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Bertinoro, September 26 – 28, 2019

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**8:45 – 9:00 | Opening of the Meeting (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

Presiding: Mauro Pesce & Emiliano R. Urciuoli

**9.00- 11.00 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

## **BIBLE AND CONFLICT**

Presiding: Emiliano R. Urciuoli

SARAH E. ROLLENS (Rhodes College, Memphis)  
Avian Agents of Justice in Revelation

JENNIFER EYL (Tufts University, Medford/Somerville)  
Faithfulness, Conflict, and Competition in the Letters of Paul

JAMES G. CROSSLEY (St Mary's University, London / CenSAMM)  
Burton Mack and the End of Apocalypticism

THOMAS SOJER (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt / University of Graz)  
Simone Weil's Desacralisation of the Canon

STEPHEN L. YOUNG (Appalachian State University, Boone)  
Exceptional Moral Capital: The Bible and Contemporary Competition for Societal Authority

**Break 11:00 – 11:30**

**11:30 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

## **ANCIENT GOSPELS & EARLY GROUPS OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS [11:30 – 13:00]**

Presiding: Arianna Rotondo & Daniele Tripaldi

JUDITH KOENIG (University of Regensburg)  
Eschatological Force or Tangible Reality? The βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ in Mark 9:1

ARLENE L. ALLAN (University of Otago)  
Making Sense of the Feeding of the 5000 in Mark, Matthew and Luke from a Greek-Speaking Pagan's Perspective

EMANUELE CASTELLI (Laboratoire HiSoMA, Lyon)  
A New Reading of the First Chapters of the Shepherd of Hermas

**11:30 – 13:00 | Parallel Session AM 2.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)**

**ANTROPOLOGY OF RELIGIOUS FORMS AND IDENTITY**

Presiding: Adriana Destro & Francesca Sbardella

ENRICO COMBA (University of Turin)

Laughing with the Animals: The Trickster Bestiary among the Algonquian Peoples of North America

FRANCESCA SBARDELLA and ELISA FARINACCI (University of Bologna)

Historical-ethnographic Research in Religious Total Institutions

GAETANO MANGIAMELI (University of Milan)

“You Said You Couldn’t Talk”: Humans and Non Humans in Kassena Mythology and Ritual

**Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00**

**15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

**INTELLECTUAL CONTEXT OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

Presiding: Sarah E. Rollens

ERIN ROBERTS (University of South Carolina)

Stoic Physics and the Eternal Durability of the Wise in Matthew’s Gospel

IAN PHILLIP BROWN (University of Toronto)

Where is the Farmer? Agricultural Parables and Ancient Intellectual Discussions of the Rustic Life

KYRIAKI MELETSI (University of Athens)

Hadrian’s Policy and the Formation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century Christianity

ARLENE L. ALLAN (University of Otago)

Encountering One’s Own God(s) in Luke’s Account of Jesus

**15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)**

**CHRISTIAN ORIGINS: MODERN MYTHS AND HISTORICAL REPRESENTATIONS**

Presiding: Cristiana Facchini

FRANCESCA PAOLIN (University of Frankfurt)

Italian-Jewish Rabbis on Christian Issues in the Second Half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

ANGELA PARKES (University of Birmingham)

The History and Intellectual Context of the *Sondersprache*

PHILIP BURTON (University of Birmingham)

Scholarship as Reception: Sulpicius Severus’ *Vita Martini* as a Cultural Football

RAFFAELLO DE LEON-JONES DIANI (University of Naples “L’Orientale”)

Beyond Apocrypha: The Study of Jesus the Indian

**Break 17:00 – 17:30**

**17:30 – 19:30 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

**LECTIO MAGISTRALIS [17:30 – 18:30]**

Presiding: **Andrea Annese**

APRIL D. DECONICK (Rice University, Houston)

Gnostic Theology: The One God is No Simple Matter

**BOOK DISCUSSION (1) [18:30 – 19:30]**

Presiding: **Emiliano R. Urciuoli**

PAUL M. KURTZ, *Kaiser, Christ, and Canaan: The Religion of Israel in Protestant Germany, 1871-1918*, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2018.

Discussants: Luca Arcari (University of Naples “Federico II”), Cristiana Facchini (University of Bologna), Paul M. Kurtz (University of Cambridge)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**9:00 – 11:15 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

**PAPYROLOGY AND EARLY CHRIST GROUPS**

Presiding: **Peter Arzt-Grabner**

J. ANDREW DOOLE (University of Innsbruck)

A Self-Referential First Person Plural in an Ancient Papyrus?

SIMONA RUSSO (“Girolamo Vitelli” Papyrological Institute, University of Florence)

I Realien nei papiri documentari e nei Vangeli: qualche osservazione sul lessico dell’abbigliamento // Realien in Documentary Papyri and in the Gospels: Some Observations on the Clothing Names

ELEONORA ANGELA CONTI (“Girolamo Vitelli” Papyrological Institute, University of Florence)

Le lettere cristiane e i loro problemi // Christian Letters and Their Problems

CARLO BROCCARDO (Triveneto Theological Faculty, Padua) and MARCO STROPPA (“Girolamo Vitelli” Papyrological Institute, University of Florence)

A proposito della traduzione di βιάζω in Luca 16,16 // About the translation of βιάζω in Luke 16:16

MARCO STROPPA (“Girolamo Vitelli” Papyrological Institute, University of Florence)

Lettere festali su rotoli di papiro // Festal Letters in Papyrus Rolls

## Break 11:15 – 11:45

### 11:45 – 12:45 | Joint Session AM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

#### BOOK DISCUSSION (2) [11:45 – 12:45]

Presiding: Luca Arcari

MARKUS VINZENT, *Writing the History of Early Christianity: From Reception to Retrospection*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2019.

