

CFP: Purity, Pollution, Purification and Defilement – Mediterranean Seminar Summer Workshop

28-30 June, 2022

Paper proposals and round-table participants are being sought for the Mediterranean Seminar's three-day Workshop, to be held at the University of Haifa (sponsored by the Haifa Center for Mediterranean History) and Tel Aviv University, in 28th-30th June, 2022, on the topic of "Purity, Pollution, Purification and Defilement in the Pre-modern Mediterranean".

Our workshop seeks to bring together scholars who study ideas and practices related to purity in the pre-modern Mediterranean in order to bring to the fore these internal and external dynamics. We welcome contributions from scholars in the disciplines of history, archeology, theology and religious law, literature and the arts, working on a range of issues including gender, medicine, ritual, and social dynamics.

For the workshop (Tuesday, June 28th), we invite abstracts of in-progress drafts of articles or book/dissertation chapters on any subject relating to purity and purification practices in the pre-modern Mediterranean, broadly construed. Particularly welcome are papers relating to the concepts of time, space and purity; to rituals and practice of purity; personhood and purity; the relationship between the personal and the communal in respect to im/purity; the transmission of beliefs, texts and practices across the multi-religious/ethnic region; purity and social hierarchies; medical discourses and purity; im/purity and emotions. Papers that address methodology are welcome as well. For the purposes of the workshop, our Mediterranean is widely construed as including southern Europe, the Near East, North Africa, Arabia, Mesopotamia and the Caucasus.

For the second day (Wednesday, June 29th), which will feature two round-table conversations, we seek abstracts for presentations focusing on the following topics:

1. How do interreligious interactions shape or alter discourses of purity and pollution?
2. In what ways do ideas about purity and filth correspond with notions of well-being, physical health or spiritual health?

The third day (Thursday, June 30th) will be devoted to a field study day on the topic of space, place and impurity.

Please send us your filled out [application form](#) by **February 15th, 2022**.

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