

NINO DAY 2024

Invention and Ingenuity in the Ancient Near East



WORKSHOP

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Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Program

Venue	
Agora 1 at VU Amsterdam Main Building (Hooftgebouw) 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)
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)
12:45-14:00 Lunch Break	
14:00-15:15	Session 2 Chair: Shiyanthi Thavapalan
Tradition, Innovation, and Creativity in the Babylonian Horoscope	Alessia Pilloni (FU Berlin)
Some New Ideas about the Babylonian Origin of the Planetary Exaltations in Greco-Roman Astrology	& Mathieu Ossendrijver (FU Berlin)
Invention and Creativity in the Hellenistic and Roman Near East: Embedding Global Diversity	Miguel John Versluys (Leiden University)

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break	
15:45-16:30	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 Lérinian Hagiography	Teun van Dijk (VU Amsterdam)
Paul, Syriac Christianity, and Judaism: Syriac Interpretations of Romans 9–11	Hanna Hoogenraad (VU Amsterdam)
The Bible of Edessa: A New Annotated Translation of the Syriac Peshitta	Bas ter Haar Romeny (VU Amsterdam)
16:30 Borrel	



