

The project ›Hethitische Festrirtuale‹ (HFR) at the Academy of Sciences and Literature | Mainz, which dedicates its work to a comprehensive edition of all Hittite festival texts, including cultural, religious, palaeographic and economic studies, will hold its First International Symposium entitled ›Cult, Temple, Sacred Spaces. Cult Practices and Cult Spaces in Hittite Anatolia and Neighbouring Cultures‹ from June 3rd until June 5th 2019 at the Academy of Sciences and Literature | Mainz.

The symposium aims to discuss recent developments regarding the interpretation of philological and archaeological sources from Anatolia and adjacent areas in the 2nd mill. BCE. It focuses on questions concerning the archaeology of temples and other sacred places, differentiation of sacred spaces according to written sources, the organization of festivals with a focus on spatial aspects, participation in festivals, and possibilities of interpretation thanks to insights into the cult practices of areas like Northern Syria, the Levant, Mesopotamia or Egypt.

HFR (›Das Corpus der hethitischen Festrirtuale: staatliche Verwaltung des Kultwesens im spätbronzezeitlichen Anatolien‹) is a long-term project conducted at the Academy of Sciences and Literature | Mainz, the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg and the Philipps-Universität Marburg. Objectives of HFR include the editorial reconstruction and indexing of the extensive corpus of Hittite cult festival texts from the 2nd mill. BCE in the form of web-based text editions as well as the investigation of core questions associated with the corpus in the context of overarching studies.

The symposium is organized and conducted within HFR, a long-term project of the Academy Programme of the Union of German Academies of Sciences.



Registration deadline is May 1, 2019.

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Online Registration:

<http://www.adwmainz.de/projekte/corpus-der-hethitischen-festrirtuale/tagungen/first-international-hfr-symposium.html>

Photos:

Front: reliefs depicting deities, Yazılıkaya Chamber A (courtesy of J. Seeher, DAI Istanbul); inside, left: stag-rhyton, Schimmel Collection (1989.281.10, Metropolitan Museum of Art); right: aerial photo of Temple I, Boğazköy (DAI Istanbul); back: bull-rhyton, Boğazköy (courtesy of A. Schachner, DAI Istanbul)

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CULT, TEMPLE, SACRED SPACES

Cult Practices and Cult Spaces in Hittite
Anatolia and Neighbouring Cultures

3–5 June 2019

Plenarsaal der
Akademie der Wissenschaften
und der Literatur
Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 2
55131 Mainz

Mo 3 June 2019

14.00–14.15 h Welcome

14.15–15.45 h Session 1

14.15–15.00 h Joachim Friedrich Quack
Festrituale im Alten Ägypten: ein Überblick mit dem Versuch einer Systematik

15.00–15.45 h Herbert Niehr
Kult und Heiligtum in den Ritualtexten aus Ugarit

15.45–16.15 h Coffee break

16.15–17.45 h Session 2

16.15–17.00 h Claus Ambos
Babylonian Temple Rituals of the 1st Millennium BC

17.00–17.45 h Nils P. Heeßel
The King in Ritual Action: The Assyrian Royal Temple Rituals

17.45–18.15 h Coffee break

18.15–19.15 h Evening keynote lecture

Gary M. Beckman: *»He has made the Labarna, the King, his administrator: The Role of the Hittite Monarch in Festival Performance*

19.15 h Reception



Tue 4 June 2019

9.15–10.30 h Session 3

9.15–10.00 h Andreas Schachner
Der Große Tempel von Hattuša: der hethitische Tempel par excellence?

10.00–10.30 h Matthew Susnow
House of the Deity: A Perspective from the Bronze Age Southern Levant

10.30–11.00 h Coffee break

11.00–12.30 h Session 4

11.00–11.30 h Meltem Doğan-Alparslan
*The Hittite *ḫišuwa*- Festival and Its Terminology*

11.30–12.00 h Thalia Lysen
A Performative Approach to the Celebration of Hittite Festivals

12.00–12.30 h Mark Weeden
Mass Participation in Ritual Activity in Second Millennium BC Anatolia

12.30–14.00 h Lunch break

14.00–15.30 h Session 5

14.00–14.30 h İlgi Gerçek
River Deities and River Rituals in Hittite Anatolia

14.30–15.00 h Adam Kryszewski
In the Footsteps of the Hittites: Topography and Movement in Hittite Festivals

15.00–15.30 h Yoram Cohen
Hittite Cult in Syria: Religious Imperialism or Religious Pluralism?

15.30–16.00 h Coffee break

16.00–17.30 h Session 6

16.00–16.45 h Andreas Müller-Karpe
Kultpersonal und Kulthandlungen in hethitischen Palästen

16.45–17.30 h Rainer M. Czichon
Nerik and Its »Deep Springs

Wed 5 June 2019

9.00–10.30 h Session 7

9.00–9.30 h Carlo Corti
»The Bread (Allotment) is Announced: At the Table with the Hittite King

9.30–10.00 h Francesco Barsacchi
»The King goes up to the Roof: Hittite Nocturnal Rites Performed During the New Moon

10.00–10.30 h Charles W. Steitler
Offerings to the »loci numinosi: Distinctive Features of Sacred Spaces and Cult Practices

10.30–11.00 h Coffee break

11.00–12.30 h Session 8

11.00–11.30 h Piotr Taracha
Remarks on Old Hittite Local Cults: A Spring Festival Celebrated by the Crown Prince in Ḫanḫana and Vicinity (CTH 668)

11.30–12.00 h Susanne Görke
Hatti, Pala und Luwiya: Zu den Kulturtraditionen der palaischen Texte aus Hattuša

12.00–12.30 h Conclusion of the conference

