

Venue

The conference is held at the University of Graz, in the Main Building, Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, first floor, right wing, room 01.18 ("Senatssitzungszimmer"). The signing ceremony on 17th of October will take place in the Aula.

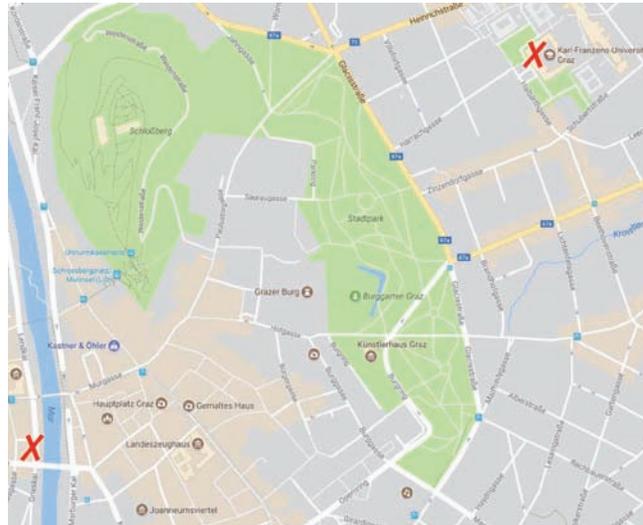
Accommodation

Rooms for all participants are booked in the Hotel Weitzer, Grieskai 12-16, 8020 Graz (<https://www.hotelweitzer.com/>). You reach the hotel from the Central Station (Graz Hauptbahnhof) by tramline 1, 3, 6 or 7 to "Südtiroler Platz/Kunsthhaus". From there, turn right and go along the Mur, past Hotel Wiesler, and another 70 metres to the hotel "Das Weitzer". Tram tickets are available at ticket machines outside or inside the tram, € 2.20 per person. Otherwise try to share a taxi with your colleagues when arriving at Graz Central Station. Further information at http://verkehrs-auskunft.verbundlinie.at/bin/query.exe/dn?L=vs_stvg.

When arriving by plane, you can use the airport shuttle service run by Grazer Verkehrsbetriebe. Get off at Griesplatz and go along Griesgasse to the hotel, € 2.20 per person. Further information at www.flughafen-graz.at ("Taxi & Shuttle").

From the hotel to the venue

You can walk to the bus stop „Gebietskrankenasse“ on the eastern side of the Mur and take the bus no. 31 directed to „Uni/ReSoWi“, where you get off and, crossing the campus, arrive at the main building. Or you may walk to the Hauptplatz, take either tramline 4 or 5 to Andritz, getting off at „Keplerbrücke“, where you can take the bus no. 63 directed to „St. Peter Schulzentrum“, bus stop „Universität“ (right in front of the main building), or bus no. 58 directed to „Hilmteich/Botanischer Garten“, getting off at „Mozartgasse“. Other courses check at http://verkehrs-auskunft.verbundlinie.at/bin/query.exe/dn?L=vs_stvg.



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International Graduate School

Resonant Self-World Relations in Ancient and Modern Socio-Religious Practices

Opening Conference
at the University of Graz
16th to 18th October 2017



Conference of the International Graduate School, funded by DFG and FWF, with the first cohort of doctoral students. University of Graz in cooperation with the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt, 16th to 18th October 2017.

Outline of the conference's aim

With this conference the International Graduate School "Resonant Self–World Relations in Ancient and Modern Socio-Religious Practices" starts its training programme with the first cohort of doctoral students.

The aim of the introductory conference is to provide a base for the research projects comparing the self–world relations that are established or reflected and sustained in social and especially religious practices in Mediterranean antiquity with those in the contemporary (late) modern period. By combining and confronting different methodological traditions – from Sociology, Biblical Studies and Classics – and different periods, the International Graduate School offers new perspectives for research in multiple ways.

Ritual practices have always been a crucial element of cultural research, for they provide a key to understanding differences in cultural belief systems and social orders. Thus, the differences and changes within circum-Mediterranean antiquity have been reconstructed as the differences between polytheistic and monotheistic rituals and beliefs, urban (polis) societies and autocracies. The central assumption of the research projects



is now that these ritual practices have to be taken much more seriously and need to be analysed and understood as socio-religious practices establishing highly significant and particular relationships between self and world. They claim that in those ritual practices, particular persons, objects or places are endowed with a power that makes them resonant, i.e., responsive to the embodied subject, in particular ways. Processes of sacralisation configure and stabilise this kind of 'resonance'.

This allows for new contextualisations of what have hitherto been considered isolated practices relating to objects, bodies, stories, space and the transcendent realm, but what is increasingly considered to be based in fundamental cognitive processes and expressive forms equivalent to intellectual beliefs.

Participants: Doctoral Students and Faculty Members of the IGS from the Universities of Erfurt and Graz (<https://dk-resonance.uni-graz.at/de/das-doktoratskolleg/faculty/>)

Guest Speakers: Teresa Morgan (Oxford) and Hubert Knoblauch (Berlin)



Monday 16th October 2017

- 17.30 Registration
- 17.45 Welcome addresses Wolfgang Spickermann, Peter Scherrer (Graz), and Jörg Rüpke (Erfurt)
- 18.00 Hartmut Rosa (Erfurt / Jena): „Einem Ruf antworten - Überlegungen zur Bedeutung von Ritualen für die Etablierung und Stabilisierung von Resonanzachsen“
- 18.45 Irmtraud Fischer (Graz): “Why Did Certain Axes of Resonance Work for Hundreds of Years While Others Did Not?”
- 20.00 Speakers' Dinner

Tuesday 17th October 2017

- 09.00 Introduction Jörg Rüpke, Wolfgang Spickermann
- 09.30 Christoph Heil (Graz): „Resonant Self–World Relations in Conflict: A New Approach to Paul's Letter to the Galatians“
- 10.30 Break
- 10.45 Project presentations of the Doctoral Students
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.15 Project presentations of the Doctoral Students
- 14.45 Georgia Petridou (Liverpool / Erfurt): “Resonating Mysteries: Mystery Terminology and Proverbial Silence in the Second Sophistic”
- 15.45 Break
- 16.00 Signing ceremony of the Cotutelle Agreement by the Rector of the University of Graz, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christa Neuper, and the President of the University of Erfurt, Prof. Dr. Walter Bauer-Wabnegg. Addresses by the Rector of the University of Graz, the President of the University of Erfurt, the Vicerector of the University of Graz for Research and Junior Researchers' Promotion, the Director of the Max Weber Center of the University of Erfurt, and the Spokespersons of the IGS Followed by a reception, end ca. 18.00

Wednesday 18th October 2017

- 08.00 Teresa Morgan (Oxford): “Trust, Risk, Belief and Action: Articulated Self-World Relationships and Ritual Practices in Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean”
- 09.15 Break
- 09.30 Hubert Knoblauch (Berlin): „Resonanz und Transzendenz“
- 10.45 Closing discussion, end ca. 11.00