Discussants: Roberto Alciati (University of Florence), Laura Carnevale (University of Bari), Markus Vinzent (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt / King's College, London)

## Lunch Break 12:45 – 15:00

### 15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.A (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)

#### EXPERIENCING AND NARRATING THE BODY: ASCETIC DISCOURSES AND PRACTICES IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Presiding: Roberto Alciati

GIAN ANTONIO GILLI (University of Eastern Piedmont “Amedeo Avogadro”, Alessandria)  
Ascetics and the Body: Methodological Considerations

ASHLYNN BLACKWELL (University of Bristol)  
The Banquet of Heaven: The Christian Ascetic Rejection of Physical Food in Exchange for Spiritual Nourishment

ANTONELLA TORRE (University of Bari)  
The Medical Profession in Early Christianity

MARIA DELL'ISOLA (University of Southern Denmark, Odense)  
Controlling the Body: Bodily Knowledge, Asceticism and Visionary Experiences in Tertullian's *On Fasting*

### 15:00 – 17:00 | Parallel Session PM 1.B (Garrison Room – Rivellino)

#### GOSPEL OF THOMAS, NAG HAMMADI, AND GNOSTICISM

Presiding: Claudio Gianotto

ANDREA ANNESE (Sapienza University of Rome)  
The Christological Perspective(s) of the *Gospel of Thomas*

ANNA ORACZ (University of Regensburg)  
Sayings of the “Living Jesus” (Prologue): The *Gospel of Thomas* and the ‘Realized Eschatology’?

FRANCESCO BERNO (Sapienza University of Rome)  
Pseudoepigraphy and the *Apocryphon of John*

GIULIANO CHIAPPARINI (Catholic University of Milan)

The Role of the So-Called 'Expositio Valentiniana' (NHC XI, 2) in the Study of Valentinianism

**Break 17:00 – 17:30**

**17:30 – 19:30 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

**ANTHROPOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE: MATERIALS, APPROACHES, AND PERSPECTIVES**

Presiding: Adriana Destro & Francesca Sbardella

**LECTIO MAGISTRALIS [17.30-18.30]**

MAURIZIO BETTINI (University of Siena)

New Ways to the Anthropology of the Ancient World

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

ELIZABETH WHITAKER (University of Bologna-Forlì)

Think Like an Anthropologist: Examining Cultural Constructions of Human Nature

ADRIANA DESTRO and MAURO PESCE (University of Bologna)

'Crisis' as an Analytical Instrument: Jesus' Perception of the Crisis of His Society

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**9:15 – 11:15 | Joint Session AM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

**THE JOHANNIST CONSTELLATION: SYSTEMIC QUESTIONS & DIFFERENT ANSWERS**

Presiding: Edmondo Lupieri

MICHAEL A. DAISE (College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia)

John and 1 John [paper delivered via Skype]

DOROTA HARTMAN (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

The Pericope of the Adulteress and the Special Source of Luke

DANIELE TRIPALDI (University of Bologna)

Re-Framing Disputes, Translation Errors and Variant Readings: How Much Johannist is the *Secret Gospel According to John* (NHC II,1)?

MAURO PESCE (University of Bologna)

The Gospel of John and the Baptist Movement

## **Break 11:15 – 11:45**

### **11:45 – 12:45 | Joint Session AM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION (3) [11:45 – 12:45]**

Presiding: **Maria Dell'Isola**

EDMONDO LUPIERI and ERIC F. MASON (eds.), *Golden Calf Traditions in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, Brill, Leiden 2018.

Discussants: Luca Arcari (University of Naples "Federico II"), Cristiana Facchini (University of Bologna), Edmondo Lupieri (Loyola University of Chicago)

## **Lunch Break 12:45 – 15:00**

### **15:00 – 17:00 | Joint Session PM 1 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

#### **ORAL AND WRITTEN SOURCES OF THE GOSPELS AND OF EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS**

Presiding: **Mauro Pesce**

CLAUDIO ZAMAGNI (Sapienza University of Rome)

1 Tess 4-5: A Fresh Look at an Ancient Tradition on Jesus

ANNA PESSINA (Catholic University of Milan)

Matt 27:51b-53: An Ancient Paschal Hymn?

DANIELE MINISINI (Sapienza University of Rome)

Matthew's Eschatological Discourse: Possible Enochic Influence on Mt 24, 23-44?

ENRICO NORELLI (University of Geneva)

Was the Story of Jesus in the Ascension of Isaiah Influenced by (Some of) Paul's Letters?

## **Break 17:00 – 17:30**

### **17:30 – 18:15 | Joint Session PM 2 (Jacopo da Bertinoro Room – Rivellino)**

#### **ISSUES OF METHOD: NEW 'SECULAR' APPROACHES TO EARLY CHRISTIAN RESEARCH**

Presiding: **Francesco Berno**

ROBERTO ALCIATI (University of Florence) and EMILIANO R. URCIUOLI (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

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