

Call for Papers

3rd Annual Meeting of the Working Group “Marburger Gespräche zur Alten Heilkunde”

Date: June 5–6, 2024

Venue: Landgrafensaal of the Hessian State Archives Marburg

Deadline: March 29, 2024

Organizers: Nils P. Heeßel, Tanja Pommerening,

Dear colleagues, friends of ancient medicine,

after another successful meeting of the Working Group “Marburger Gespräche zur Alten Heilkunde” (MGAH) last June, we would now like to cordially invite you to the 3rd annual meeting. Once again, this year we hope to combine enriching discussions and more relaxed exchanges of ideas with presentations on the latest research in the field of ‘Ancient Medicine’.

We would like to invite you to take part in actively shaping the conference. There are two ways in which you can do this: present your current research or PhD project related to “Ancient Medicine” as a 20 minute presentation followed by 20 minutes for discussion. We would especially like to encourage early career researchers to apply with a presentation. Alternatively, you can open our 90 minute discussion session with a 10 to 15 minute input presentation on a current topic in the history of pharmacy or medicine. Last year’s discussion session, for example, focused on the topic ‘Psychoactive Substances in Cultic Vessels’. After an introduction to the topic, we split up into smaller groups to discuss the topic with the help of a handout, before coming together for a final plenary discussion.

This year, we are also pleased to announce that the public keynote lecture will be delivered by Prof. Mark Geller (University College London), a renowned expert on the history of Mesopotamian and Jewish medicine.

As in previous years, we have decided against having a predefined overarching theme in order to give all interested participants the opportunity to present *their own* topic. You are therefore free to present whatever you wish to share and discuss with a group of experts and other interested persons.

If you would like to present a 20-minute contribution, please send us your proposed title by e-mail. Please add an abstract of about 300 words, outlining the research question and the expected results of your project.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a 10 to 15-minute input lecture, please also send us your proposal for a discussion topic by e-mail. Please attach to your proposal a description of your thesis or topic.

The languages of presentation are German and English.

Please send all proposals by March 29, 2024 to Adam Howe (ag-mgah@staff.uni-marburg.de), who is also available to answer any questions you may have.

Further information can be found on our website:

<https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb16/igphmmr/marburg-dialogues-on-ancient-healing-arts>.

The final program will be announced in April 2023.

We are looking forward to welcoming many participants!

With best regards,



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Prof. Dr. Tanja Pommerening



Dr. Adam Howe