



Omnipotens.
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1. THE POWER OF THE ONE AND OF THE MANY

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Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
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Preliminary Program

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15.00-15.10: Welcome & Introduction

15.10-15.30: Valentino Gasparini (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), *The OMEGA Project. An Introduction*

Part I. The Power of the One

Chair: Valentino Gasparini

15.30-15.50: Andreas Bendlin (University of Toronto): *Choosing the Right One. Tactics and Strategies of Religious Choice in Ancient Rome*

15.50-16.10: Naomi Janowitz (University of California-Davis): *The Dissimulation of Monotheism. Building a Vision of the Power of One*

16.10-16.30: Constantinos Macris (CNRS – PSL Université – Laboratoire d'études sur les monothéismes): *L'erreur des monothéistes, ou le polythéisme comme condition de possibilité de l'omnipotence du dieu premier. Mise en perspective d'un argument du pythagorisme hellénistique*

16.30-16.50: Nicole Belayche (EPHE-PSL, UMR 8210 AnHiMA): *Les épiclèses des divinités « hypsistos » et les stratégies pour « empowering deities up to the highest plausible level »*

16.50-17.20: Discussion

17.20-17.50: Coffee break

Chair: Georgia Petridou

17.50-18.10: Eleni Fassa (Democritus University of Thrace): *Rising to Omnipotence. Sarapis' Quest for Supreme Power in the Graeco-Roman Mediterranean*

18.10-18.30: Raquel Martín Hernández (Universidad Complutense de Madrid): *Almighty Typhon-Seth. The Transformation of Seth in Greco-Roman Magic*

18.30-18.50: Ian Rutherford (University of Reading): *Polymorphism and Pilgrimage. Bes at Abydos and Other Cases*

18.50-19.10: Discussion

20.30: Dinner

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Chair: Ginevra Benedetti

9.30-9.50: Adrien Coignoux (École Pratique des Hautes Études – AnHiMA): *Jupiter and the First Roman Kings. How to Become the Best of All?*

9.50-10.10: Giampiero Scafoglio (Université Côte d'Azur): *Le Soleil omnium auctor. Ébauches de théologie solaire dans les Saturnales de Macrobie*

10.10-10.30: Nicola Denzey Lewis (Claremont Graduate University): *A Miniature Votive Object, a Hybrid God, and a Woman Devotee. The Case of Cascelia Elegans' Dominus Aeternus Altar*

10.30-10.50: Juan Ramón Carbó (Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia): *The One – but Not the Only – Gods in Roman Dacia. Henotheistic Tendencies around the Cults of Deus Aeternus, I.O.M. Summus Exsuperantissimus and Theos Hysistos*

10.50-11.20: Discussion

11.20-11.50: Coffee Break

Part II. The Power of the Many

Chair: Stefano Caneva

11.50-12.10: Gideon Bohak (Tel-Aviv University): *Polyangelic Monotheism in Late-Antique Judaism. The One and the Many*

12.10-12.30: Vinciane Pirenne-Delforge (Collège de France): *Zeus and His 30,000 Immortals Guardians*

12.30-12.50: Gabriella Pironti (École Pratique des Hautes Études): *Micro-panthea ou configurations contextuelles ? Le polythéisme grec à l'épreuve des listes divines*

12.50-13.10: Stella Georgoudi (École Pratique des Hautes Études): *Retour sur une catégorisation des dieux grecs: les chthonioi, les olympioi, les ouranioi*

13.10-13.40: Discussion

14.00: Lunch

Chair: Beatriz Pañeda Murcia

15.40-16.00: Polymnia Athanassiadi (University of Athens): *The Chaldaean Oracles Revisited. The Balance Between the One and the Many*

16.00-16.20: Marios Koutsoukos (University of Liverpool): *At the Gates of the Creator. The Theurgic Gods of Iamblichus*

16.20-16.40: Irene Polinskaya (King's College London): *Divided or United They Stand? Divine Plurality in Ancient Greek Oaths*

16.40-17.00: Francisco Marco Simón & Celia Sánchez Natalías (University of Zaragoza): *Cosmic Gods and/versus Multiple Invocations in defixiones from Roman Africa*

17.00-17.30: Discussion

17.30-18.00: Coffee break

Chair: Jaime Alvar Ezquerro

18.00-18.20: Aleksandra Kubiak-Schneider (University of Wrocław): *Girls' Power! Portrait of Atargatis, Allat and Nannaya from the Perspective of Their Worshipers at the Beginning of the Common Era*

18.20-18.40: Benjamin Winnick (University of British Columbia): *The Mysteries of Samothrace. Prestige Through Ambiguity*

18.40-19.00: Claire Heseltine (King's College, London): *Gods in Miniature. Representations of Deities on Personal Possessions from 1st Century CE Campania*

19.00-19.30: Discussion

20.30: Dinner

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Chair: ?

9.30-9.50: Jean-Marie Pailler (Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès): *Dionysos-Bacchus un, double et multiple. Les métamorphoses d'un dieu en quête de reconnaissance*

9.50-10.10: Christopher Faraone (University of Chicago): *The One and the Triple. From Triple-Hecate at the Door to the Triple-Headed Goddesses in Greek Magic*

10.10-10.30: Emmanuelle Palermi (AnHiMA): *Les Deux Déesses. Nommer la dyade « Déméter et sa fille »*

10.30-10.50: Sylvia Estienne (UMR 8210 AnHiMA): *« L'union fait la force » : dyades et triades divines dans le temple de la Concordia Augusta*

10.50-11.20: Discussion

11.20-11.50: Coffee break

Chair: Angelos Chaniotis

11.50-12.10: Aude Durand (Université de Nantes): *The Dii Consentes. Unifying and All-Powerful Deities, at the Heart of Human Relations*

12.10-12.30: Csaba Szabó (University of Szeged): *Empowering the Elite. Micro-Panthea of Senators and Knights in Roman Dacia*

12.30-12.50: Françoise van Haepere (Université catholique de Louvain): *Les déesses qualifiées de domina en contextes. Entre souveraineté « universelle » et locale*

12.50-13.20: Discussion

13.20-13.40: Angelos Chaniotis (Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton), *Conclusions*

14.00: Lunch