

## **Sensing Divinity/Les sens du rite**

An international, interdisciplinary conference

23-24 June 2017, British School at Rome and the École française de Rome

**Organisers:** Mark Bradley (University of Nottingham), Béatrice Caseau (Université Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV), Adeline Grand-Clément (Toulouse Jean-Jaurès/IUF), Anne-Caroline Rendu-Loisel (Toulouse Jean Jaurès), Alexandre Vincent (University of Poitiers)

### **23th June (BSR, Sainsbury Lecture Theatre)**

9.00. Welcome and reception/ coffee.

9.30. Introduction: Mark Bradley (University of Nottingham) and Adeline Grand-Clément (Toulouse Jean-Jaurès/IUF)

#### **Panel 1: Tracking incense in the ancient Mediterranean**

**Chair: Lorenzo Verderame (La Sapienza)**

10.00. Jo Day (University College, Dublin), 'Burning botanicals: incense in the Aegean Bronze Age'

10.30. Elisabeth Dodinet (CNRS Toulouse), 'L'encens... un singulier pluriel: Les identifications produites par les analyses organiques en Méditerranée et au Levant de l'âge du Bronze'

11.00. Coffee break

11.30. Julie Masquelier (Université Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV), 'L'encens en Égypte ancienne : identification, approvisionnement et place dans le culte'

12.00. Kiersten Neumann (University of Chicago), 'From raw to ritualized: following the trail of incense of the Assyrian Temple'

12.30. Federico De Romanis (University of Rome, Tor Vergata), 'Tus. L'incenso sudarabico nell'Occidente romano'

13.00-14.00. Lunch

#### **Panel 2: Frankincense and the ancient imagination**

**Chair: Béatrice Caseau (Université Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV)**

14.00. Giuseppe Squillace (University of Calabria), 'Incense and myrrh trees in Theophrastus' botanical works: research method and sources of information'

14.30. Véronique Mehl (University of Bretagne Sud), 'L'encens et le divin : le matériel et l'immatériel en Grèce ancienne'

15.00 Thea Lawrence (University of Nottingham), 'Incense, perfume, incest and (im)pietas: myrrh, religion and gender in the Roman world'

15.30. Tea

16.00-17.00. Incense demonstrations (BSR cortile)

17.00. Free time

18.15-19.15. Keynote lecture, Esther Eidinow (University of Nottingham) 'Sensing divinity?'

19.15-20.00. Prosecco.

20.00-22.00. Conference dinner (BSR).

## **24th June (EFR)**

### **Panel 3: Incense and ritual**

**Chair: Alexandre Vincent (University of Poitiers)**

9.30. Aynur Michèle Sara Karatas (University of Bristol), 'Incense offering to Greek deities: analysis of epigraphic material providing evidence for incense offering in cultic context'

10.00. Stefano Caneva (University of Padova), 'Incense in the Hellenistic ruler cult'

10.30. Coffee Break

11.00. Valérie Huet (University of Bretagne Occidentale), 'L'encens dans les rites romains: à propos de quelques images du monde romain'

11.30. Marie-Odile Charles-Laforge (University of Artois), 'Rites et offrandes dans la religion domestique des Romains: quels témoignages sur l'utilisation de l'encens?'

12.00. Béatrice Caseau (Université Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV), title TBC [late antiquity]

13.00-14.00 Lunch.

### **Panel 4: Incense and multisensoriality**

**Chair: Anne-Caroline Rendu-Loisel (Toulouse Jean Jaurès)**

14.00. Britta Ager (Vassar College), 'Beyond burning: wearing, eating, compounding, and worshipping incense in the Magical Papyri'

14.30. Sarah Bond (University of Iowa), '"Incense for nightfall": incense, dreams and domestic religion in Imperial Rome'

15.00. Emma-Jayne Graham (The Open University), 'The tactility of religious scent'

15.30. Tea Break

16.00. Francesco Buè (University of Urbino, 'Carlo Bo') '« Tura ... sonant et odorant aëra fumis». Influenze dell'incenso sull'immaginario sonoro antico'

16.30. Élodie Dupey García (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), 'Immaterial offerings in Pre-Columbian rituals: aroma and music for the Nahuatl divinities'

17.00. Concluding remarks