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Plutarch and the Ancient Religious Landscape: Paganism, Christianity, Gnosticism and Mystery cults

XVIII Plutarch Network Meeting

27-30 September 2017

Courtroom; Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen
(38 Oude Boteringestraat, Groningen)

Wednesday, 27 September

19:00 Welcome reception at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies

Thursday, 28 September

8:30-9:00 Inscription. Welcome coffee

9:00-9:15 Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta: Welcome words

PART 1 – THEOLOGY

Session 1. Chair: Rainer Hirsch-Luipold

9:15-9:45 Paola Volpe: Dioniso: l'ambiguità di un dio

9:45-10:15 Delfim Leão: Gods, Impiety and Pollution in the Life and Death of Phocion

10:15-10:45 Olivier Guerrier and Sixtine Desmoulins: Les daimones de Plutarque et leur réception dans la Renaissance française

10:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

Session 2. Chair: Delfim Leão

11:15-11:45 Fabio Tanga: The religious landscape of Plutarch's *Quaestiones graecae*

11:45-12:15 Soraya Planchas: Las interpretaciones de Dioniso Ἴσοδαίτης en un ritual órfico (Plutarco, *E ap. Delph.* 389A)

12:15-14:15 LUNCH BREAK: Harmony Building (n.4)

PART 2 – ETHICS

Session 3. Chair: Aurelio Pérez Jiménez

14:30-15:00 Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta: The ethical path as initiation in Plutarch and the 2nd cent. Gnosticism

15:00-15:30 Geert Roskam: Plutarch's theonomous ethics and Christianity: a few thoughts on a much discussed problem

15:30-16:00 Luisa Lesage: The soul's afterlife in Plutarch's *De facie*

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Session 4. Chair: Olivier Guerrier

16:30-17:00 Carlos Alcalde: Sacrificios humanos. ¿Pueden tener justificación?

17:00-17:30 Joaquim Pinheiro: La valeur de la *tolma* dans les *Moralia* de Plutarque

19:00 DINNER: to be determined

Friday, 29 September

PART 3 – COSMOLOGY

Session 5. Chair: Geert Roskam

9:00-9:30 Aurelio Pérez: No es fuego todo lo que reluce. *Apologia Lunae adversus Stoicos* en Plu., *De facie* 921E-922E

9:30-10:00 Rainer Hirsch-Luipold: Religion and Religions in Plutarch

10:00-10:30 Nerea López: Hekate in Plutarch: a ritual and astral goddess

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

PARTS 3 & 4 – COSMOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

Session 6. Chair: Mercedes López Salvá

11:00-11:30 Christina Harker: The reception of Plutarch's Universe

11:30-12:00 Marta González: Human sacrifices in Plutarch: who can be sacrificed? (*Them.* 13, *Pel.* 20-21, *Phil.* 21)

12:00-12:30 Michiel Meeusen: Plutarch on the Platonic Synthesis: a Synthesis

12:45-14:15 LUNCH BREAK: Land van Kokanje (n.6)

PARTS 4 & 5 – ANTHROPOLOGY & EPISTEMOLOGY

Session 7. Chair: Paola Volpe

14:30-15:00 Inger Kuin: Deaf to the gods: Atheism in Plutarch

15:00-15:30 Serena Citro: Sulla religiosità di βασιλείς e στρατηγοί (greci e romani)

15:30-16:00 Israel Gallarte: Conception of the *Eropteia* Revisited: the *telos* of the soul in Plutarch and in Gnostic Literature

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

Session 8. Chair: Ana Jiménez San Cristóbal

16:30-17:00 Mercedes Salvá: Ritos de iniciación en Plutarco

17:00-17:30 Elsa Simonetti: Divination in Plutarch's *Life of Cicero*

17:30-18:00 Ana San Cristóbal: La epifanía de Dioniso en Elis y el milagro del vino (*Plu. Quaest. gr.* 299B)

19:00 DINNER: Restaurant De Pauw (n.7)

Saturday, 30 September

- Cultural Trip to Drenthe
Visit of Hunebedden (dolmens): <http://www.hunebeddenwijzer.nl/>
Meeting point: to be determined, at 9:30.