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# Scholars, Priests and Temples – Babylonian and Egyptian Science in Context

## Conference

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## Thursday

**May 12**

- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:30 Brian Muhs (Chicago)  
Egyptian scholars, priests and temples between autonomy and state authority
- 10:20 Caroline Waerzeggers (Leiden)  
Chronicles: temples, priests and historiography in Babylonia
- 11:10 Break
- 11:30 David Klotz (Basel)  
Egyptian temple inscriptions of the Roman Period – primarily from Esna
- 12:20 Markham J. Geller (Berlin)  
Canonized knowledge in Late Antiquity between Jewish and Babylonian scholars
- 13:10 Lunch
- 14:30 Heather Baker (Toronto)  
The economic interests of Urukean scholars
- 15:20 Johannes Hackl (Leipzig)  
The business portfolio of Babylonian scholars and private funding of temples in the Late Period
- 16:10 Break
- 16:30 Joachim Quack (Heidelberg)  
Priestly scholars in Late Egypt: the theoretical side

## Friday

**May 13**

- 9:30 Alexandra von Lieven (Berlin)  
The religious sciences in Ancient Egypt
- 10:20 Livia Capponi (Pavia)  
Chærémon of Alexandria and the catasterism of Poppaea (P.Oxy. 77.5105) between Stoic philosophy and Egyptian science
- 11:10 Break
- 11:30 John Steele (Providence)  
Incorporating tradition within innovation: the continued relevance of MUL.APIN in Late Babylonian astronomy
- 12:20 Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum (Berlin)  
Philology: principles of a cuneiform discipline
- 13:10 Lunch
- 14:30 Damien Agut (Paris)  
Philippe Clancier (Paris)  
Charming snakes (and kings) from Egypt to Persia
- 15:20 Geert de Breucker (Groningen)  
Babylonian words in Greek lexicographical texts and the transfer of Babylonian knowledge
- 16:10 Break
- 16:30 Paul-Alain Beaulieu (Toronto)  
Berossus and the Creation Story

## Saturday

**May 14**

- 09:30 Mathieu Ossendrijver (Berlin)  
Late Babylonian predictions of market prices and weather
- 10:20 Marvin Schreiber (Berlin)  
The Babylonian iatro-mathematical calendar
- 11:10 Break
- 11:30 Andreas Winkler (Oxford)  
From the archive of an astrologer
- 12:20 Julia Krul (Durham)  
Astronomy and the temple cults in Hellenistic Babylonia
- 13:10 Lunch

