

## Aims of the Workshop

The conference “Sick with fear -The culturally specific treatment of emotion and illness in the Ancient Near East” aims at connecting scholars of various subdisciplines in the research of the Ancient Near East to shed further light on the culturally specific aspects of the deeply human conceptualization of fear and illness, and how societies cope with their emergence and mutual influence. A particular attention will be paid to methodological aspects related to the study of ancient artefacts ; we hope to open an interdisciplinary dialogue between philology, iconography and archaeology in the context emotions aroused by illness in ancient societies. The framework of the symposium remains deliberately broad for the moment, so that each participant is free to select the most relevant subject according to their disciplinary field. By joining various disciplines, e.g., Archaeology, Hittitology, Assyriology and so forth, we hope to gain deeper insights into the various dealings with diseases, relating those to specific explanatory patterns, also with regard to the socio-cultural and religious backgrounds and to the affiliation of individual actors or groups to different emotional communities.

## Information & Organization

Project:  
“Krank vor Angst in Mesopotamien /  
Malade de Peur en Mésopotamie”

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**Sick with Fear**  
**The culturally specific treatment**  
**of emotions and illness**  
**in the Ancient Near East**

**International Workshop**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

## Day 1, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June

15:30 Gathering and Welcome Coffee

### Section 0: An Introduction

16:00 A-C. Rendu-Loisel /E. Wagner-Durand  
**Welcome**

16:10 A-C. Rendu-Loisel / E. Wagner-Durand  
**The Project *Malade de peur*: A Short Introduction to the EUCOR Project: Ideas and Challenges**

### Section 1: The Hittite World

16:30 Sylvie Vanséveren  
**Anguish and Anxiety in Hittite Texts**

17:10 Amir Gilan  
**Fears and their Treatment in Hittite Anatolia**

18:00 End of Day 1

**19:00 Dinner in the Restaurant:  
Das Quartier**

## Day 2/Part I, 24<sup>th</sup> of June

09:00 Gathering and Welcome Coffee

### Section 2: Fear in Mesopotamia: Rituals

9:30 Elyze Zomer  
**Fright Night - Dream-Induced Fear in Mesopotamia**

10:10 Ulrike Steinert  
**Coping with Anxieties of Reproductive Life in the Ancient Mesopotamian Healing Arts**

10:50 *Coffee break*

## Day 2/Part II, 24<sup>th</sup> of June

**11:30 Roxanne Suss  
Empathy and the Rhetoric of Emotion in Mesopotamian Ritual Context**

### Section 3: Fear in Mesopotamia: The Senses

12:10 Anne-Caroline Rendu-Loisel  
**From the Ephemeral to the Eternal: Sensory Dynamics and Materiality in Mesopotamian Ritual Texts**

12:50 *Lunch (on the spot)*

14:00 Annika Wegner  
**The Colors of Fear - Investigating the Link between the Shade of Lamashtu Amulets and their Fields of Application.**

### Section 4: Fear in Mesopotamia: Iconography and Archaeology

14:40 Eva Götting-Martin  
**A Fear Takes Shape: Iconography and Spatial Context of Lamaštu-Amulets**

15:20 Coffee Break

16:00 Elisabeth Wagner-Durand  
**Terror, Pain, or Anger: The Polysemy of Iconography in the Coping with Illness**

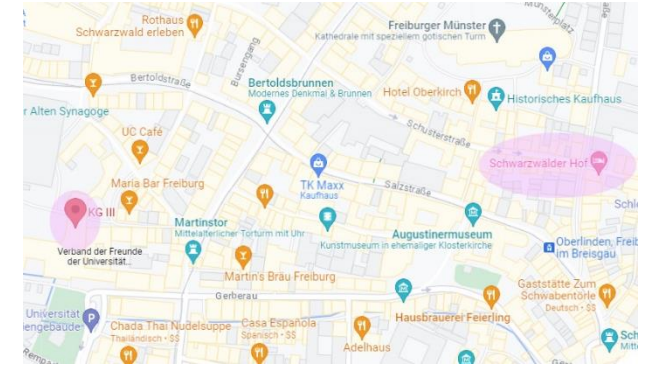
16:40 **Final Discussion**

17:30 End of Day 2

**19:00 Dinner in the Restaurant:  
Harem**

## Venue of the Workshop

**University Freiburg,  
Kollegiengebäude III (= KG III),  
Room HS 3101, first floor**



## Restaurants

**Friday evening  
Das Quartier**  
Egonstraße 48,  
79106 Freiburg im Breisgau

**Saturday evening  
Harem**  
Gerberau 7C,  
79098 Freiburg im Breisgau

**Hotel  
Schwarzwälder Hof**  
Herrenstraße 42  
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