

NINO DAY 2024

**Invention and
Ingenuity in the
Ancient Near East**



WORKSHOP

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Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Admission is free. Register by email to s.thavapalan@vu.nl before January 15, 2024.

PROGRAM

Venue	
Agora 1 at VU Amsterdam Main Building (Hoofdgebouw)	
De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam	
09:30-10:00	Coffee and Registration
10:00-10:10	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
10:10-10:15	Introducing the VU's Special Collections Exhibition for NINO Day
10:15-11:00 Keynote Philology as an Experimental System: Two Moments in the History of Cuneiform Notation J. Cale Johnson (FU Berlin)	
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break	
11:15-12:45	Session 1 Chair: Shana Zaia
The Achaemenid Administrations' Introduction of Aramaic as a Vehicular and Administrative Language	Margaretha Folmer (Leiden University)
A Shared World of Images: Invention and Ingenuity in the Creation of a Common Language of Representation in Aegean and Black Sea Networks during the 5th to 3rd centuries BCE	Aleksandar Tsankov (Utrecht University)
2 nd Century CE – An Overlooked Revolution in West Asian Arms and Armour?	Patryk Skupniewicz (Utrecht University)
12:45-14:00 Lunch Break	
14:00-15:45	Session 2 Chair: Shiyanti Thavapalan
Tradition, Innovation, and Creativity in the Babylonian Horoscope Some New Ideas about the Babylonian Origin of the Planetary Exaltations in Greco-Roman Astrology	Alessia Pilloni (FU Berlin) & Mathieu Ossendrijver (FU Berlin)

Between Local and Global Perspective: Behind the Historiographical Plan of the <i>Liber Superiorum</i> of Thomas of Marga (9th c. CE)	Giovanni Gomiero (Ghent University)
Invention and Creativity in the Hellenistic and Roman Near East: Embedding Global Diversity	Miguel John Versluys (Leiden University)
15:45-16:15 Coffee Break	
16:15-17:00	Session 4 Lightning Round Chair: Bas ter Haar Romeny
A Note on the Technical Examination of Late Bronze Age Glass Tubes from the Ziggurat of Chogha Zanbil in Dutch Archaeological Collections	Guus Verhaar and Réne van Beek (TU Delft and Allard Pierson Museum)
Anchoring Asceticism in Late Antique Gaul: Interiority, Paideia, and Community in Lérimian Hagiography	Teun van Dijk (VU Amsterdam)
Paul, Syriac Christianity, and Judaism: Syriac Interpretations of Romans 9–11	Hanna Hoogenraad (VU Amsterdam)
17:00 Borrel	



