

# **Dis/embodyment and Im/materiality: Uncovering the Body, Gender and Sexuality in Philosophies of Late Antiquity.**

**In Memoriam Marianne Sághy (1961–2018)**

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

### Keynote Lecturers:

- Grace Ledbetter (Department of Classics, Swarthmore College, PA, USA)
- Uma Chakravarti (Miranda House College for Women, University of Delhi, India)
- Susanna Elm (Department of Classics, University of California, Berkeley, USA)

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## Day 1: June 6, Thursday

- 9.30-10.40: Registration + coffee served
  
- 10.40-11.00: Opening remarks by
  - Katalin Szende, Head of Department of Medieval Studies, CEU
  - Jasmina Lukić, Head of Department of Gender Studies, CEU
  - Stanimir Panayotov, co-organizer
  - Andra Juganaru, co-organizer
  
- 11.00-13.00: Panel 1: Femaleness as a Principle in Neoplatonism
  - 11.00-11.30: Emese Mogyoródi (University of Szeged): Immateriality and the Feminine in Parmenides
  - 11.30-12.00: István Perczel (Central European University): From the Indefinite Dyad to the Dyad of Eve and Mary: The Feminine Principle in Late Antique Philosophy and Theology
  - 12.00-12.30: Stanimir Panayotov (Central European University): Sexless Henology, Or, Is Plotinus' One Neutral to Sex and Gender?
  - 12.30-13.00: Chiara Militello (University of Catania): The Two Aphrodites: Plotinus, Proclus and the Sublimation of Bodily Desires
    - ✓ Chair: Anastasia Theologou
  
- 13.00-14.30: Lunch Break
  
- 14.30-16.30: Panel 2: Female Agency in Heaven and on Earth
  - 14.30-15.00: György Geréby (Central European University): Male and Female in the Protevangelium of James: A Hidden Debate
  - 15.00-15.30: David Rollo (University of Southern California): The Ascendency of Venus in Martianus Capella's *De Nuptiis Philologiae et Mercurii*
  - 15.30-16.00: Gábor Buzási (Eötvös Loránd University): Transgression with the Nymph: Emperor Julian on Female Deities and Incarnation
  - 16.00-16.30: Jordan Poole (University of Liverpool): Female Medical Agency in the Roman Empire: A Case for Amulets
    - ✓ Chair: Dunja Milenković
  
- 16.30-17.00: Coffee Break

- 17.00-18.30: Keynote lecture:
  - Grace Ledbetter: Plato and Plotinus on Eros
- 18.30-20.30: Welcome Reception

### **Day 2: June 7, Friday**

- 10.00-11.30: Keynote lecture:
  - Uma Chakravarti: Celibacy, Sexuality and Salvation in Early South Asia: The Body and Beyond
- 11.30-12.00: Coffee Break
- 12.00-14.00: Panel 3: The Power of Body in Religious Identity
  - 12.00-12.30: Ana-Maria Raducan (University of Sibiu / Institute of Advanced Studies for the Culture and Civilizations in Levant): The Dynamics of Shame and the Development of a Christian Identity in the *Acts of the Christian Martyrs*
  - 12.30-13.00: Nathalie Schuler (Free University of Berlin): In/violability as Evidence in Heliodorus
  - 13.00-13.30: Andra Juganaru (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki / Eötvös Loránd University): From the Depths of Sin to the Highness of Holiness: The Female Body as Witness of the Journey to Sanctity in the *Life of Mary the Egyptian*
  - 13.30-14.00: Punsara Amarasinghe (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies): Taming Desires through Practicing Desires: Examining the Role of Karmamudra as a Technique Embodying the Sexuality and Woman to Reach Enlightenment in Vajrayana Buddhism in Late Antiquity
    - ✓ Chair: Mariana Bodnaruk
- 14.00-15.00: Lunch Break
- 15.00-16.30: Panel 4: Embodiment and Sexuality in Augustine
  - 15.00-15.30: Gábor Kendeffy (Károli Gáspár University / Hungarian Patristic Society): Saint Augustine on Sexuality and Marriage
  - 15.30-16.00: Isabelle Koch (Aix-Marseille University): From Matter to History: Towards a Disembodied Interpretation of Human Sexuality in Augustine

- 16.00-16.30: Makiko Sato (University of Toyama) and Peter Steiger (Chaminade University of Honolulu): Man, Woman and Serpent as the Inner State of One Person: Anthropology Based on the Interpretation of Genesis 3 in Didymus the Blind and Augustine of Hippo
  - ✓ Chair: Stanimir Panayotov
- 16.30-17.00: Coffee Break
- ❖ 17.00-19.00: Panel 5: In Memoriam Marianne Sághy: From the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century
  - 17.00-18.00: Marianne Sághy: Memories, Words and Images
    - With the participation of:
      - Gábor Klaniczay (Central European University)
      - József Laszlovszky (Central University University)
      - Trpimir Vedriš (University of Zagreb)
      - Levente Nagy (University of Pécs)
- 18.00-18.15: Break
- 18.15-19.00: Roundtable
  - With the participation of:
    - Gábor Kendeffy (Károli Gáspár University / Hungarian Patristic Society)
    - Alexis Leonas (Károli Gáspár University)
    - and others TBA
  - ✓ Moderator: Andra Juganaru

### **Day 3: June 8, Saturday**

- 11.30-13.00: Panel 6: Incarnation, Resurrection and Gender
  - 11.30-12.00: István Pásztori-Kupán (Protestant Theological Institute Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca / Károli Gáspár University): “Identical, But Not Alike”: The Resurrection of the Body According to Amphilochius of Iconium
  - 12.00-12.30: Eirini Artemi (Hellenic Open University): The Aspect of the Body in the Writing of *On the Soul and the Resurrection* by Gregory of Nyssa
  - 12.30-13.00: Orsolya Severino-Varsányi (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): Incarnation and Gender in Ninth-century Arabic Christian Controversy
    - ✓ Chair: Gábor Kendeffy
- 13.00-14.30: Lunch Break

- 14.30-16.30: Panel 7: Desire and Continence in Hagiographic Literature
  - 14.30-15.00: Cristian-Nicolae Gașpar (Central European University): Discarnate Bodies: Defleshing the Ascetic in Late-antique Hagiobiographic Discourse
  - 15.00-15.30: Floris Bernard (Ghent University): Cross-dressing and Undressing: Gender Switching and Sexual Desire in the Lives of Transvestite Saints
  - 15.30-16.00: Trpimir Vedriš (University of Zagreb): Chaste Ladies and Lustful Judges: Embodied Virtues and Vices in *Passio Anastasiae*
  - 16.00-16.30: Jonathan Cahana-Blum (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): The Im/materiality of the Will? The *Life of Dositheus* and *Delicia* Children in Late Antiquity
    - ✓ Moderator: István Perczel
  
- 16.30-17.00: Coffee Break
  
- 17.00-18.30: Keynote lecture:
  - Susanna Elm: Eutropius the Consul, Eutropius the Eunuch: Power and Representation in the Later Roman Empire
  
- 18.30-18.45: Short Break
  
- 18.45-19.00: Closing Remarks
  
- 19.30: Conference Dinner at VakVarju Restaurant