

**Female Bodies and Female Practitioners in the Medical Traditions of the Late  
Antique Mediterranean World**

**International Conference organized by project A03, *The Transfer of Medical  
Episteme in the 'Encyclopaedic' Compilations of Late Antiquity (SFB 980)***

**Preliminary Programme**

**Conference Opening, Monday evening, 27/10/2014, 18.00  
SFB-Villa, Schwendenerstraße 8**

**Keynote Lecture**

Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford) - *Talmudic Gynecology and its Relationship to Late  
Antique Medical Literature: Transfigurations of 'Women's Affairs' (Gynaikeia).*

Reception

**Tuesday, 28/10/2014**

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für klassische Philologie,  
Unter den Linden 6, Room 2103**

Session 1: 9.30 – 11.00

Tanja Pommerening (Mainz), *Ancient Egyptian Concepts of Female Anatomy, Physiology,  
and Specified Pharmacotherapy.*

Ulrike Steinert (FU Berlin), *Women's Healthcare in Ancient Mesopotamian Medicine:  
Texts, Problems, Interpretations.*

Coffee Break

Session 2: 11.30 – 13.00

Giulia Ecca (BBAW Berlin), *Women's (and Men's) Infertility in Galen's Commentary on  
Aphorisms, Book 5.*

Siam Bhayro (Exeter), *Gynaecology in Syriac Sources: Theory and Practice.*

Lunch Break

Session 3: 14.30 – 16.00

Caroline Musgrove (Cambridge), *Finding the Authorial Voice in Late Antique Medicine:  
Maternal Bodies and the Generation of Seeds in the Encyclopaedic Traditions.*

Tirzah Meacham (Toronto), *Reality or Theoretical Discussion: Pre-Menarchal Pregnancy, Superfetation, and Pregnancy during Lactation in Rabbinic Literature.*

Coffee Break

Session 4: 16.30 – 18.00

Monika Amsler (Zürich), *"My Mother Told Me...". An Evaluation of the Treatments of the Sickly Newborn in bShab 134a.*

Hannah Tzuberi (FU Berlin), *The Difficult Birth in Mishnaic Law: Regulation, Failure and Empathy.*

**Wednesday, 29/10/2014**

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Session 1: 10.00 – 11.30

Tal Ilan (FU Berlin), *Salome's Medicinal Recipes and Jewish Women Doctors in Antiquity.*

Rebecca Flemming (Cambridge), *Women's Medicine in Late Antiquity* (provisional title).

Coffee Break

Session 2: 12.00 – 13.00

Sean Coughlin (TOPOI Berlin) – Marzia Soardi (Palermo), *The Female in Aristotle's Biology and its Byzantine Reception.*

Lunch Break

Session 3: 15.00 – 16.30

Carmen Caballero-Navas (Granada), *On the Medieval Beginnings of Jewish Gynaecology.*

Petros Bouras-Vallianatos (King's College London), *Byzantine Criticism of Galenic Theories on Conception: the Case of Symeon Seth's Refutation of Galen.*

Final discussion/Concluding remarks: 16.30 – 17.00

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