



Language in Crisis, Crisis in Language, Language on Crisis Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Antiquity to Modern Times

Conference Program

Thursday, November 20th

6:00pm – 7:30pm **Prof. Holger Kuße (TU Dresden, Institute of Slavic Studies)**
Cultural Linguistics: Fundamentals and Examples from Argument to Zombie

Friday, November 21st

10:00am – 10:30am **Welcome Speech (Isabel Caspar & Margherita Coughlan)**

10:30am – 12:00pm

Session 1: Egypt & Mesoamerica

10:30am – 11:00am **Dr. Daniel Grana-Behrens (University of Bonn, Germany)**
The 'Ugly' and 'Death' of Maya Hieroglyphic Writing in the Context of Jan Assmann's Theory of Cultural Memory

11:00am – 11:30am **Dr. Christian Prager (University of Bonn, Germany)**
ma'ilaj 'he was not seen': Kings, Queens and Crisis in Classic Maya Hieroglyphic Inscriptions

11:30am – 12:00pm **Bruno Santrovitsch da Silva (Federal University of Paraíba, Brazil)**
Narrating Crisis in the Ancient World: Inversion, Restoration, and the Transformative Power of Texts from Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece

12:00pm – 12:30pm **Break**

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Session 2: Graeco-Roman Culture

Room 1

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Literature and Philosophy

Anton Glüer (University of Würzburg, Germany)

Coping with Inner Crisis: Reflections on Emotion in Greek and Roman Tragedy

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Tang Li (UC Los Angeles, USA)

Plato on the Change and Disagreement of Value-Embedded Language

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Tybo Vercamer (Ghent University, Belgium)

Between Moral Decay and Roman Tragedy. A Study of the Evolution of Political Thought on Internal Division Through the Lens of Cato the Elder and Virgil

Room 2

12:30pm – 1:00pm

History

Jordi Martin Pons (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)

Cleopatra as a Rhetorical Figure in the Crisis of Imperial Language

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Michael Castellino (Università di Trento, Italy)

The City's Power inside and outside: Textual and Political Dynamics in Athens in 415/4 BC

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Fletcher Erskine (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)

Metakrisis: The Emperor Julian in the Shadow of the Third-Century Crisis

2:00pm – 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm – 4:15pm

Session 3: Linguistics Across the World

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Simone Arcari (University of Tor Vergata, Italy)

Language on Crisis: The case of *μυστήριον*

3:15pm – 3:45pm

Sujitha Ajithkumar Pillai (Università della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, Italy)

Language in Crisis: The Sidi Diaspora and the Transformation of African Languages in India

3:45pm – 4:15pm

Dr. Marcus Ziemann (Florida State University, USA)

Migration, Mobility, and Crisis in Northwest Semitic Literatures

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Break

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Discussion (Isabel Caspar & Margherita Coughlan)

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Prof. Michèle Lowrie (UChicago, Classics)

Securitas, a Concept Born of Crisis

To register for the conference, please contact icaspar1@uni-koeln.de.

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