

THE WHOLE WORLD IN A BOOK – ENCYCLOPAEDIC TRENDS AND ORDERS OF KNOWLEDGE IN JEWISH AND OTHER PREMODERN TRADITIONS

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Between Encyclopaedia and Epitome – Talmudic strategies of knowledge-making in the context of ancient medicine and sciences
(Tübingen University, University College London, Freie Universität Berlin)

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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FIRST DAY: MONDAY, 24 JUNE 2024

Venue: Unil (Lausanne University), Anthropole building, room 5033 (5th floor);
Quartier Dorigny, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland.

13:45 Arrival/Registration/Welcome

14:15 Introduction

Mark Geller (UCL/ Unil)

14:30 Session 1: The whole world ... - encyclopaedism and claims to comprehensiveness

Mattias Brand (Zürich University), *Between Systematizing and Situational Knowledge: Manichaeism Answers to Life, the Universe and Everything* (in-person)

Caroline Humfress (St. Andrews University), "A way of thinking and talking about everything": Junillus Africanus on Legal Exegesis and (Christian) Divine Law (online)

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Session 2: Compilational strategies, strategies of knowledge making and encyclopaedic texts

Farina Marx (Düsseldorf University), *The Art of Selective Encyclopedism in Rabbinic Literature* (online)

Hillel Feuerstein (FU Berlin/Bar Ilan University), *Gathering Fragments, Recomposing Homilies: The Omissions in Zoharic Literature* (in-person)

18:15 Session 3a Alternatives to the encyclopaedic format

Stefanie Rudolf (Tübingen University), *No need for an encyclopedia? – the rationale of Syriac medical collections* (online)

Ca. 19:30 Dinner (for invited guests only)

SECOND DAY: TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024

Venue: Unil (Lausanne University), Anthropole building, room 5033 (5th floor);
Quartier Dorigny, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland

9:30 Session 3b: Alternative encyclopaedic formats

Lilian Larsen (University of Redlands), *Encyclopedic Wisdom of Monks and Rabbis* (in-person)

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Session 4: Cultural, religious and political contexts of encyclopaedic projects

Thomas Benfey (Tübingen University), *Khusrō I's Words in Dēnkard IV: Encyclopedism or Iranism* (in-person)

Lennart Lehmhaus (Tübingen University), *Mountains hanging by a thread/bowels hanging by three teeth - encyclopaedism and Talmudic knowledge production* (in-person)

12:15 Lunch Break (paid for speakers, but all are invited to join us)

13:45 Session 5: New world order(s)? Encyclopaedic projects and world-making

Andrea Gondos (Rochester University), *Sacred Encyclopedias: Competing Models of Esoteric Knowledge Organization in Judaism* (in-person)

Regula Forster (Tübingen University), *The order of the world in a book. A natural encyclopaedia by the 14th-century alchemist Aydamir al-Jildakī* (online)

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 Session 6: Catalogues and libraries – encyclopaedic materialities and memory

Monika Amsler (Bern University), *The Encyclopedia as Library and the Library as Encyclopedia: On the Material Aspects of Worldmaking* (in-person)

Katerina Oikomenopoulou (Patras University), *Catalogues, memory and epic in Athenaeus' Deipnosophistae* (online)

17:15 Closing remarks

18:15 Dinner (by invitation only)