

# Grave Symbolism

An interdisciplinary seminar hosted by the Research Program for the Study of Religion in cooperation with Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Aarhus University

Monday, May 1, 2017 - building 1453, room 415

## PROGRAM

13.00-13.05 Introduction

Armin W. Geertz  
(Jens Chr. Skou Senior Fellow,  
Aarhus Institute of Advanced  
Studies; Professor, Department  
of the Study of Religion,  
Aarhus University)



13.05-13.50 Framing the sky: Coffered ceilings in funerary contexts. Imagery, symbols, and figurative language in the Greek and Roman culture

Consuelo Manetta (Ancient Sciences, Co-funded Marie Curie Fellow, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies)

13.50-14.05 Coffee/tea, sweets

14.05-14.10 Introduction

Anders Klostergaard Petersen (Professor MSO, Dept. of the Study of Religion, AU)

14.10-14.55 Calling on the dead: Traces of mortuary ritual practices in the Roman Near East  
Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme (Professor MSO, Dept. of Biblical Exegesis, University of Copenhagen)

14.55-15.25 Mediators of death: The role of the graveyard personnel as agents in the religious field (Marie Vejrup Nielsen (Associate Professor, Dept. of the Study of Religion, AU)

15.25-16.00 Sufi tombs and their meanings

Mark Sedgwick (Professor MSO, Islamic Cultures and Societies Research Unit, Dept. of the Study of Religion, AU)

16.00-17.00 Informal reception

18.30 Dinner for speakers



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