



» **BUILT RITUAL** « **SPACE**

***The Use and Perception of Religious
Cult Buildings in Ancient (City/Polis)
Sanctuaries***

22-23 October 2021

*The event will be held in a hybrid form
at Ohlshausenstraße 40/Alte Mensa, Room 13,
Kiel University, Germany and virtually on ZOOM**

Monumental cult buildings constitute one of the most important architectural features of ancient cultures. As such, they have the potential to significantly dominate the ancient cityscape. At the same time, they are important places of worship and closely integrated into ritual practices.

This interdisciplinary colloquium explores the use of enclosed, roofed cult buildings (temples) within ancient societies and their significance in the context of ritual and social practices in urban settings.

The colloquium will focus on four main topics:

- I. Concepts of use and worship*
- II. The agency of acting persons*
- III. The integration of concepts of action into urban space and their role in social urban life*
- IV. Methodological reflections*

With its wide geographical and chronological framework, the colloquium tries to grasp the specific problem of dealing with enclosed cult buildings, usually called temples, in all their diversity.

FRIDAY / 22 OCTOBER 2021

- 9.00 Welcoming/Reception
9.20 Built Ritual Space: Introduction
Dr des Jan Hartung /
PD Dr Philipp Kobusch (London / Kiel)

Space

- 9.45 Urban temene: Keeping the sacred and profane apart
Prof. Dr Gunnel Ekroth (Uppsala)

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

- 11.00 The problem of built religious space in Greek prehistory
Dr Matthew Haysom (Newcastle)
11.45 Space and Design in Egyptian Temples
Dr Stefan Baumann (Trier)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Perception

- 14.00 Beyond architecture: Ancient Greek sanctuaries
from a sensorial perspective
Prof. Dr Ioannis Mylonopoulos (New York)
14.45 Something in the Air: Lighting and Ventilation of Ritual
Spaces in Ancient Greece
Dr Marietta Dromain (Bordeaux)

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

- 16.00 Dressed to impress: The embellishment of cult
statues in ancient temples
Dr Cecilie Brøns (Copenhagen)

19.00 Dinner

SATURDAY / 23 OCTOBER 2021

Practices

- 09.00 Worship in Movement: Temples with Multiple
Doors and Circulation
Dr Audrey Dubernet (Bordeaux)
09.45 Inside the Telesterion of Eleusis: Approaching the
Function through a Diachronic Analysis of the Form
Dr des Ioulia Kaoura (Athens)

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

- 11.00 The Greek Temple and the City
Dr des Jan Hartung /
PD Dr Philipp Kobusch (London / Kiel)

- 11.45 Dare and Acting in the Holy Cave: Archaeological Evidence for the Initiations into the Mysteries of Mithras
Dr Ines Klenner (Hamburg)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Objects of use

- 14.00 Der Παρθενών im Parthenon: Die Schatzverzeichnisse von der Athener Akropolis
Dr Sebastian Prignitz (Vienna)
- 14.45 Fragments of Cult: Aspects of Cult Action and Agency through the Terracotta Figurines of the Acropolis Sanctuary of Stymphalos
Dr Matthew Skuse (St Andrews)

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

- 16.00 Everything in its place: Metal votive objects in the sacred space at Monte Casale (Sicily)
Dr Azzurra Scarci (Mainz)
- 16.45 Final discussion

***Due to the pandemic, access to the conference venue is currently restricted to the speakers.**

External audiences are welcome to attend the meeting via ZOOM and to participate in the discussion.

If the country regulations change and a larger on-site audience is possible, we will inform you accordingly at:
<https://tinyurl.com/fve95zy8> (Classical Archaeology)

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