

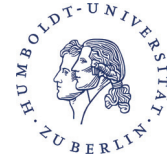
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International Workshop

Nec Plus Ultra
Going Beyond Boundaries in
Classical and Mediterranean
Antiquity



This workshop offers contributions concerning limits, boundaries, thresholds, their linguistic expressions, and their relevance and treatment in the history, mythology, religion, politics, literature and daily life of the so-called Classical World, as an aspect of the study of the perception of space in ancient civilizations, within the conceptual frame of the TOPOI Excellence Cluster.

What was considered a “limit” in Classical culture? How did the ancient face the struggle between the will to overcome boundaries, and the limits set by technology or religious beliefs? How did scholars, philosophers, and the common people, conceive the idea of “going beyond” limits? And what was the relationship between material, or actual boundaries, and immaterial, that is psychological, limits? And how is the very idea of “going beyond” reflected in Greek and Latin languages? Does its expression carry about any more profound implications?



Programme

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2010

15.00

Welcome at the Topoi Building Dahlem,
Hittorfstraße 18, 14195 Berlin

15.30 First Panel

Approaching Material Boundaries

Chair: Prof. Dr. Johanna Fabricius

Dr. Salvatore De Vincenzo (FU Berlin / Topoi)

*Die Säulen des Herakles im Rahmen der phöni-
zischen und punischen Kolonisation des West-
mittelmeerraums*

Prof. Dr. Klaus Geus (FU Berlin / Topoi)

*Mental Boundaries: the Case of the "Hot Zone" in
Ancient Geography*

Discussion

17.00 Coffee break

17.15

Dr. Gian Franco Chiai (BBAW Berlin)

*Was passiert, wenn man Grenzen überschreitet:
Der Beitrag der Epigraphik*

Dr. Anna Lucille Boozer (Reading)

*Extremities of Empire: The Oases of Roman Egypt
in the Mind and on the Ground*

Discussion

Dinner

SATURDAY, 24 APRIL 2010

9.15 Second Panel

Language and literature I:

What Lies Beyond, How It Lies Beyond

Chair: Prof. Dr. Klaus Geus

Prof. Dr. Roberto Nicolai ("La Sapienza", Roma)

*La tragedia e i confini del mondo: limiti geografici e
limiti linguistici*

Dr. Gianfranco Mosconi ("La Sapienza", Roma)

L'Atlantide di Platone: l'isola al di là

Discussion

10.45 Coffee break

11.15

Dr. Marina Francesca Martelli (Milano)

*Jenseits des Okeanos: Die Insel der Wunder in den
griechischen Thaumasia*

Prof. Dr. Piergiorgio Parroni ("La Sapienza", Roma)

*Nazioni ai confini del mondo tra realtà e tradizione
classica*

Discussion

12.45 Lunch

14.00 Third Panel

Language and literature II:

What Goes Beyond, How It Goes Beyond

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jan Stenger

MA Marianna Spano (FU Berlin / Topoi)

*Überschreitung semantischer Grenzen: Aspekte
zusammengesetzter griechischer Bewegungsverben*

Dr. Marcello Nobili (FU Berlin / Topoi)

*The Development and Usage of "ultra" in Classical
Latin*

Discussion

15.30 Coffee break

16.00

Dr. Lucia Floridi (Milano)

*„Keep Away from My Tomb": Sacral Prohibitions
and Invectives Against Desecrators of Tombs in
Greek Epigraphy and Epigrammatic Literature*

Prof. Dr. Therese Fuhrer (FU Berlin / Topoi)

*Literarische Grenzerweiterungen: Konstruktion und
Dekonstruktion von Größe in der Literatur der
Kaiserzeit*

Discussion

17.45 Closing remarks