

5th Annual Meeting of the **‘Marburg Dialogues on Ancient Healing Arts’**

Date: June 19–20, 2026
Ort: Lecture room of the University library,
Deutschhausstr. 9, 35037 Marburg (Lahn)

Friday, June 19, 2026

from 13:30 Registration

13:50 Welcome and introduction

Tanja Pommerening
and Nils P. Heeßel
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Session 1, Chair: Stefan Weninger

14:00–14:40 Die Konzeption des Körpers und seiner
Bestandteile im Alten Ägypten nach den
Befunden in den Oracular Amuletic
Decrees

Anke Ilona Blöbaum
Universität Leipzig

14:40–15:20 The Intricacies of Translation:
Methodological Challenges in Translating
Pre-Modern Pharmacological Texts — The
Case of Ibn al-Bayṭār’s Kitāb al-Jāmi‘

Manal Elmagrahi
Philipps-Universität Marburg

15:20–16:00 When Medicine Trained Minds: Ancient
Medical Texts as Cognitive Infrastructure
and Technologies of Thought

Doaa Elalfy
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Coffee break

Session 2, Chair: Tanja Pommerening & Nils P. Heeßel

16:30–16:45 *Input lecture*

Healing Atmospheres. The Influence of Perceived Experience on the Ancient Healing Arts

Kali Schautt

Philipps-Universität Marburg

16:45–18:00 Discussion with all participants

Break

18:30–20:00 *Public keynote*

Talking about medicine: symptotic conversations in ancient Greece and Rome.

Liba Taub

University of Cambridge

from 20:15 Joint dinner (optional)

Saturday, June 20, 2026

09:15 Welcome

Session 3, Chair: Maximilian Haars

09:20–10:00 Magic and Nature in On the Sacred Disease and The Yellow Emperor's Inner Canon (Huangdi Neijing)

Arthur Harris

*Center for Hellenic Studies,
Washington DC*

10:00–10:40 The Hippocratic background of Galenos' dietetics and pharmacology. The case of humours and animal product

Cătălin Enache

Universität Wien

10:40–11:20 Die Kodierung von Wahrnehmung in der altgriechischen Medizin am Beispiel Galens von Pergamon (2.-3. Jh. n.Chr.)

Theresa Maria Roth and
Matteo Macciò

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Coffee break

Session 4, Chair: Jochen Althoff

- 11:50–12:30** Doctors Without Borders: The Professional and Social Identity of Physicians in the Greek World
Giulia La Cognata
University of Edinburgh
- 12:30–13:10** Medical Culture and Learned Society in the High Roman Empire
Michiel Meeusen
KU Leuven
- 13:10** Closing address
- from 13:20** Joint lunch (optional)