

International Conference

Deciphering Female Figures in Greek Myth and Ritual

Thursday 18 April 2024 (Blindern Campus, Georg Morgenstiernes hus, meeting room 452)

- 9:00–9:15 Welcome
- 9:15–10:00 **Keynote speaker: Jane Masségli** (Leicester): Old Wives' Tales: Elderly Women in Greek Ritual Practice
- 10:00–10:45 **Giuseppe Zanetto** (Milan): 'Touching the God': The Key Role of Female Figures in the Establishment of New Religious Practices
- 10:45–11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15–12:00 **Giulia Frigerio** (Oslo): Pythias and Hierophantids: Designated Guardians of Secret Knowledge
- 12:00–12:45 **Judith Hendriksma** (Oslo): Serving the God and Serving the Cult: Epiphany, Aetiology and Agency in the *Homeric Hymns*
- 12:45–13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45–14:30 **Elli Papazoi** (Graz) and **Sotiria Dimopoulou** (Münster): Searching for Kore in Ancient Arcadia: Innovative Approaches to the Cult and the Interpretation of a Female Deity
- 14:30–15:15 **Ariadne Konstantinou** (Ramat Gan): Hestia at Delphi
- 15:15–15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45–16:30 **Daniela Milo** (Naples): Women and the Sacred in Melanippe's Speech (Euripides' fr. 494 Kannicht)
- 16:30–17:15 **Georgios Lenos** and **Sofia Giapantzali** (Komotini): Female Bodies and *loci sacri* in Callimachus' *Hymn to Artemis*

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- 9:15–10:00 **Keynote speaker: Efrosyni Boutsikas** (Kent): Maidens in Motion: Female Ritual Dancing as Cosmic Performance in Ancient Greece
- 10:00–10:45 **Beatrice Gavazza** (Freiburg i.Br.): Singing Dances for the Gods: Poetic Representations of Female Agency in Myth and Ritual
- 10:45–11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15–12:00 **Amy Arden** (Leicester): Heavenly Bodies: The Mythological Women Bound in Constellations and the Historic Women Empowered by Them
- 12:00–12.45 **Pasquale Ferrara** (Potsdam): Il femminile dionisiaco e il valore culturale delle menadi storiche in Grecia
- 12:45–13:45 Lunch break



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- 13:45–14:30 **Camila Aline Zanon** (Campinas): The Agency of Gaia (Earth) in Hesiod's *Theogony*
- 14:30–15:15 **Adriana Beneduce** (Naples): Cassandra's Legacy: Uncovering the Connection between Myth and Cult in Lycophron's *Alexandra*
- 15:15–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–16:30 **Kerasia Stratiki** (Patras/Nicosia): Iphigénie en Attique. Prêtresse, protectrice et sauveuse
- 16:30–17:15 **Valentina Caruso** (Naples): *L'Auge* di Euripide: la forza 'sovversiva' della sacerdotessa

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The conference is open to the general public and held in hybrid format (papers will be given in person). Those interested in participating are kindly requested to register via email by 11 April 2024 at 12:00h CEST, indicating whether you would like to participate in person or digitally.

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