

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## THE DOOR OF THE SANCTUARY: A PLACE OF TRANSITION

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# PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

14.00-14.15

Welcome by Michel ter Hark, dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Chair: Lucinda Dirven (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

14.20-15.10

Emilie van Opstall (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

*General introduction: on the threshold*

15.10-16.00

Ildikó Csepregi (University of Pécs)

*"Bonus intra, melior exi" - inside and outside incubation sanctuaries in Antique and Christian practice of temple sleep*

*Tea Break*

16.30-17.20

Lucia Maddalena Tissi (Università degli Studi Firenze)

*Sanctuary doors, front doors and adyta among Neo-platonic philosophers*

17.20-18.10

Sara Karatas (University of Bristol)

*Key-bearers of Greek temples*

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## THURSDAY 28 MAY

Chair: Gert-Jan Burgers (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

**9.30-10.20**

Tessa Canella/Daniela Patti (La Sapienza Roma/Università di Enna "Kore")

*The role of doors in the Christianization of sacred places:*

*the case of St. Michael of Tancia's rock sanctuary*

**10.20-11.10**

Gianfranco Agosti (La Sapienza Roma)

*Versus in limine:*

*Inscriptional Poems at the Entrance of Christian Sanctuaries and their Function*

*Coffee Break*

**11.40-12.30**

Sible de Blaauw (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)

*The Atrium of the Basilica of Saint Peter*

*Lunch Break*

Chair: Sible de Blaauw

**13.30-14.20**

Gaëlle Herbert de la Portbarré-Viard (Université Aix-Marseille)

*La porte du sanctuaire de Paulin de Nole à Grégoire de Tours*

**14.20-15.10**

Roald Dijkstra (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)

*Peter and the doors of heaven:*

*a key to the understanding of the Roman bishops' claim to power?*

*Tea Break*

**15.40-16.30**

Juliette Day (University of Helsinki/University of Oxford)

*Entering the baptistery:*

*spatial, identity and salvific transitions in 4th and 5th century baptismal liturgies*

**16.30-17.20**

Christian Boudignon (Université Aix-Marseille)

*The entrance to and exit from the Church in the first three Greek liturgical commentaries (500 – 730)*

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## FRIDAY 29 MAY

Chair: Emilie van Opstall

**9.00-9.50**

Georgios Tsiaiples (Aristotle University Thessaloniki)

*The symbolic and artistic value of the church's entrance in Byzantine hagiographical and rhetorical sources*

**9.50-10.40**

Brooke Shilling (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)

*The apse as a point of entry for the divine in the early Byzantine church*

*Coffee Break*

**11.10-12.00**

Alexei Lidov (Moscow State University)

*The Temple Veil and the Curtains at the Gates to Byzantine Sanctuaries*

**12.00-13.00**

*General Discussion & Conclusion*

Participation is free of charge. More information: e.m.van.opstall@vu.nl