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WEITERE VERANSTALTUNGEN IM SS 2015

10.-12.06.2015 - Workshop
Students, Followers and Disciples - Aemulatio and Imitatio of Role Models in the Ancient Mediterranean

18.-20.06.2015 - Tagung
Autorität in der „Krise“ nach 1945

01.-03.07.2015 - Workshop
Morphogrammata. The Lettered Art of Optatian.
Figuring Cultural Transformations in the Age of Constantine and Beyond

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CHARISMATIC SUBSTANCES

WORKSHOP, MAY 15TH, 2015



CHARISMATIC SUBSTANCES WORKSHOP

This workshop looks at substances with “that elusive something” we call charisma – kinds of matter that, like the political leaders sociologists have long studied, exert a peculiar influence over us, evoke deference and devotion, rearrange our perceptions, upend routines, or become the seeds around which new orders take form.

Contributions trace the charisma of substances to the interstices between their imbrication with human subjectivity – to how their rarity, symbolism or economic value endow them with salience – and the influence that arises from their material properties – to how their shininess, ductility, or medicinal properties give them purchase on our souls and senses.

Thinking substances through charisma opens up novel perspectives on symbolic capital, commodity chains, and power relations; it reintegrates attention to the somatic dimensions of the most abstract social relations and to the instances of material presence that bind our world together.

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FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2015

- 09.00 **Stefanie Gänger** (Universität zu Köln)
Opening Remarks
- 09.15 **Marc Higgin** (University of Aberdeen)
Clay
- 10.00 **Gabriela Siracusano** (CONICET-UNTREF, Buenos Aires)
Copper-based Green Pigments
- 10.45 BREAK
- 11.15 **Sebastian Haumann** (TU Darmstadt)
Limestone
- 12.00 **Dagmar Wujastyk** (Universität Zürich)
Mercury
- 12.45 BREAK
- 13.45 **Josh Berson** (Wellcome Hub)
Meat
- 14.30 **Stefanie Gänger** (Universität zu Köln)
Cinchona
- 15.15 GONGFU TEA DEMONSTRATION
Amanda Yiu (Ambassador of Pu Erh Tea in Europe for Xishuangbanna, Yunnan) & Commentary by Josh Berson
- 15.45 **Rachel E. Black** (Boston University / Collegium de Lyon)
Amari
- 16.30 **Dagmar Schäfer** (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)
Keynote Speech
- 17.30 **Josh Berson** (Wellcome Hub)
Concluding Remarks
- 17.45 AMARI TASTING