

Incantatory Words: Greek and Egyptian Languages in the Magical Papyri

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The corpus of Greco-Egyptian Magical Formularies provides a window into the ritual practices, beliefs, and language phenomena of Antiquity. The corpus presents a real challenge to the researcher in the variation of linguistic registers it presents, ranging from formulaary language, literary and poetic expression, to the mix caused by language contact. In this conference we would like to explore the possibilities that a full examination of this interesting corpus of texts offers in three main aspects: language contact in Egypt, literary Greek in the magical papyri, and lexical issues.



PROGRAM

Monday 27 September 2021

3:00 Introduction- Presentation of the Project

3:15 Korshi Dosoo (Würzburg) - Sonja Dahlgren (Helsinki)

Phonemics and Orthography in the Theban Magico-Alchemical Codices

4:00 Marja Vierros (Helsinki)

Ellipsis and Parataxis. Some Observations about the Syntax of the Magical Papyri.

4:45 Sofia Torallas Tovar (Chicago)

Egyptian traits in the Greek of PGM VIII and IX: scribe or tradition?

5:30 Michael Zellmann-Rohrer (Berlin) pres

“Egyptianized” Greek beyond Egypt

Discussion

Tuesday 28 September 2021

Literary language

09:30 Christopher Faraone (Chicago)

Hexametrical Language in the Magical Papyri: Hymn, Oracle and Incantation

10:15 Richard Gordon (Erfurt)

Rhetoric, body and music in the final section of *GEMF* 60 (pp.17-21 = ll. 746-932)

11:00 Miriam Blanco Cesteros (Madrid)

Naming the Gods (with Originality). Mechanisms of lexical creativity in the divine *epiklêsis* of *PGM*

Lunch 12:00-1:30

2:00 Raquel Martín (Madrid)

Naming magical procedures. Hapax legomena in PGM VII.

2:15 Panagiota Sarischouli (Thessaloniki)

A Glossary of Voces Magicae: Some Further Thoughts