



crisis management

Ritualization and States of Exception
in Ancient Cultures

online workshop november 12-13, 2020

thursday

12/11/2020

11.45
Log in

12.00 – 12.30
Susanne Götde, Reinhard Bernbeck
Opening remarks

SESSION 1 DISEASE, CONTAGION AND PURITY

— Chair: Dominik Bonatz

12.30 – 12.45
Nicole Brisch (Copenhagen)
Ritual and Hygiene in Ancient
Mesopotamia

12.45 – 13.00
Mark Geller (London/Berlin)
Responding to Crisis: Infectious
Diseases in Ancient Mesopotamia

13.00 – 13.45
Discussion

13.45 – 14.30
Lunch Break

— Chair: Monika Trümper

14.30 – 14.45
Philip van der Eijk (Berlin)
Crisis and Crisis Management in
Graeco-Roman Medicine

14.45 – 15.00
Esther Eidinow (Bristol)
A Crisis of Trust: Mistrust, Uncertainty
and Impurity in Ancient Greek Religion

15.00 – 15.15
Marietta Horster (Mainz)
Coping with Jupiter's Portents
and Threats

15.15 – 16.15
Discussion

16.15 – 16.45
Coffee Break

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SESSION 2
MAYHEM AT THE LARGE
SCALE: ITS HISTORICAL AND
ANTHROPOLOGICAL FACE

— Chair: Michael Meyer

16.45 – 17.00

David Fontijn (Leiden)
Horsemen of the Apocalypse
– a Deep History?

17.00 – 17.15

Evangelos Kyriakidis (Kent)
Ritual as a Tool for Crisis Management:
an Extreme Example from Minoan Crete

17.15 – 17.30

Ömür Harmanşah (Chicago)
Excavating the Earth: Rituals of Apology
vs. Unfettered Resource Extraction

17.30 – 18.30

Discussion

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SESSION 3
COSMIC FORCES: THEIR
CONSTRUCTION AND
DOMESTICATION THROUGH
RITUALS AND TECHNOLOGY

— Chair: Ralph Birk

12.00 – 12.15

Susanne Bickel (Basel)
Ritual Responses to Crises and Natural
Catastrophes in Egypt

12.15 – 12.30

Dagmar Schäfer (Berlin)
Hanging by a (Silken) Thread: Preven-
tion and Crisis in 13th Century East Asia

12.30 – 12.45

Brigitta Schütt (Berlin)
Reducing Drought Vulnerability – Imple-
menting Water Management Strategies

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Lunch Break

SESSION 4
POWER RITUALS IN TIMES
OF CRISIS

— Chair: Susan Pollock

14.30 – 14.45
Richard Bussmann (Köln)
Making Crisis Relevant: Temple Ritual,
Local Life and the Early State in Ancient
Egypt

14.45 – 15.00
Cale Johnson (Berlin)
Is Resilience Semiotic or Economic?
Feeding the Gods in Late Uruk
Mesopotamia

15.00 – 15.15
Constantin Willems (Marburg)
Managing Crises by Way of Ritualization
and Exception in Roman Inheritance Law

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Discussion

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Coffee Break

— Chair: Almut-Barbara Renger

16.45 – 17.00
Cosima Möller (Berlin)
The Crisis of the confarreatio Marriage:
a Ritual through the Ages

17.00 – 17.15
Edward Swenson (Toronto)
Rites of Intensification Revisited:
Ritual, Order, and Alterity

17.15. – 18.15
Final Discussion

This online workshop is part of the Test Topic *Crisis Management: Ritualization and States of Exception in Ancient Cultures*, dealing with the question of how past societies reacted to crises and catastrophes and which coping methods they developed.

The workshop will be held as a video conference via Webex, please register at:
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