

WORKSHOP FEEDING THE GODS? TABLE OFFERINGS IN GREEK RELIGION

Workshop held by

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Food offerings held a vital place in the religious rituals of ancient Greece, serving as a profound expression of the beliefs and practices of various cults and communities. Besides the central role food offerings played in ceremonies and the communal feast, they often carry symbolic meanings that show a deeper connection to the gods and embodying the cultural values of the society.

This workshop will explore the iconography and significance of food sacrifices within the context of Greek sacrificial rituals, drawing on archaeological and epigraphic evidence.

Gunnel Ekroth is one of the leading experts in the field of ancient Greek cult and ritual practices. In numerous publications she addresses extensive aspects of ancient Greek cults, such as hero cults, libations and animal sacrifices in prehistoric and historical times. Her most recent project "The 'profanity' of Greek sanctuaries? Defining the temenos as a space for divine-human interaction 600 BC-200 AD" broadens the perspective of Greek sanctuary space regarding the concept of the Greek temenos. Due to her extensive knowledge of Greek cult spaces and practices, the workshop represents an excellent opportunity for students to discuss current research questions in a close setting.

The workshop is primarily addressed to PhD students of Classical Archaeology but welcomes all interested Bachelor or Master students as well as students of related fields of study.

To ensure that there is a lively discussion during the workshop and to offer profound exchange, participants are asked to read **three articles** relevant to the topic in preparation for the workshop.

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9:30–14:00 (s.t.)

Room 010/011

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Info & Registration

As the number of participants is limited, please register in advance via e-mail:

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