Imperial Expectations and Regional Persistence:
Ethnicity, Culture and Religion as Fundamental Resources of Regional Identities in the Hellenistic World and the Roman Empire

30 September – 2 October 2019, Room 2249a, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Monday, 30 September:
Import and export of religious identities
13:00 Welcome with Coffee and Cake
14:00 Karolina Sekita – ‘Sancto Sorano Apollini: the cult of Pater Soranus between cultural exchange and political manipulation’
15:00 Amber Gartrell – ‘No Stone Unturned: the cult of Cybele in Rome’
16:30 Beate Dignas – ‘Cybele at Pessinous in the second century BCE: a cultural maze’
17:30 Justine Potts – ‘Re-thinking confession to the divine in the so-called oriental cults’

Tuesday, 1 October:
Cyprus – a case study of regional religious identities
10:00 Stefan Schmid – ‘Religion and Cult-Practices in Cyprus during the Hellenistic and Early Roman Imperial Period’
11:00 Giorgos Deligiannakis – ‘Cypriot Otherings in Late Antiquity’
13-15 MUSEUM “Neues Museum – Cyprus Exhibition”
Fielding a Christian Identity
15:30 Cilliers Breytenbach – ‘The Rise of Christianity and the Demise of Philosophy in Attica’
16:30 Christoph Markschies – ‘Rural Christianity in Late Antiquity Palestine’
17:30 Nicholas Purcell – ‘Appropriating the Capitol: who, when, and why? Capitoline Supremacy and religious compatibility in the Empire’

Wednesday, 2 October:
Identities and texts
9:00 Tessa Rajak – ‘Jewish Ethnicity in the Greek East under Rome: the rhetoric of 4 Maccabees’
10:00 Nathalie Schuler – ‘Local Cults and Ethnic Identity in Heliodorus’
12:15 Claudia Tiersch – ‘Plutarch’s religious texts’

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