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FIGURALITY:  
PRACTICAL  
EXEGESIS IN  
THE LIGHT  
OF AUERBACH'S  
THEORY  
OF *FIGURA*

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9h

Julie CASTEIGT (Associate Professor in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Toulouse II, LEM)  
*Introduction*

**Session 1 (chaired by PD Dr. Markus Kleinert) :**  
**AUERBACH : THEORETICAL AND DIACHRONIC 1**

9h15

**Prof. Dr. Friedrich BALKE** (Chair of Media Studies with a focus on the theory, history and aesthetics of visual documentary forms at the Ruhr-Univ. Bochum)  
« *Figura* und Figuraldeutung. Überlegungen zu einem Spannungsverhältnis bei Auerbach mit einem Seitenblick auf Freuds *Gradiva* » / « *Figura* and Figural Interpretation. Reflections on a Tense Relationship in Auerbach with a Sideways Look at Freud's *Gradiva* » - discussion

10h

Pause

10h05

**Prof. Dr. Daniel BOYARIN** (Univ. of California, Berkeley), Hermann P. and Sophia Taubman Professor *emeritus* of Talmudic, Grus Professor of Jewish Law at Harvard Law School  
« Allegory versus Typology Revisited » - discussion

**Session 2 (chaired by Prof. Dr. Christian Heck) : FIGURAL EXEGESIS**

10h55

**Dr. Julie CASTEIGT** (Associate Professor in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, University of Toulouse II, LEM)  
« Towards a ternary figural structure. Auerbach's *Figura* and Albert the Great's *Super Iohannem* » - discussion

11h40

Pause

11h45

**PD Dr. Markus KLEINERT** (Director of the research department: Kierkegaard Research Unit, Max-Weber-Kolleg of the Univ. of Erfurt)  
« *Figura* und Transfiguration. Zur Darstellung und Deutung der Verklärung Christi » / « *Figura* and Transfiguration. On the representation and interpretation of the Transfiguration of Christ » - discussion

12h30

Open discussion with the public

**Session 3 (chaired by Prof. Dr. André Laks) :**  
**TEXTUAL AND ICONOGRAPHIC MEDIEVAL EXEGESIS**

13h30

**Prof. Dr. Christian HECK** (Professor emeritus at the Univ. of Lille, Chair of Medieval Iconography; Former Senior Member of the IUF)  
« Auerbach et l'image médiévale : la *figura* entre mode d'écriture, allégorie, et exégèse typologique » / « Auerbach and the medieval image: *figura* between writing mode, allegory, and typological exegesis » - discussion

14h15

Pause

14h20

**Dr. Catherine NICOLAS** (Assistant Professor in Medieval Literature, Univ. Paul Valéry-Montpellier III, CEMM: Centre for Medieval Studies of Montpellier)  
« Voir le Christ en propre figure : que signifie figurer le Graal par le texte et par l'image dans les manuscrits du Cycle-Vulgate ? » / « Seeing Christ in his own figure : imagining or figuring the Grail through text and image in the manuscripts of the Vulgate Cycle. » - discussion

**Session 4 (chaired by Dr. Catherine Nicolas) :**  
**AUERBACH : THEORETICAL AND DIACHRONIC 2**

15h40

**Prof. Dr. André LAKS** (Professeur de philosophie ancienne, Emeritus Paris-Sorbonne/Univ. Panamericana, Mexico)  
« Futurs dans le passé : que nous apprend Aristote sur la figuralité en histoire ? » / « Futures in the Past: what does Aristotle teach us about figurality in history? » - discussion

16h25

Pause

16h30

James PORTER, Univ. of California, Berkeley, The Irving Stone Chair in Literature, Rhetoric and Classics)  
« How Much (or Little) Does *figura* Figure in Auerbach's oeuvre ? »

17h15

Open discussion with the public and conclusions with J. Porter