

Friday, 26 July 2019

Venue: Theology Building, An der Universität 2, U2/00.25

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| 16:00 | I Registration | 11:30 |
| 18:15 | Welcome Address | 11:40 |
| 18:30 | Zachary Yuzwa (University of Saskatchewan) "A Flower Among Thorns": Hiddenness and Holiness in the <i>Lives</i> of Katherine Tekakwitha | 12:10 |
| 20:00 | I Dinner for Speakers | |

Saturday, 27 July 2019

Venue: Oriental Studies Building, Schillerplatz 17, SP17/00.13

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| 09:00 | I Coffee and Registration | 14:00 |
| 09:30 | Anne Alwis, Kirill Dmitriev, Konstantin Klein: Introduction | 14:10 |
| 10:00 | Session I Benjamin Pohl (University of Bristol) The Hidden Narrator | 14:40 |
| 10:10 | Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus) Authorship and Secrecy: The Hidden Agenda of a Fifth-Century Hagiographer | 15:10 |
| 10:40 | Kirill Dmitriev (University of St Andrews) Secrecy as a Narrative Strategy in the Legend of Barlaam and Josaphat | 15:30 |
| 11:10 | I Coffee | 15:40 |

Session II

Jan-Markus Kötter
(University of Düsseldorf)
Literary Absence

16:10

Christodoulos Papavarnavas
(University of Vienna)
Martyrdom and Secret Holiness: The Role Swap Between a Martyr and a Flute Player

Lieve Van Hoof
(Ghent University)
Self-Fashioning Through Secrets: The Years 363–388 in Libanius' Letter Collection

16:40

I Coffee

Christa Gray
(University of Reading)
Concealing the Body: Hidden Burials in Jerome's *Lives* of Holy Men

17:00

Session V

Leah Tether
(University of Bristol)
Literary Discretion

17:10

Isabel Toral-Niehoff
(Free University of Berlin)
The Gentle Art of Safeguarding Secrets. Confidentiality in Arabic Advice Literature

I Lunch for Speakers

Session III

Anne Alwis
(University of Kent)
Lifting the Veil

17:40

Lale Behzadi
(University of Bamberg)
Al-Jāhīz on the Difficulty of Keeping a Secret

Marlena Whiting
(University of Amsterdam)
Secret Women. Female Pilgrims Disguised as Men in Early-Byzantine Hagiography

20:00

I Dinner for Speakers

Sunday, 28 July 2019

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09:30

I Coffee

Laura Franco
(Royal Holloway, London)
Between Concealment and Disguise: The Cases of the Cross-Dressing Saints Euphrosyne/Smaragdus (*BHG* 625) and Mary/Marinus (*BHG* 1163)

10:00

Session VI

Jenny Oesterle
(University of Heidelberg)
Secrecy and Knowledge

I Coffee

10:10

Georg Leube
(University of Bayreuth)
Gnosis on the Via Dolorosa: The Scope of Hidden Meaning in Early and Classical Arabic-Islamic Historiographical Accounts of Ali's March to Siffin

Session IV
Dionysios Stathakopoulos
(King's College, London)
Secret Sanctity

10:40

Enass Khansa
(American University of Beirut)
The Concealed Gates of Heaven

Klazina Staat
(Ghent University)
Late-Antique Latin *Lives* of Chaste Couples: Secrecy as a Strategy of Belief

11:10

| Coffee

Session VII

11:30

Benjamin Gray
(Birkbeck College, London)
Masquerading Voices

11:40

Tina Chronopoulos
(Binghamton University, New York)
Ineffable Speeches in the Greek Lives of St Katherine of Alexandria

12:10

Klaus van Eickels
(University of Bamberg)
Revealing Secrets: Assassinations Explained or Prevented by Letters in Crusading Historiography

12:40

| Lunch for Speakers

Session VIII

14:00

Konstantin Klein
(University of Bamberg)
Concealing Vision: Seen but not Heard

14:10

Julia Doroszewska
(University of Warsaw)
Secrets of the Saints: Tricks and Disguises in the Sainly Apparitions of the Late-Antique Miracle Collections

14:40

James Corke-Webster
(King's College, London)
Seeing and Secrecy: Visibility and Martyrs

15:10

| Refreshments

15:20

Alexandra Vukovich
(University of Oxford)
Final Conclusions

20:00

| Dinner for Speakers

Secrets and secrecy are key features in late-antique, Byzantine, and early Islamic literature. They can manifest as hidden knowledge or sanctity, as disguise or the veiling of intentions, as a physical and metaphorical absence, as the creation of new identities or even as alternative modes of existence. An international conference organised by the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and the Humanities (AGYA) will be investigating the roles of secrets and secrecy in a diachronic and interdisciplinary way.

