

## Friday, 26 July 2019

Venue: Theology Building, An der Universität 2, U2/00.25

16:00	<b>I Registration</b>	11:30
18:15	<b>Welcome Address</b>	11:40
18:30	Zachary Yuzwa (University of Saskatchewan) "A Flower Among Thorns": Hiddenness and Holiness in the <i>Lives</i> of Katherine Tekakwitha	12:10
20:00	<b>I Dinner for Speakers</b>	

## Saturday, 27 July 2019

Venue: Oriental Studies Building, Schillerplatz 17, SP17/00.13

09:00	<b>I Coffee and Registration</b>	14:00
09:30	Anne Alwis, Kirill Dmitriev, Konstantin Klein: Introduction	14:10
10:00	<b>Session I</b> Benjamin Pohl (University of Bristol) The Hidden Narrator	14:40
10:10	Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus) Authorship and Secrecy: The Hidden Agenda of a Fifth-Century Hagiographer	15:10
10:40	Kirill Dmitriev (University of St Andrews) Secrecy as a Narrative Strategy in the Legend of Barlaam and Josaphat	15:30
11:10	<b>I Coffee</b>	15:40

## Session II

Jan-Markus Kötter  
(University of Düsseldorf)  
Literary Absence

Lieve Van Hoof  
(Ghent University)  
Self-Fashioning Through Secrets: The Years 363–388 in Libanius' Letter Collection

Christa Gray  
(University of Reading)  
Concealing the Body: Hidden Burials in Jerome's *Lives* of Holy Men

## I Lunch for Speakers

## Session III

Anne Alwis  
(University of Kent)  
Lifting the Veil

Marlena Whiting  
(University of Amsterdam)  
Secret Women. Female Pilgrims Disguised as Men in Early-Byzantine Hagiography

Laura Franco  
(Royal Holloway, London)  
Between Concealment and Disguise: The Cases of the Cross-Dressing Saints Euphrosyne/Smaragdus (*BHG* 625) and Mary/Marinus (*BHG* 1163)

## I Coffee

## Session IV

Dionysios Stathakopoulos  
(King's College, London)  
Secret Sanctity

Klazina Staat  
(Ghent University)  
Late-Antique Latin *Lives* of Chaste Couples: Secrecy as a Strategy of Belief

16:10 Christodoulos Papavarnavas  
(University of Vienna)  
Martyrdom and Secret Holiness: The Role Swap Between a Martyr and a Flute Player

## I Coffee

## Session V

Leah Tether  
(University of Bristol)  
Literary Discretion

17:10 Isabel Toral-Niehoff  
(Free University of Berlin)  
The Gentle Art of Safeguarding Secrets. Confidentiality in Arabic Advice Literature

17:40 Lale Behzadi  
(University of Bamberg)  
Al-Jāhiz on the Difficulty of Keeping a Secret

## I Dinner for Speakers

## Sunday, 28 July 2019

Venue: Oriental Studies Building, Schillerplatz 17, SP17/00.13

## I Coffee

10:00 **Session VI**  
Jenny Oesterle  
(University of Heidelberg)  
Secrecy and Knowledge

10:10 Georg Leube  
(University of Bayreuth)  
Gnosis on the Via Dolorosa: The Scope of Hidden Meaning in Early and Classical Arabic-Islamic Historiographical Accounts of Ali's March to Siffin

10:40 Enass Khansa  
(American University of Beirut)  
The Concealed Gates of Heaven

11:10

| Coffee

11:30

**Session VII****Benjamin Gray**

(Birkbeck College, London)

**Masquerading Voices**

11:40

**Tina Chronopoulos**

(Binghamton University, New York)

**Ineffable Speeches in the Greek *Lives* of St Katherine of Alexandria**

12:10

**Klaus van Eickels**

(University of Bamberg)

**Revealing Secrets: Assassinations Explained or Prevented by Letters in Crusading Historiography**

12:40

| Lunch for Speakers

14:00

**Session VIII****Konstantin Klein**

(University of Bamberg)

**Concealing Vision: Seen but not Heard**

14:10

**Julia Doroszewska**

(University of Warsaw)

**Secrets of the Saints: Tricks and Disguises in the Sainly Apparitions of the Late-Antique Miracle Collections**

14:40

**James Corke-Webster**

(King's College, London)

**Seeing and Secrecy: Visibility and Martyrs**

15:10

| Refreshments

15:20

**Alexandra Vukovich**

(University of Oxford)

**Final Conclusions**

20:00

| Dinner for Speakers

Secrets and secrecy are key features in late-antique, Byzantine, and early Islamic literature. They can manifest as hidden knowledge or sanctity, as disguise or the veiling of intentions, as a physical and metaphorical absence, as the creation of new identities or even as alternative modes of existence. An international conference organised by the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and the Humanities (AGYA) will be investigating the roles of secrets and secrecy in a diachronic and interdisciplinary way.

Organisers

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**Anis Ben Amor** (Al-Manar University Tunis)

**Kirill Dmitriev** (University of St Andrews)

**Konstantin Klein** (University of Bamberg)

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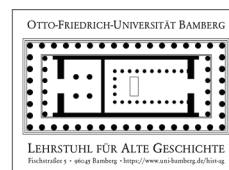
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