

# The Neo-Assyrian King as a Nodal Point of Neo-Assyrian Identity

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## Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

9:15-9:30 Opening

9:30-10:00 Introduction by Caroline Wallis

10:00-11:00 Hannes Galter (University of Graz): The King as Warrior

11:00-12:00 Simo Parpola (University of Helsinki): The King as Priest

12:00-13:30 *lunch break*

### Session 1: The King and the Elites

13:30-14:15 Raija Mattila (Finnish Institute in the Middle East): Who belonged to the Elite in Assyria?

14:15-15:00 Shana Zaia (Universität Wien): When the King's Away: Elite Identity and Royal Absence

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-16:15 Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum (FU Berlin): Between Polity and Governance: The Situation of Kings and Elites in Assyria

16:15-17:00 Tero Alstola, Heidi Jauhiainen, Saana Svärd, and Krister Lindén (University of Helsinki): Elites and Social Networks in the Neo-Assyrian Empire

17:00-17:45 Mary Frazer (LMU München): Heir and A Spare: Problems Posed by Brothers for Assyrian Elite Cohesion

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**

**Session 2: The King and the People**

9:00-9:45 Shigeo Yamada (University of Tsukuba): 'Like that of Assyrians' – a Reflection on the Imposed Assyrian Identity over the Extended Imperial Territory

9:45-10:30 Sebastian Fink (University of Helsinki): Royal Price-Politics; or: Cheap Wine makes the People Happy

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:45 Sanae Ito (Sophia University): The Assyrian Kings and the 'Citizens' in the Royal Correspondence

11:45-12:30 Amar Annus (University of Tartu): The King as the Source of Public Health: an Analysis of the Marduk-Ea Incantation Structure

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

**Session 3: The King and the Enemies**

14:00-14:45 Johannes Bach (University of Helsinki): Similes as a Literary Means for the Portrayal of Enemies in MA and NA Royal Literature

14:45-15:30 Mattias Karlsson (University of Uppsala): Self versus Other: The Neo-Assyrian King and His Enemies in Assyrian Textual and Visual Propaganda

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-16:45 Natalie May (Leiden University): The Imitators of the King and the Empire

16:45-17:30 Ellie Bennett (University of Helsinki): Beards in the Formulation of the Gender of Foreign Kings in the Neo-Assyrian period

17:30-18:00 Final Remarks by Saana Svärd (University of Helsinki): Kings and the Elite Women of the Empire