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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

15:30 SABINE R. HUEBNER (*Basel*):
Welcome and Introductory remarks

PANEL 1: DEMOGRAPHY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

16:00 TOSHA DUPRAS (*Central Florida*):
Maternal mortality and orphans: A bioarchaeological
assessment of growing up motherless in ancient Egypt

16:30 CHRISTIAN LAES (*Antwerp / Tampere*):
Crucial and vital decisions: Caring for infants after
mother's death in childbed

17:00 DAVID M. RATZAN (*New York University*):
The economics and outsourcing of ancient mother-work

17:30 General Discussion

18:00 Reception at Departement für Altertumswissenschaften
("Rosshof"), Petersgraben 51

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

PANEL 2: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE

9:30 RENÉ BLOCH (*Bern*):
Moses: Motherless with two mothers

10:00 SARIT KATTAN GRIBETZ (*Fordham*):
Mourning for mother: The topography of mother
absence in rabbinic literature and piyyut

10:30 General Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

PANEL 3: THE GREEK EXPERIENCE

11:30 FIONA McHARDY (*Roehampton*): The risk of
violence towards motherless children in ancient Greece

12:00 ROSALIA HATZILAMBROU (*Athens*):
Being motherless in classical Athens: The evidence of
Attic forensic oratory

12:30 Lunch

14:00 ANGELIKI TZANETOU (*Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*):
Motherly absence in Euripides' reunion plays

14:30 SUSANNE MORAW (*Jena*):
Absent mothers by choice:
Upper class women in classical Attic vase painting

15:00 General Discussion

15:30 Coffee Break

PANEL 4: ROMAN REALITIES

16:00 SABINE R. HUEBNER (*Basel*):
The last will of Alcestis: Motherless children and their
widowed fathers in Roman Egypt

16:30 JUDITH EVANS GRUBBS (*Emory*):
A long way from home: Motherless children
in slave sale contracts

17:00 VÉRONIQUE DASEN (*Fribourg*):
Who cares for motherless children?
Wet nursing in the Roman world

17:30 General Discussion

20:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

PANEL 5: ROMAN REPRESENTATIONS

10:00 ELINA PYY (*St. Andrews*):
Growing up motherless, growing up to be a hero:
Motherless children in Virgil's Aeneid

10:30 MARGHERITA CARUCCI: The journey of a
motherless child in the decoration of the Roman house

11:00 SANNA JOSKA (*Tampere*):
Motherless empire? The Antonine dynasty,
imperial children, and imperial policy at the
death of Faustina the Elder

11:30 General Discussion

12:00 Lunch

PANEL 6: LATE ANTIQUITY

13:30 GEOFFREY NATHAN (*New South Wales*):
The wicked stepmother in late antique imperial politics:
A reevaluation

14:00 MARIA DOERFLER (*Duke*):
Wayward mothers, saintly children: Late ancient
reading strategies in pursuit of the absent parent

14:30 Discussion

15:00 DAVID M. RATZAN (*New York University*):
Closing remarks

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