Comparativism and the Study of Ancient Mediterranean Pilgrimage
The Emergence of Sacred Travel
3rd symposium
Aarhus University
17-19 May 2017

Wednesday 17 May

13.30 Introduction

13.45 Keynote
David Frankfurter: Getting There: Reframing Pilgrimage from Process to Site

14.45 Coffee

I. Long-term communities
15.15 Amelia Brown, Queensland: Pilgrimage and the Patron Gods and Saints of Seafaring in the Ancient Mediterranean

16.00 Rebecca Sweetman, St Andrew’s: Pilgrims, piety and pragmatism: Roman sanctuaries and late antique churches in the Cyclades

16.45 Csaba Szabo, Erfurt: Roman healing sites as religious thirdplaces in the Danubian provinces: ancient and contemporary pilgrimage

17.30 Discussion

18.30 Reception and book launch, Excavating Pilgrimage (Antikmuseet)

Thursday 18 May

9.00 Keynote
Ian Rutherford, Reading: Greco-Roman Pilgrimage as Costly Signalling

10.00 Coffee

II. Connecting spaces
10.30 Matthew Robert Anderson, Concordia: Failed Connectivities: The Pauline collection and his final pilgrimage to the temple at Jerusalem

11.15 Florian Wöller, LMU: Sacred Travel en miniature: Processions, Holy Space, and Urban Territory in Gregory of Tours
12.00 Lunch and coffee

13.00 **Keynote**
Nicholas Purcell, Oxford: *Religious Mobilities and the Long History of Baiae*

**III. Mobilities**
14.00 Troels Myrup Kristensen, Aarhus: *Greek Religion and the New Mobilities Paradigm*
14.45 Anna Collar, Aarhus: *Roman Religion and the New Mobilities Paradigm*
15.30 Coffee

**IV. Disorderliness**
16.00 Matthew Dillon, New England: *The disorderly pilgrim in ancient Greece*
16.45 Isabel Köster, Colorado: *Thieving Pilgrims between Rome and the Middle Ages*
17.30 Discussion

**Friday 19 May**

**V. Real/imagined spaces**
9.00 Jenn Cianca, Bishop’s University: *The Thirrdspace of Early Christian Pilgrimage: Developing a Sacred Landscape*
9.45 Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford: *Late Ancient Jerusalem Mythologies: Pilgrims and the Dome of the Rock*
10.30 Coffee

**VI. Pilgrimages beyond religious experience**
11.00 Sarah Midford, La Trobe: *Tracing Ancient Footsteps: Contemporary Australian Sacred Travel to the Dardanelles*
11.45 Panayiotis Andreou Christoforou, Oxford: *The Roman Emperor as a Place of Pilgrimage*
12.30 Lunch and coffee

**VII. Translating landscape**
13.30 Nicola Bergamo, Paris: *Pilgrimage to Monte Sant’Angelo and the Cult of Saint Michael during the Lombard period*
14.15 Yana Tchekhanovets, Jerusalem: *Jerusalem Agents: Armenian and Georgian pilgrimage to Byzantine Palestine*
15.00 Sara Terreault, Concordia: “Existential Migration”? Fleeing the Centre in Medieval Celtic Christianity and Postmodern Peregrination

15.45 Coffee

16.15 Keynote
Simon Coleman, Toronto (presenting via video): The Shock of the Old: Contemporary Pilgrimages between Liturgy and Heritage

17.15 Concluding discussion, chaired by David Frankfurter, Nicholas Purcell and Ian Rutherford

19.30 Conference dinner (speakers only) at Pondus, Åboulevarden 51.