

Change and Consistency: Male Virtues and Ancient Rituals
Wandel und Konstanz männlicher Tugenden am Beispiel antiker Rituale

Workshop (German/English)
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Rituals are often very stable structures, which show a remarkable longevity and persistence even in the face of dramatic social change. At the same time, however, part of their efficacy derives from their – albeit limited – adaptability. This workshop aims to explore how this dynamic of consistency and change inherent in rituals affects ideas of manhood and/or male virtues in Greek and Roman antiquity. The underlying idea is that the ritual context can be understood as a performative stage, on which social ideals, values and norms are continuously negotiated, shaped and communicated. The papers presented will explore selected aspects of the abovementioned overarching topic within different temporal, spatial and cultural contexts from Antiquity, such as: Terminological and conceptual questions of (male) virtue in Archaic and Classical Greece; the framing and transmission

of ideals of masculinity within the Greek Oschophoria-festival (Armin Unfricht); the interrelation of manhood and death in the context of Ancient Greek funerary rites (Elli Papazoi); notions of power and hegemonial masculinity in Livy's account of the vows taken by a Roman commander on the Capitoline Hill (Daniel Albrecht); Roman and Early Christian warrior-ideals and their mediation through the cult of martyrs in late antiquity (Winfried Kumpitsch).

Papers

Armin Unfricht (Graz / Ancient History): *The Good, the Better and the Virtuous. The Negotiation and Transmission of Male Virtues through Greek Rituals*

Elli Papazoi (Graz / Archaeology): *Arete und thanatos – Ritualpraktiken im Grabkontext im antiken Griechenland*

Daniel Albrecht (Erfurt / Ancient History): *Ritual und Hegemoniale Männlichkeit bei Titus Livius*

Winfried Kumpitsch (Graz / Ancient History): *Die Vermittlung spätantiker Kriegerideale durch den Märtyrerkult*

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