

Volkswagen Fellowship Symposium
Approaching a Critique of Mesopotamian Reason
April 21–22, 2017

Friday April 21

Barker Center, Room 133

3:30 pm
Welcome

Session 1: Critique

3:45 pm
The Critical Potential of Order and Disorder: The Flood and other Cases
Gösta Gabriel – Harvard University / Universität Göttingen

4:30 pm
The Reluctant en of Inana or the Persona of Gilgamesh
from the Perspective of Babylonian Political Philosophy
Piotr Steinkeller – Harvard University

5:15 pm
Coffee break

William James Hall, Room 105

Keynote Lecture

6:00 pm
Theses on Babylonian Philosophy
Marc Van De Mierop – Columbia University

Saturday, April 22
Barker Center, Room 133

Session 2: Reasoning I

9:30 am

The Reconciliation of Angry Gods: A Revision of the Šuillas
Tzvi Abusch – Brandeis University

10:15 am
Coffee break

10:45

Arguing One's Case in Akkadian Disputation Poems
Enrique Jiménez – Universidad Complutense de Madrid

11:30 am

Reasoning and Representing: Babylonian Astronomical Models
Francesca Rochberg – UC Berkeley

12:15 pm
Lunch Break

Session 3: Reasoning II

1:15 pm

After Babel–Bibel Babble: Language, Translation, and Commentary
in Cuneiform Scribal Practice
Jay Crisostomo – University of Michigan

2:00 pm

The Perils of Omnisignificance: Language and Reason in Mesopotamian Hermeneutics
Eckart Frahm – Yale University

2:45 pm

Final discussion and closing remarks

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Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Gösta Gabriel, goesta_gabriel@fas.harvard.edu.

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