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Gender Perspectives in Ancient Studies

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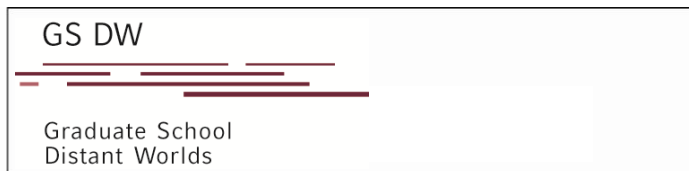
Interdisciplinary Workshop with Dr. Agnès Garcia-Ventura
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In the introduction to her *Gender in Archaeology* published in 1997, Sarah Milledge Nelson states that “a gendered archaeology is an improved archaeology”. In this workshop we take this statement as starting point, as we may contend that any field of research in ancient studies is improved when applying critical theoretical approaches such as those offered from gender studies. However, any discipline can be engendered in several different ways, some of them contradictory. Indeed, theoretical proposals identified as “gender studies” are diverse and, even though most of them share some common features, they also present clear differences.

In this workshop a selection of these proposals will be presented with the aim of discussing mainly those which arose on the cusp between the so-called “second wave” and “third wave” of gender studies (1980s–1990s). We will reflect on their relationship with the so-called “first wave” of gender studies, mainly identified with the birth of women’s studies. Besides, we will reflect on their suitability when approaching the study of the past. We will pay special attention to the particularities of engendering ancient Near Eastern studies, taken for this occasion as excuse and as case study to discuss certain issues. In this direction we will discuss the relevance of the choice of a topic of study or the way we formulate and approach our research questions, being these two of the basic issues raised from gender studies in general and from gender archaeology in particular.



Programme

Thursday, 07.06.2018

- 9:15 Welcome and introduction of participants
- 9:30–12:00 *From women's history to gender studies? Five decades of "waves", trends and proposals* (lecture and discussion of selected texts)
- 12:00–14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00–17:00 *Engendering the study of the past: research topics, questions and approaches under debate* (lecture and discussion of selected texts)

Friday, 08.06.2018

- 9:00–9:15 Recap of yesterday's discussion
- 9:15–9:45 *Ken Massy* (Prehistory): Women of the Early Bronze Age in southern Germany – a bio-archaeological approach
- 09:45–10:15 *Sebastian Schmid* (Archaeology of the Roman Provinces): Frauen in römischen Militärlagern
- 10:15–10:45 *Coffee break*
- 10:45–11:15 *Eva Schmalenberger* (Near Eastern Archaeology): Women in Neo-Assyrian palaces
- 11:15–11:45 *Albert Dietz* (Near Eastern Archaeology): Hair- and beardstyle in ancient Mesopotamia
- 11:45–12:15 *Elisa Roßberger* (Near Eastern Archaeology): Discussing nudity in early Mesopotamian art
- 12:15–13:00 Gender perspectives in Ancient Studies: Concluding discussion