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Summer School ERC MAP (741182)

Mapping Ancient Gods

Jerusalem 9-19 July 2019

In the frame of the ERC Advanced Grant MAP project (Mapping Ancient Polytheisms. Cult Epithets as an Interface between Religious Systems and Human Agency), and in collaboration with the French Research Centre in Jerusalem, a Summer School is proposed, which covers the project's themes and tools.

The MAP project works on the naming systems for the divine in the Greek and Western Semitic worlds, from 1000 BCE to 400 CE and views them as testimonies to the way in which divine powers are constructed, arranged and involved within ritual. The analysis deals both with the structural aspects of the religious systems and with their contextual appropriation by social participants. Considered to be elements of a complex language, the onomastic channels are related to the gods, therefore providing access to a mapping process of the divine, to its ways of representation and to the communication strategies between men and gods.

**Course offering

The Summer School will be implemented in English.

The proposed training surrounds the project's epigraphic sources, both Greek and Semitic, as well as certain methods and tools from the digital humanities which are applied to the study of these sources. Classes will take place over seven and a half days, from the morning of the 10th of July to the evening of the 18th of July. The 9th and the 19th of July will be dedicated to welcoming the participants and to travel.

The classes will include:

- 3 study workshops on the sources (Greek, Hebrew, Phoenician);
- 3 thematic workshops on the identification and analysis of divine qualifiers (divine names, epithets, epiclesis, etc.), the link between the latter two and iconography, the question of bilingualism and interpretatio;
- 3 workshops on the digital humanities applied to epigraphic sources (conception, construction and the use of databases, quantitative analyses, spatial analysis);
- 2 lectures (presentation of the project, introduction to comparatism);

- 3 presentations given by guest professors.

The course offering also includes several visits: the old town of Jerusalem, the Israel Museum as well as a day-trip outside of Jerusalem.

Throughout the Summer School, time slots will be allocated to helping participants to appropriate and adapt the showcased tools and methods to their own research.

At the end of the training, participants will be asked to give an oral presentation of between 10 and 15 minutes on the analysis of a source of their choice.

The courses will take place at the facilities of the French Research Centre in Jerusalem, a research facility which is under the authority of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs - MEAE, and the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Certificates of attendance can be issued at the end of the Summer School.

**Funding

There are 15 places available.

The chosen candidates will receive:

- Support with on-site public transport, including the Ben Gurion Airport-Jerusalem journey;
- Support with their accommodation (according to availability, rooms may be shared);
- Dinner in the town on the first and the last evening;
- Entrance to the sites and transport during excursions.

Chosen candidates will be responsible for the payment of their plane ticket as well as their meals.

**Application

The Summer School is open to students who are enrolled in a doctorate degree, post-doctoral researchers and young researchers who defended their thesis less than 5 years ago. Their doctorate and research should fall under the following domains: Antiquity (history and archaeology), Religions, Classics.

The candidate application file should include:

- 1) The completed registration form;
- 2) A letter of motivation explaining the research centres and expectations for the Summer School;
- 3) A CV;
- 4) A summary of the research project (250 words);
- 5) A letter from the research director or laboratory director indicating that the candidate's host institution agrees to cover travel costs and, potentially, the living expenses of the stay. Furthermore, we encourage candidates to ask their institution for information regarding all scholarship schemes which favour the mobility of doctorates and young researchers;
- 6) a filled document that can be asked directly to the organizers or downloaded from the site available in next October, at the address <http://map-polytheisms.huma-num.fr>.

Files must be submitted, in PDF format only, by email entitled "Summer School MAP 2019" to the following addresses:
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The deadline for submitting files is the 31st of October, 2018.
Results will be issued on the 12th of November, 2018.