelberg)
Anthropomorphism and Anthropopathism of Nature in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond: Socionatural Entanglements as Universals?

12:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Prof. Dr. Tobias Bulang (Universität Heidelberg)
Tierkunde(n) des Mittelalters. Konkurrenz und Interferenz von Naturkonzepten

14:55 Nicky van de Beek & Benny Waszk
Human-animal interactions in the prehistoric Near East and North Africa: Case studies from Göbekli Tepe and Hierakonpolis

15:50 Closing remarks

16:05 Coffee & concluding discussions