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Program

Monday, 22.04.2024

9.50–10.00

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Katerina Ragkou (Marburg)

**Session 1 Sacred Landscapes:
Religious Spaces and Rituals**

Chair: Maréva U (Marburg)

10.00–10.45

Sacred Byzantine Landscapes:
A Study through Liturgical Documents

Diego Fittipaldi (Cologne)

10.45–11.30

Shaping Christian Sacred Spaces and Religious
Celebrations during the Ottoman Period:
Examples from Epirus

Alexandra Koumpouli (Istanbul)

11.30–11.45 Coffee Break

**Session 2 Burial Practices and
Landscapes of Death**

Chair: Beate Böhlendorf-Arslan (Marburg)

11.45–12.30

Levels of Visibility in Ancient
Egyptian Sacred Landscapes

Tobias Gutmann (Cologne)

12.30–13.15

Cemeteries as Sacred Landscapes:
Middle Byzantine Mortuary Practices in
Western Asia Minor

Rachel Odenthal (Marburg)

13.15–14.15 Lunch

**Session 3 Sacred Landscapes:
Towns to Country**

Chair: Diego Fittipaldi (Cologne)

14.15–15.00

Sacred Landscapes in Byzantine Thessaly:
Patterns and Processes

Katerina Ragkou (Marburg)

15.00–15.45

Tyana in Byzantine Cappadocia:
Exploring the Sacred Townscape of a
Cappadocian Capital

Birgül Köksal-Muştu (Marburg)

15.45–16.30

Reconstructing the Sacred Landscape
of the Troad

Beate Böhlendorf-Arslan (Marburg)

16.30–17.00 Coffee Break

17.00–18.30

Keynote Lecture: Townscapes, Ruralscapes,
Islandscapes: Tasks, Memory and the Sacred
in the Christian era

Athanasios Vionis (Cyprus)

18.30 Reception

Tuesday, 23.04.2024

**Session 4 Sacred Landscapes and
Human-Environment Relations**

Chair: Sabine Neumann (Marburg)

9.45–10.30

Monumental visibility and administration
at late antique mines and quarries

Catherine Keane (Marburg)

10.30–11.15

The Sacred Nature in Greek Cult and
Nature sanctuaries

Mirja Biehl (Marburg)

11.15–12.00

Mountains as Sacred Landscapes.
Mountain Sanctuaries in Greece from the
Archaic to the Hellenistic period

Cynthia Marti (Marburg)

12.00–13.00 Lunch

**Session 5 Sacred Landscapes and
Social Dynamics**

Chair: Arabella Cortese (Regensburg/Marburg)

13.00–13.45

Placing Divine Newcomers in the sacred
Landscape of ancient Athens

Sabine Neumann (Marburg)

13.45–14.30

Tracing Social Interaction-biographies
of deathscapes

Asuman Lätzer-Lasar (Marburg)

14.30–15.15

Multifaceted Role of a Sufi Lodge

Ramina Rezvan (Marburg)

15.15–15.30 Coffee Break

**Session 6 Ascetism, Monasticism
and Sacred Landscapes**

Chair: Catherine Keane (Marburg)

15.30–16.15

Creating and transforming sacred landscapes
in late antique Asia Minor:

The nature and the sacred in Kanytelleis,
Hagia Thekla Zoodochos Pege

Arabella Cortese (Regensburg/Marburg)

16.15–17.00

The monastic communities in Western
Thebes, Egypt, in early Islamic times

Sabrina Tatz (Marburg)

17.00–17.45

Spiritual Pathways in Byzantine Monasticism:
Insights from Topographical Engravings of
Mount Athos (17th-19th c.)

Mareva U (Marburg)

17.45–18.00 Coffee Break

18.00–18.30 Discussion

19.00

Dinner