

# THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF RITUAL

RETHINKING RITUAL PRACTICES IN  
SANCTUARIES AND NECROPOLES OF  
THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN  
WORLD

WORKSHOP  
HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITÄT  
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## PROGRAM

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Seminarraum 210 (UL 9)

9:00 Registration

9:15 **Esmeralda Lundius (Durham University)**  
**Vincenzo Timpano (HU Berlin, BergSAS)**  
Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

### Session I: Italy

Chairperson: Massimo Osanna  
(Archaeological Park of Pompeii)

9:30 **C. Kappe, F. Giletti (Università degli studi di Napoli - Federico II)**  
Ritual Depositions in the Transformation Processes of a Sanctuary: new data from the Triangular Forum at Pompeii

10:00 **V. Timpano (HU Berlin, BergSAS)**  
Burying the sacred. Archaeology of ritual depositional practices in archaic Rome

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **R. Krämer (Universität Rostock)**  
Rituals, Power and Identity. Etruscan sanctuaries and social interactions in early Etruscan city-states (8<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE)

11:30 **C. Regoli (Independent researcher)**  
Funerary practices and rituals in the Etruscan Vulci

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

### Session II: Greece and colonies

Chairperson: Sandrine Huber  
(Université de Lille)

14:00 **N. Horn (FU Berlin)**  
A world in fragments - Depositional Practices on the EBA Cyclades: A Case study from Kavos (Keros) and Dhaskalio in the Southeastern Aegean

14:30 **L. Mutinelli (Independent researcher)**  
Votive deposits and their contents: a re-evaluation of a complex phenomenon

15:00 **K. Biliias (FU Berlin)**  
The sacred caves of the Athenian Acropolis: the topography of *mythos*

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break (Posters session)

17:00 **Key-note lecture, Room 2097 (UL 6)**  
**Prof. Dr. M. Osanna**  
(Archaeological Park of Pompeii)

19:30 Conference Dinner

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### Session III: Cyprus/Near East and Egypt

Chairpersons: Stephan G. Schmid (HU Berlin)  
Harco Willems (KU Leuven)

09:30 **F. Zielli (Sapienza Università di Roma)**  
The ritual practice in the Tophet of Motya: reconstruction hypothesis on the basis of the excavation

10:00 **A. Walther (HU Berlin)**  
Ritual and Votive in the so-called Temple of Aphrodite in Idalion

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **E. Lundius (Durham University)**  
The Offering Table as a Ritual Utensil: an attempt at reconstructing ancient Egyptian funerary ritual and magical practice

11:30 **T. Beck (FU Berlin)**  
The burial of Khnumnakht and Nakhtankh in Deir Rifeh: new thoughts concerning the statue arrangement

12:00 **G. Delia (Durham University)**  
How did a foreign bearded snake become the protector of Alexandria and the Ptolemaic dynasty? Reflections on the cult of the Agathodaimon, the corner stone of the Greek-Egyptian syncretism

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

### Final session

15:00 **Key-note lecture, Room 2097 (UL 6)**  
**Prof. Dr. H. Willems**  
(KU Leuven)  
Evidence for funerary rituals at the archaeological site of Dayr al-Barsha (Middle Egypt, c. 2020 B.C.)

16:00 Final discussion

Drinks Reception  
Archaischer Saal 3094 (UL 6)

### Posters

**R. Brancato, M. T. Magro, E. Platania**  
Ritual feasting in rural sanctuaries: a new votive deposit in Hellenistic Age from Acireale (Sicily)

**R. Brancato, P. Santospagnuolo, M. S. Scaravilli**  
Sacred landscapes in Greek Sicily: rural sanctuaries in the Calchidian *chora* between 8<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE

### Organisers:

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