

Religion and Power: Divine Kingship in the Ancient World and Beyond
The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
February 23-24, 2007

Program

Friday, Feb. 23

- 9:00-9:15 Director's Greeting
9:15-9:30 Introduction (N. Brisch)

Session 1: Divine Kingship in Mesopotamia and Egypt

Chair: Emily Teeter

- 9:30-10:00 G. Selz, Mesopotamia "The Divine Prototypes"
10:00-10:30 P. Michalowski "The Mortal Kings of Ur: A Short Century of Divine Rule in Ancient Mesopotamia"

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:15 P. Frandsen "Linguistics and the Definition of Kingship in Ancient Egypt"
11:15-11:45 Discussion

11:45-1:30 Lunch break

Session 2: Iconography and Anthropology of Divine Kingship

Chair: Theo Van Den Hout

- 1:30-2:00 I. Winter "Touched by the gods: Visual evidence for the divine status of rulers in the ancient Near East"
2:00-2:30 E. Ehrenberg "Dieu et mon Droit: Kingship in Late Babylonian and Early Persian Times"
2:30-3:00 M. Gilbert "The sacralized body of the Akwapim king"

3:00-3:15 Coffee Break

3:15-3:45 D. Freidel "Maya Divine Kingship: Archaeology, Iconography, Epigraphy"
3:45-4:15 C. Reichel, "The King is Dead, Long Live the King--the last days of the cult to king Shusin at Eshnunna"
4:15-4:45 R. Bernbeck "Divine Kingship, Ideologies, and Spaces for Resistance"

4:45-5:15 Discussion

Saturday, Feb. 24

Session 3: Divine Kingship and Imperialism

Chair: Adam T. Smith

- 9:00-9:30 M. Puett "Human and Divine Kingship in Early China: Comparative Reflections"
9:30-10:00 B. Lincoln "The Role of Religion in Achaemenian Imperialism"
10:00-10:30 G. Woolf "From Imperial Cult to the Religious Construction of the Emperor: changing perspectives on the Roman case"

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

Session 5: Respondents and Final Discussion

10:45-11:00 Jerry Cooper, Respondent

11:00-11:15 K. Morrison, Respondent

11:15-12:15 Final Discussion

12:15-2:00 Final Lunch