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Even after the closure of the New Testament canon around the middle of the fourth century CE, a great number of new extra-canonical Apostle narrative was produced while older texts from the second and third centuries were still transmitted and in parts transformed. For a long time the interest in "Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles" focused on texts like the "Acts of Paul, Peter, Thomas, Andrew", and "John", their original contexts and readership.

The fact, however, that these writings were transmitted in later manuscripts and became subject of major revisions after the fourth century was widely neglected. At the same time many later Apostle stories like the "Acts of Philipp, Barnabas, Titus, Mark, the Doctrine of Addai", the "Acts of Mar Mari" and many others were almost fully overlooked. Only during the last years the number of studies interested in the later use of older "Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles" and/or the production of later Apostle stories has slightly increased.

Our workshop wants to bring together different aspects of these studies. It focusses on the following research questions:
In how far and in which ways were older writings copied, used, but also rewritten in later contexts?
What are the reasons for the production of even more stories about the "Apostolic origins"?
What can be said about the functions of these texts – both older writings in later contexts and younger Apostle stories – in different late antique contexts?
How can their role and their authority be described in a Christian world wherein the Biblical canon was almost universally accepted?
In how far are these texts related to the development of ancient Christian liturgical/ritual worlds and material culture?

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

- 9.00 Jan Bremmer: "Old and New Religion in the *Acts of Timothy*"
- 10.00 Coffee
- 10.30 Julia Snyder: "Christ and Peter Go to Rome"
- 11.30 Janet Downie: "Re-Defining Topographies"
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Sible de Blaauw: "A Church Beyond Canon: San Giovanni a Porta Latina and the Cult of John the Evangelist in Early Medieval Rome"
- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.30 Joseph Verheyden: "The *Acts of Philip*"
- 16.30 Carl Johan Berglund: "Discipleship Ideals in the *Acts of Philip*"
- 19.30 Dinner (Augustiner)

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

- 9.00 Israel Munoz Gallarte: "Beyond the Canonical Thomas: Sources and Meaning of the *Acts of Thomas*"
- 10.00 Coffee
- 10.30 Julie Van Pelt: "Heliodoros the Magician and the Rhetoric of Deception: Creating Religious Authority Through the Figure of the Magos"
- 11.15 Luigi Walt: "Tradition as Innovation: Christian Origins in Aquileia and the Social Fabric of the Past"
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Klazina Staat: "Contested texts, Contested Virgins. Thecla and the *Acts of Paul* and *Thecla* as Authorising Models in Late Antique Hagiographical Narratives about Female Virgins"
- 14.45 Dariya Syroyid: "Church Slavonic *Acts of Paul* and *Thecla*: Adopting of Memory, or Common Memory without Common Experience"
- 15.30 Coffee

- 16.00 Thomas Kraus: „Die handschriftliche Rezeption der Theklaakten innerhalb der Paulusakten“
- 17.00 Albert Dietl: „Erneuerung der Urkirche: Neue Bildzyklen frühchristlicher Apostelakten im Zeitalter der Kirchenreform. Die *passiones et actus apostolorum* (um 1170/80) aus Prüfening (Clm 13074)“
- 19.00 Dinner (Valentino)

SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

- 9.00 Cosmin Pricop: „Weitertradieren der Thomas-Erzählung in liturgischen Texten des Thomas-Festes“
- 10.00 Coffee
- 10.30 Janet Spittler: "The *Acts of John* by Prochorus"
- 11.30 Tobias Nicklas: "Retelling the Origins – Why it was Necessary to Re-Address the Apostolic Past in Late Antiquity"
- 12.30 Final Reflections
- 13.00 Lunch