

**Dis/embodiment and Im/materiality:
Uncovering the Body, Gender and Sexuality in 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)
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Day 1: June 6, Thursday

- 10.40-11.00: Opening remarks by
 - Katalin Szende, Head of Department of Medieval Studies, CEU
 - Éva Fodor, Pro-Rector for the Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of Gender Studies, CEU
 - Stanimir Panayotov, co-organizer
 - Andra Jugănaru, 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 Răducan (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 Jugănaru (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 4th to the 14th Century**

- 17.00-18.00: Marianne Sághy: Memories, Words and Images
 - With the participation of:
 - Gábor Klaniczay (Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University)
 - József Laszlovszky (Central University University)
 - Balazs Nagy (Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University)
 - Levente Nagy (University of Pécs)

- 18.00-18.15: Break

➤ **18.15-19.00: Roundtable**

- With the participation of:
 - István Perczel (Central European University)
 - Gábor Kendeffy (Károli Gáspár University / Hungarian Patristic Society)
 - Alexis Leonas (Károli Gáspár University)
 - Trpimir Vedriš (University of Zagreb)
 - Etele Kiss (National History Museum, Budapest)
 - Rita Budai (Tomori Pál Főiskola)
 - Péter Molnár (Eötvös Loránd University)
- ✓ Moderator: Andra Jugănaru

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 Continenence 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*
 - ✓ Chair: 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: Jasmina Lukic, Istvan Perczel

- 19.30: Conference Dinner at VakVarju Restaurant