

Centre for Classical Studies
at the Institute of Philosophy,
Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

invites you to take part in the conference

HELLENISM, EARLY JUDAISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Transmission and Transformation of Ideas

12–13 September 2019 / Prague, CR



I. Topics & themes

The aim of our conference is to explore the evolution of thought while focusing on the relations between Judaism and early Christianity in the context of Hellenistic period and the period immediately influenced by Hellenism. We will pay special attention to the intercultural distribution of decisive and long-standing questions, ideas, concepts and methods of Hellenistic and Hellenism-influenced thought.

II. Sample research questions

What made Hellenism uniquely suitable for influencing the evolution of later religious and cultural processes, including the emergence of Christianity and its early development?
Can early Judaism be seen as a Hellenistic phenomenon? If so, in what sense?
How is the formation of early Christianity connected with Hellenised Judaism?
How does the literature of early Christianity relate to its religious and cultural context?
How were the patterns of thought of the (pagan) Antiquity reflected and distributed in early Christianity?

III. Organisation of the conference

Organizing institution. The conference is organized by the Department of Biblical Studies of the Centre for Classical Studies at the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences (<http://www.ics.cas.cz/en>) under the auspices of the project “Transmission and Transformation of Ideas in Hellenism, Early Judaism and Early Christianity”, generously supported by the Czech Science Foundation.

Participants. We are pleased to announce that Prof. Ilaria L.E. Ramelli and Prof. Anders Klostergaard Petersen will participate as keynote speakers. We are warmly inviting specialists in Biblical, Jewish, and Classical Studies as well as researchers from other related fields. Submissions based on the study of primary sources or employing a comparative approach are especially welcome.

Submissions. Time limit for individual papers is 20 minutes. Official languages of the conference are English, German, and French. Submissions of the participants will be considered for publication in an edited volume in one of the major scholarly publishing houses. Instructions for authors will be sent to participants after the conference, and the deadline for paper submissions is December 31, 2019. Peer-review will take place in early 2020 and the publication of the edited volume is expected in 2021.

Location. The conference will take place at Vila Lanna (V Sadech I, 160 00, Praha 6, <http://www.vila-lanna.cz/index.html>). It is possible to reserve accommodation in the premises (see below).

IV. Registration

Please send a registration form in the MS Word format to the e-mail address fialova@ics.cas.cz (deadline: May 1, 2019).

All applications submitted will be reviewed and the applicants will be informed of the acceptance/refusal of their submission by May 30, 2019 at the latest.

The registration shall contain the following information:

- a) name(s) and surname(s) including academic titles
- b) professional affiliation (including the address of your institution)
- c) email address
- d) title of your submission
- e) abstract (maximum length 300 characters)

V. Accommodation at Vila Lanna

For those interested in using accommodation options offered by our conference venue, Vila Lanna, please indicate the dates of your visit (from Sept 11 / 12 until Sept 12 / 13 / 14)

In case of further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact

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