

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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International Workshop
23rd-24th of June 2023

Day 1, 23rd 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 Vanseveren
Angoisse et Anxiété dans les Textes Hittites

17:10 Amir Golan
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, 24th 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, 24th of June

**11:30 Roxanne Suess
Empathy and the Rhetoric of emotion in Mesopotamian Ritual Context**

Section 2: 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 3: 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

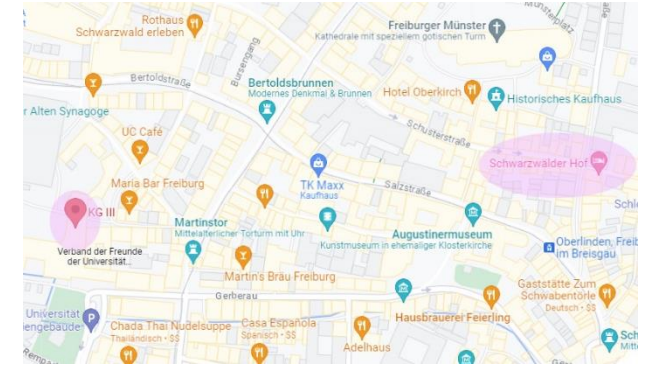
16:40 **Final Discussion**

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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