

International Hybrid Conference

The Intertwining of Magic and Knowledge/Sciences in the premodern Mediterranean (and beyond)

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Paris 18-19 May 2023

In past scholarship magic has often been discussed as the “eternal other” or complete opposite of either religion or rationale and scientific thought. This conference enquires into magic as a branch of knowledge in its own right, part of the ancient landscape of sciences, arts, crafts, and general know-how, closely entangled with other fields. Presentations will discuss how magical texts, artefacts, practices, or concepts intertwine with those in other branches of knowledge such as medicine, alchemy, celestial knowledge, liturgy and others. Contributors will examine how ‘magic’ was involved in the often subtle or indirect transmission and transformation of knowledge. Analysis will be based on sources from a variety of magical traditions, from the Near East and Europe in ancient and medieval periods.

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Between Encyclopaedia and Epitome – Talmudic strategies of knowledge-making in the context of ancient medicine and sciences

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Thursday 18 May

Venue: Auditorium, Fondation Victor Lyon, Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris19,
29 Boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris

Friday 19 May 2023

Venue: INHA, Institut National d'Histoire de l'art, 2 rue Vivienne, Paris 75002

Zoom link (2 days):

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