

Newsletter “Beyond Canon” – March 2019

Dear Fellows and Friends,

“Frühling lässt sein blaues Band / Wieder flattern durch die Lüfte“ (“Loops lets flutter spring so blue, flutter freshly through the skies”) are the first two lines of a well-known poem by Eduard Mörike (1804-1875) every German pupil has to learn by heart.

Instead of *blue loops*, we proudly present you a *yellow logo* in the March issue of our Newsletter – hoping that you like it as much as we do!

1. Review: Activities of our Group in March

On March 6, our PostDoc **Mari Mamyán** read a lecture on the [Armenian Gospel of the Infancy](#), a rare apocryphon presumably translated by the end of the 6th century.

Apart from that, our Fellow **Isabella D’Auria (Università Federico II, Naples)** paid us a short visit and delivered two lectures: On March 6, she read a paper on ["Christian poetry of Prudentius in *Peristephanon*"](#). On March 13, she presented her research outline on [“Biblical Paraphrastic Poetry in Latin language between the IV-VI centuries. An example of paraphrastic analysis”](#).



Isabella is coming back to Regensburg for a whole month in May to continue her research on Biblical Paraphrastic Poetry in late antiquity.

Moreover, we are looking forward very much to the visits/arrivals of three Fellows in April:

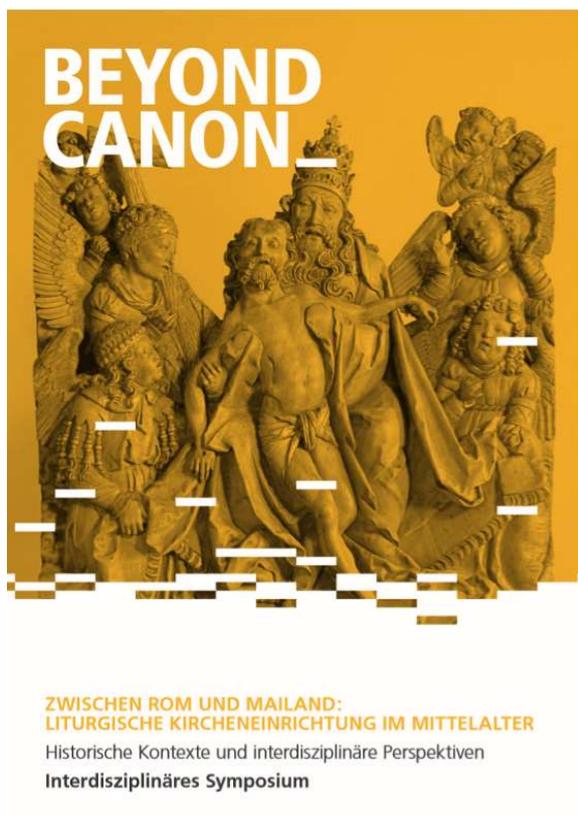
- Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt a.M.) will join us on April 3 for a whole year;
- Kelsie Rodenbiker (Durham University) will pay us a short visit from April 10-14 and
- Anna van den Kerchove (Institut Protestant de Théologie, Paris) will visit us from April 21-26.

2. Corporate Identity for the “Beyond Canon” project

Those who have visited our website since March 15 may already have noticed a small, but crucial change: *Büro Ballmann Weber* (Hamburg) finally **sent us our new logo**, which we inserted instantly on our website. For those who have not seen it yet, here it is:



The unpretentious graphic design is based on the Corporate Identity of *Universität Regensburg* and shows the official colour of our Faculty of Catholic Theology, named “Vatikangelb” (!). We were immediately impressed by the underline at the end, resembling a “cursor” and signaling that there is a lot to be written/thought on “behind” the canon. Apart from the logo, the graphic designers created a **whole Corporate Design for our group**, comprising poster/flyer layouts, official letterhead, and customized business cards for our Fellows. We hope that you like the design as much as we do!



3. Barcelona Conference in May

As you may know already, the *Ateneu Universitari Sant Pacià* and our *Centre for Advanced Studies* are co-organizing the **Barcelona Conference** “Dreams, Visions, Imaginations: Jewish, Christians and Gnostic Views of the World to Come” (May 9-11). Marcos Aceituno Donoso kindly sent us the splendid program – please find it attached to the newsletter!

4. List of useful contacts in Regensburg

As our July conference (and the arrival of more Fellows) is approaching, we are building up a small “infrastructure” for you: Emergency numbers, a family physician who is fluent in English, useful addresses in/around Regensburg, etc. We will happily provide you with the list on your arrival, hoping to make your start in Regensburg as carefree and comfortable as possible!

A quick reminder at the end of our newsletter: If you have issues of interest for the research group, publications or events to be announced, please just write a **short message to our coordinator** (stephanie.hallinger@ur.de); she will include them in the next newsletter.

Best wishes,

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Ulrike Linder-Windbichler and Stephanie Hallinger

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