



Singles and the Single Life in the Roman and Later Roman World

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THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015

15:30-16:00 Welcome & Coffee

16:00-16:30 Christian Laes „What’s in a Single? Roman Antiquity and a Comparative World Approach“

Panel I: Demographic, Archaeological, and Socio-Economic Approaches; Chair: Christian Laes

16:30 – 17:00 Sabine Huebner „The Comparative and Demographic Background for Singles: Roman Egypt and Beyond“

17:00 – 17:30 Anna Boozer „Looking for Singles in the Archaeological Record“

17:30-18:00 Wim Broekaert „Singleness as Business Strategy? Economic Incentives or Drawbacks of Living Alone“

18:00 – 18:30 Discussion

18:30-19:30 Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

Panel II: Singles in Judaism; Chair: Ville Vuolanto

9:30-10:00 Ranon Katzoff „Age at Marriage of Jewish Girls in Late Antiquity and the Rabbinic Rejection of Singleness“

10:00-10:30 John Martens „Was Jesus Single?“

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:30 Kevin Funderburk „Contesting the Temple: Nazirite vows and primitive Christian celibacy“

11:30-12:00 Discussion

12:00-14:00 Lunch

Panel III: Being Single in the Roman world; Chair: Sabine Huebner

14:00- 14:30 Judith Evans Grubbs „Penalizing celibacy? A Socio-cultural approach to Augustus’ marriage legislation“

14:30-15:00 Harri Kiiskinen “Living “Single” by Catullus and Cicero”

15:00-15:30 Elina Pyy „Detecting Roman Ideas on Female Singleness: a Literary Perspective“

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 Single Hanne Sigismund Nielsen „Commemoration in Latin Epigraphy“

16:30-17:00 Mina Petrova Petrova „Single as a Lena. The Depiction of Procuresses in Roman Augustan Literature“

17:00-17:30 Ilse Mueller „Single Women and Slaves in Roman Antiquity“

17:30-18:00 Discussion

20:00 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015

Panel IV: Late antique Christianity: the rise of the ideal of being single; Chair: John Martens

9:00-9:30 Thomas Goessens „Single Commemoration in Christian

inscriptions from Rome“

9:30-10:00 Raffaella Cribiore „Three Different Ways of Life: Being Single in the Fourth Century CE“

10:00-10:30 Ville Vuolanto „Ascetics as Single Men and Women“

10:30-11:00 Geoff Nathan „Augustine, “Philosophical Retirement” and the Singles Life“

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:00 Stephanos Efthymiadis „Singles in Early Byzantine Literature“

12:00-12:30 Jennifer Cromwell „’Listen to my mistreatment’: Coptic evidence for the difficulties faced by single women in Late Antique and early Islamic Egypt

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch

Panel V: Comparative voices; Chair: Christian Laes and Sabine Huebner

14:30-15:00 Mohammed Hocine Benkheira „Singles and Celibacy in Early Islam“

15:00-15:30 Julie De Groot „Singleness in the Early Modern Period: How Do Historians Cope with It?“

15:30-16:00 Matteo Manfredini “Singleness in the Libri Animarum (19th Century Italy)“

15:30-16:00 Final Discussion