

Mainz, 23 October 2015

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the next annual meeting of the Interdisciplinary Working Group on "Alte Medizin" (Ancient Medicine) will take place on:

Saturday and Sunday, 2-3 July 2016

As before it will be held in the Institute for History, Theory and Ethics of Medicine, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Am Pulverturm 13, (Basement, Lecture Room U1125). We will start on Saturday afternoon at 2.00 pm and end the day with an evening meal. The meeting will continue on Sunday at 9.30am until the early afternoon. The meeting will finish with an optional lunch.

We are making changes to the structure of the meeting this year. We will divide the event into two parts. For Part I, we invite papers concerned with the overarching theme of the meeting (see below). For Part II, we invite papers that present the result of ongoing research projects. Each presentation will be twenty minutes in length, followed by ten minutes of discussion. We also invite groups of researchers to submit panel proposals, scheduled to last ninety minutes in duration. The lecture room is equipped with data projector and a laptop.

The overarching theme of the meeting this year is **Medicine and Death in the Old World**

For medical history, the death of humans is a serious research topic, not only from an anthropological point of view, but also with regard to questions of contemporary medicine and medical ethics. Accordingly, recent work of medical historians on death in the Old World can provide relevant data for a better understanding of the cultural history of this phenomenon: Questions to be considered are: How did ancient medicine behave towards terminal care? How did physicians consider the death of humans? How did conceptions on death in the Old World influence practices and rituals of physicians? How was the relation between life and death presented in medical theories? How did beliefs and rituals regarding the transition from life into death influence the everyday life in medicine? These and other questions will be discussed in Part I.

We welcome proposals for individual papers or panels. The submission deadline is:

17 January 2016 at the latest.

Please send your proposals to Madeleine Mai (m.mai@uni-mainz.de). The application should accompany an abstract including objectives and expected research results. First time applicants are asked to provide a short CV as well.

The final program of the annual meeting will be sent out in February 2016, which will also be announced on the homepage of the working group at <http://www.iak-alte-medizin.uni-mainz.de/>. Please feel free to forward this announcement to your colleagues who could potentially be interested in taking part at our meeting.

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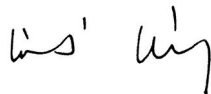
If necessary, young researchers can additionally apply for a travel allowance. Decision on this will be made by the organisers at the end of January.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Mainz.

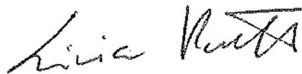
Yours sincerely,

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