Organisers

- Anne Alwis (University of Kent)
- Anis Ben Amor (AL-Manar University Tunis)
- Kirill Dmitriev (University of St Andrews)
- Konstantin Klein (University of Bamberg)

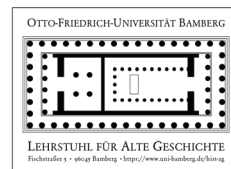
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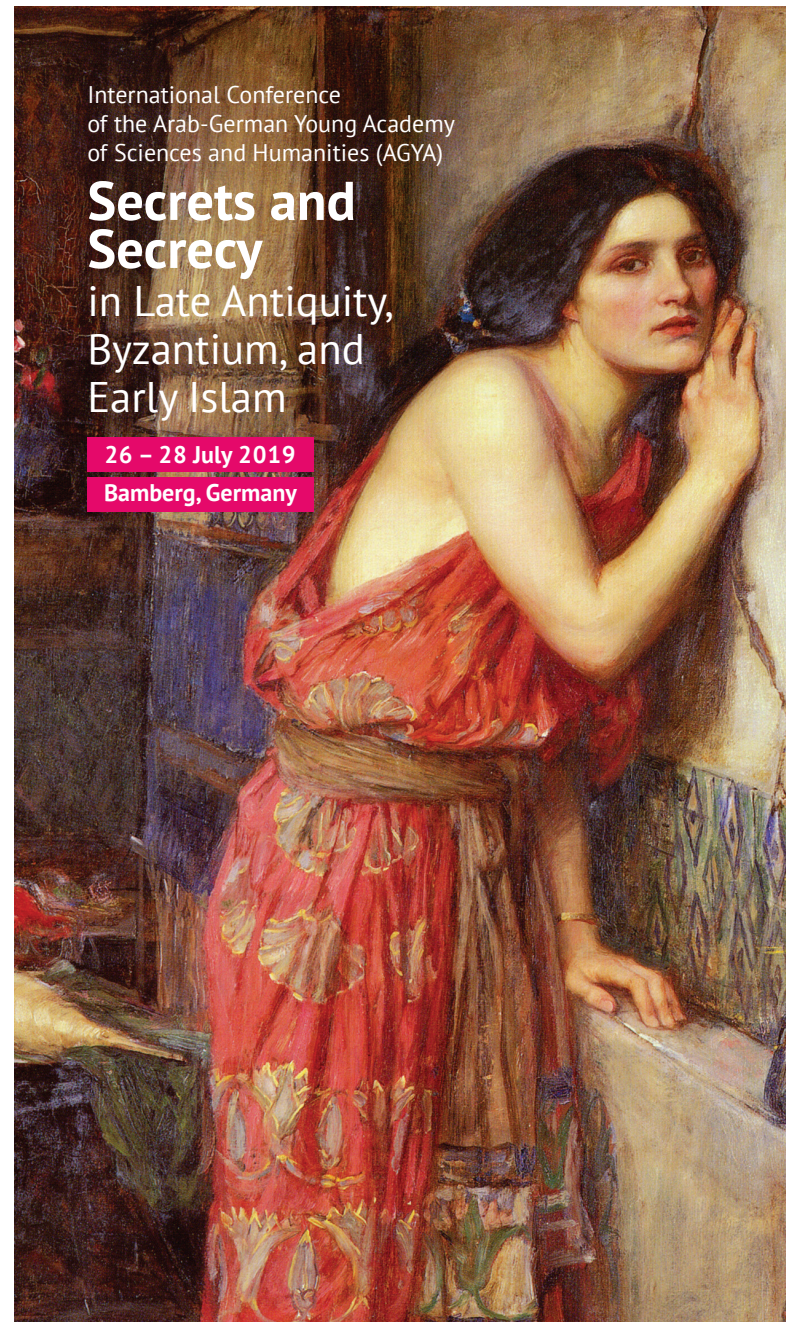
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