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ENCHANTMENT IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

THE POETIC-PRAGMATIC ASPECT OF ANCIENT MAGICAL TEXTS

ONLINE WORKSHOP

21 OCTOBER 2021, 12-6.30 PM

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE | UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

12:00 – 12:10 **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Prof. Hindy Najman (Oxford)

SESSION I

12:10 – 12:50 **Prof. Daniel Schwemer (Würzburg)**
Literature and Ritual Performance in Ancient Mesopotamian Magic: The Case of the Babylonian Apotropaic Ritual ‘House of Enclosure’ (*Bīt mēseri*)

12:50 – 13:30 **Prof. Richard Gordon (Erfurt)**
Rhetorical Devices in Two Graeco-Egyptian Erotic Procedures (*PGM IV 1496-1595; Suppl. Mag. no.47*)

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SESSION II

14:00 – 14:40 **Prof. Siam Bhayro (Exeter)**
The Jewish Aramaic Magic Bowls: How the Magic Works

14:40 – 15:20 **Dr. Dorota Molin (Cambridge and Oxford)**
Bible Performance in the Jewish Aramaic Magic Bowls: Negotiating ‘Orthodoxy’ and Magic

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15:30 – 16:10 **Dr. Ortal-Paz Saar (Utrecht)**
Incantations and Nursery Rhymes: Text Stability in Jewish Magic

16:10 – 16:50 **Prof. Sarah Iles Johnston (Ohio)**
Narrating Reality in the Great Paris Magical Papyrus

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17:00 – 17:40 **Dr. Daniel James Waller (Oxford)**
‘I Descended to the Depths of the Earth’: Illocutionary Weight and First-Person Narrative Spells in the Jewish Aramaic Magic Bowls

17:40 – 18:20 **Prof. Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv)**
Response to the Papers and First Thoughts on their Wider Implications

18:20 – 18:30 **Closing Remarks**

