Colloquium “Ex Arches: Looking Back at Myths of Origin”

The Ohio State University
14-15 September 2018
386B University Hall

Friday September 14

3:30 pm. Welcome

3:35-5:40. Session I: Hesiod’s Theogony

~ 3:35-4:30 pm: Opening talk ~
Jenny S. Clay (University of Virginia, emerita)
“Hesiod’s Typhoeus or Cosmic Regression”

Warren Huard (OSU)
“Herakles and the Order of Zeus in Hesiod’s Theogony”

Marcus Ziemann (OSU)
“The Politics of Beginnings: Hesiod’s Theogony in the Context of the Political/Ideological Use of Enuma elish by Sargon II and Sennacherib”

~ 5:40-6:00. general discussion ~

(Dinner at University Hall to follow, for speakers)

Saturday September 15

(Coffee and pastries available 8:30 am)

9:00-10:10 am. Session II: Orphica et Magica

Radcliffe G. Edmonds III (Bryn Mawr)
“First-Born of Night or Oozing from the Slime? Deviant Origins in Orphic Cosmogonies”

Christopher Faraone (The University of Chicago)
(via Skype)
“Cosmogonies as Curative Incantations”

10:30-11:50 am. Session III: Other Greek Cosmogonies

Gabriela Cursaru and Pierre Bonnechère
(Université de Montréal)
“Αρχή and δῖνος: Vortices as Cosmogonical Powers and Cosmic Regulators. Study Case: the Whirling Lightning Bolt of Zeus”

Marco Antonio Santamaria (Universidad de Salamanca)
“Theogonies in Greek Comedy”

(12:00-1:00 Lunch break. Cold lunch provided for speakers)

1:00-2:45 pm. Session IV: Foundations of Cities and Cults

Carolina López-Ruiz (OSU)
“Gargoris and Habis: A Foundation Story of Pheonician-Tartessic Origins”

Sarah I. Johnston (OSU)
“Delphic Apollo and the Dawn of the Heroic Age”

Ana Isabel Jiménez San Cristóbal (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
“The Origin of Dionysus in Teos and the Wine Festivals”

(2:45-3:00 coffee break)

3:00-4:45 pm. Session V: Late Antiquity: Paganism, Hermetism, Christianity

Teodoro Manrique (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha)
“Reflections on the Primeval Flood in Old Norse Cosmogony”

Fritz Graf (OSU)
“The Cosmogony in the Hermetic Poimandres”

Alberto Bernabé (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, emeritus)
“A Late Hymn about Creation”

~ 4:45-5:15. general discussion ~

(Refreshments available during discussion. Dinner for speakers: place & time TBA)

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