the BENEFIT of the DOUBT
between skepticism and godlessness, critique or indifference in religious traditions of the ancient world

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13.30 REGISTRATION

14.00 NICOLE HARTMANN & FRANZISKA NAETHER
14.30 Welcome and Introduction

14.30 KENNETH YU (University of Toronto)
15.15 Ritual Lament and Blasphemy in Plato’s Laws (7.800b8-e9)

15.15 JOHN GEE (Brigham Young University)
16.00 Internal and External Critiques of Egyptian Religion in the Graeco-Roman Period

16.00 COFFEE
16.30

16.30 PHD-PANEL
17.30 GIULIA FIORE (Università di Bologna)
"Why should I dance? The worship of the gods is perishing."
Doubting the Divine in Sophocles’ Oedipus Tyrannus

17.30 RAMÓN SONEIRA MARTÍNEZ (Max Weber Kolleg Erfurt)
‘II νόσος of declaring that gods do not exist. Condemnation and persecution of atheist positions in Plato’s Laws

17.30 PUNSARA AMARASINGHE (School of Advanced Studies Pisa)
Understanding Pyrrho’s Skepticism parallel to Madhyamika
School in Buddhism

17.30 PABLO PINEL MARTÍNEZ (Universidad Complutense Madrid)
The Quest for Arguments for Disbelief in Ancient Greece

18.30 RESPONSE

18.00 MICHAEL SATLOW (Brown University)

18.30 PUBLIC LECTURE
19.30 NICKOLAS P. ROBEKAS (Vienna University)
Doubting vs. Explaining Religion. From ‘Atheism’ to Theorizing about Religion in Antiquity

20.00 COMMON DINNER

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09.30 LIVIO WARBIŅEK (Tel Aviv University)
10.15 Hittites and their Oracles. They believed in them, although they did not trust them

10.15 FRANZISKA NAETHER (Universität Leipzig)
11.00 Doubting Priests and Practitioners in Ancient Egyptian Religion

11.00 COFFEE
11.30

11.30 DARJA STEBENC ERKER (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
Skepticism and Doubt in Religious Traditions in Rome: Deification of Mortals.

12.15 FERNANDO BERMEJO-RUBIO (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia Madrid)
Laughing at the Promised Salvation - Doubters and Scoffers in Early Christianity

13.00 LUNCH

13.00 IOANNIS PAPADOGIANNAKIS (King’s College London)
14.30 The Greek Christian literature of questions-and-answers (erotpokriseis) as literature of doubt

15.15 REUVEN KIPERWASSERT (Hebrew University Jerusalem)
16.00 Chatting with God and the Benefit of the Doubt. Skeptical Theism in Late-Antique Rabbinic Stories

16.00 COFFEE
16.30

16.30 NICOLE HARTMANN (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
17.15 Exploring the Dimensions of Godlessness in the Roman Empire

17.15 FINAL DISCUSSION
17.45

19.00 POSSIBILITY FOR COMMON DINNER