

International Interdisciplinary Conference
Praying and Contemplating: Religious and Philosophical Interactions in Late Antiquity
31 March – 2 April 2016, North-West University (Potchefstroom)
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday March 31

8:00–10:00 Registration

09:30–09:45 Marianne Dircksen (Director: School of Ancient Languages and Text Studies) Welcome Address

09:45–10:00 Susan Visser (Vice Rector, Research, NWU) Welcome Address

10:00–11:40 *Session 1 Chair: John Finamore*

10:00–10:40 John Dillon (Trinity College, Dublin) “Levels of Prayer in the Neoplatonic and Sufi Traditions”

10:40–11:10 Bronwen Neil (Australian National University, Canberra) “Dream-visions and Contemplation in Christian Neo-Platonism”

11:10–11:40 Herrie van Rooy (NWU) “Prayer, Admonition and History in in the Commentary on the Psalms by Theodore of Mopsuestia”

11:40–12:00 Refreshments

12:00–13:00 *Session 2 Chair: Annemaré Kotzé*

12:00–12:30 Liana Lamprecht (UNISA) “Biblical and Historical Literary Evidence for a further Consideration of Matthew 6: 13a – the 6th Petition in the Lord’s Prayer”

12:30–13:00 Holger Hespen (CEU, Budapest) “How do the Souls travel? Eustratius of Constantinople and his Opponents on the Interaction between the Living and the Dead”

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:40 *Session 3 Chair: Eleni Pachoumi*

14:00–14:40 Matthew Dickie (University of Illinois, Chicago) “Contemplating and Coming together with the Divine in Mystery-cult in Late Antiquity”

14:40–15:10 Lech Trzcionkowski (Jagiellonian University, Cracow) “*Hieroi Logoi in 24. Rhapsodies. The Orphic Codex?*”

15:10–15:40 Philip Bosman (UNISA) “Places of Deception or danger? Late Antique Views of the Oracles”

15:40–16:00 Refreshments

16:00–17:00 *Session 4 Chair: John Hilton*

16:00–16:30 Santiago Iglesias García (Complutense University, Madrid) “Contemplatio Constantini”

16:30–17:00 Maria Teresa Ruggiero (University of Foreigners, Perugia) “A Deeply Religious Person. Fulgentius Planciade: *Philosophus* and *Philologus*”

18:30 Conference dinner

Friday April 1

9:00–10:40 *Session 5 Chair: Matthew Dickie*

9:00–9:40 Mark Edwards (Oxford University) “Primitive Christianity and Magic”

9:40–10:10 Annemaré Kotzé (Stellenbosch University) “Augustine’s *Confessions*: Addressing Manichaeans through Prayer?”

10:10–10:40 John Hilton (Kwazulu-Natal University) “Public and Private Prayer in Julian”

10:40–11:10 Refreshments

11:10 - 12:50 Session 6 Chair: John Dillon

11:10–11:50 John Finamore (University of Iowa) “Iamblichus, Theurgic Metaphysician”

11:50–12:20 Eleni Pachoumi (NWU) “Proclus on Theurgic Unions and the References from Magic”

12:20–12:50 Matylda Obryk (Northeast Normal University, China) “Theurgy: Reconciliation of Religion and Philosophy”

12:50–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:10 Session 7 Chair: Mark Edwards

14:00–14:30 Mark Wildish (University of Hong Kong) “Iamblichus on the Language of Prayer”

14:30–15:00 Laurence Bloom (Rhodes University) “Proclus on the Inward Turn”

15:00 – 15:30 Refreshments

15:30–16:00 Session 8 Chair: Philip Bosman

16:00–16:30 John Hilton (Kwazulu-Natal University) “Ethnography and Empire: The Tower of Babel Narrative in Philo *De Confusione Linguarum*, Origen *Contra Celsum*, and Julian *Contra Galilaeos*”

16:30–17:00 Olivier Dufault (LMU Munich) “Lessons from the Body. Alchemy and Practical Thought-Experiment in the First Lesson on Virtue of Zosimus of Panopolis”

17:00–17:30 Concluding Remarks

19:00 Conference dinner