

The Fifth Workshop on Gender, Methodology and the Ancient Near East (GeMANE 5), 1-3rd of June 2022, Helsinki/Zoom

Program for

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Host: University of Helsinki, Centre of Excellence in Ancient Near Eastern Empires
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Venue: Siltavuorenpenger 5 A, Helsinki, at the Learning Centre Minerva, in the room Minerva Plaza

Scientific committee (in alphabetical order): Dr. Ellie Bennett (University of Helsinki), Prof. Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College), Prof. Katrien De Graef (Ghent University), Dr. Agnès Garcia-Ventura (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Dr. Dennis Mizzi (University of Malta), Dr. Omar N'Shea (University of Malta) and Prof. Saana Svärd (University of Helsinki) who acts as the Chair of the committee.

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Conference website:

WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE, 2022

8.50 *Registration*

9.00 *Welcome Remarks, Saana Svärd*

9:15 *Opening keynote (prerecorded): Zainab Bahrani, “20 years after Women of Babylon”*

10.15-10.45 *Coffee Break*

10.45-12.30 *Spaces of Gender in the ancient Near East (Chair: Amy Rebecca Gansell) All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion*

10:45 Mina Dabbagh, “Spatial analyses of gender model: spaces assigned to women in the cultural structure and economies of Elam”

11:10 Pavla Rosenstein, “Tizpatum: Princess, Petitioner, Prisoner”

11:35 Uroš Matić, “(En)gendering Ancient Avaris”

12:00 Thais Rocha da Silva, “Feeling at home: gender and senses in ancient Egyptian houses”

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12.30-12.45 Workshop photo

12.45-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-16.00 Historiographic And Theoretical Reflections (Chair: Cheryl Morgan) All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion

14:00 Chaya Kasif, "Queer theories for queer histories"

14:25 Fumi Karahashi and Agnès Garcia-Ventura, "Coming out of the Assyriological Closet? Some insights on sex, gender, and sexual identities of the GALA in Presargonic Lagash"

14:50 Yılmaz Yeniler, "'Woman has been valued in Anatolia for thousands of years' A critical analysis of gendered academic discourses in Turkey"

15:15 Sarah Scott, "An engendered Historiography: From seals as 'other' to seals as 'us'"

15:40 Beth Alpert Nakhai, "Un-Ghosting Ancient Israelite Women"

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 Evening Keynote: Cecile Michel "Giving Ancient Near Eastern Women a Voice in the History for the General Public"

17:30 Film: "Thus Speaks Taram-Kubi. Assyrian Correspondence" English version (Cécile Michel, Vanessa Tubiana-Brun) and discussion

19:00 end of the first day

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THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022

9.00-10.40 The Construction of Gender in the ancient Near East (Chair: Megan Cifarelli)

All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion

9:00 Kelsie Ehalt, “Dogs, Gods, Kings, and Demons: Canine Relationships to Masculinity and Femininity in Cuneiform Culture”

9:25 Gábor Kalla and Salahaddin Ebrahimpour, “In Search of Sacrosanct in Mannean Art”

9:50 Benjamin Caspi, “Orchards as a Gendered Metaphor in Neo Assyrian reliefs”

10:15 Natalie Naomi May, “Male Gendered Women in Mesopotamia—Where and Why?”

10.40-11.10 Coffee break

11.10-12.30 Gender, Economy, and Labour (Chair: Katrien De Graef) All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion

11:10 Regine Pruzsinszky, “Singing the Rug” or Weaving Singers? The Case of Temple Singers in the Ur III Period”

11:35 Anne Goddeeris, Equal work – equal pay. A quantitative assessment of the divine household of Nippur.

12:00 Yoko Watai, Wives’ Involvement in the Economic Sphere of Urban Families in 1st Millennium Babylonia

12.30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16.30 Gender and the Body (Chair: Saana Svärd) All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion

14:00 Luciana Urbano, “Beyond the Skin. Some theoretical reflections about the body from the rituals of confirmation of alliances in the Old Babylonia sources of Mari (II millennium BCE)

14:25 Bruno Biermann, “Where are your daughters, Jerusalem? The Embodiment of Gender and Family Relations in Iron Age Levant.”

14:50 Ludovico Portuese, “Gendering Protocol, Etiquette, and Hygiene: Women at the Assyrian Court

15:15 Merixtell Ferrer and Mireia López-Bertran, “Intersectionality and Beauty in Phoenician-Punic world: a look from the hair (II)”

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15:40 Neville McFerrin, “Mediated Bodies and Productive Entanglements—Observations on Categorical Elision at Persepolis”

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16:30 *Afternoon Keynote:* Allison Thomason, “Labels and their impact on Gender Research”

18:30 CONFERENCE DINNER (at [Ragu](#))

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE 2022

9.00-11.00 Gender, Literature, and Mythology (Chair: Omar N'Shea) *All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion*

9:00 Craig Anthony Harris, “Ninšubur's Lament: Grief and Self-mutilation in Inanna's Descent”

9:25 Renate Marian van Dijk-Coombes, “Gender-Based Violence in the Epic of Gilgamesh”

9:50 Gioele Zisa and Lorenzo Verderame, “Sex is War. War and Hunting metaphors in love and sexual contexts in Mesopotamia”

10:15 Amy Rebecca Gansell, “The Relationship between Nabu and Tašmetu and Late Sargonic Royal Couples”

10.40-14.30 MUSEUM TOUR & lunch

14:30-16.30 Elite Women in the ancient Near East (Chair: Ellie Bennett) *All papers are 15 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion*

14:30 Sonia Mzali, “Enanatum, Priestess and Builder. Royal Inscriptions as Agency”

14:55 Marta Ameri, “Prestige Goods in Women's Tombs in Iran and Central Asia: Evidence of Status or Power?”

15:20 Emanuel Pfoh, “Abigail's Wisdom: Analysing Patronage and Gender in the Hebrew Bible”

15:45 Michael Moore, “Images of Queenship: Royal Women in Hittite monuments and Iconography”

16:10 Katrien De Graef, “The Queen's Gambit. Power, Kinship, and Heterarchy in Second Millennium Elam”

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16.30- 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 Concluding Keynote: Ann Guinan, “GeMANE a Retrospective: What is Gemane for the Future?”

18.00 Concluding Remarks: Omar N’Shea

18:30 End of last day.