# Comparativism and the Study of Ancient Mediterranean Pilgrimage

The Emergence of Sacred Travel 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Thirdspace 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.