Alexandria
Hub of the Hellenistic World

Intellectual, economical, and political centre of Graeco-Roman Egypt for almost one thousand years and, second to Rome, one of the most significant cities in the ancient world. A metropolis linked with many myths and legends, a model for urban planning and development. Ancient Alexandria is associated with the Pharos, the Great Library as part of the Mouseion, Alexander the Great as the city founder, and a host of influential thinkers and rulers. With the rise of Christianity, all major cultures and religions of the Early Roman Imperial Era were present at Alexandria. The conference addresses a wide variety of themes, all converging in the question of the features and manifestations of cultural-religious encounters in this hub of Graeco-Roman civilization.

Friday, August 25

9.15 - 9.45 Wolfgang Grünstäudl
Biblical and Historical Theology (University of Wuppertal)
The Quest for Pantaenus. Pierre Collomp, Wilhelm Boussert and Johannes Munck on an Alexandrian Enigma.

9.45 - 10.15 Luca Arcari
Department of Humanities (University of Naples)
Reinventing Monotheistic Traditions in Pseudo-Justin’s De Monarchia: Political and Cultural Aims of an Alexandrian Posture concerning the Unicity of God.

10.15 - 10.45 Discussion and Break

11.15 - 11.45 Thomas J. Kraus
Department of New Testament (University of Zurich)
Alexandria, City of Knowledge: Clement on Idols in Protrepticus 4.

11.45 - 12.15 Discussion & Summary

12.15 - 12.30 Synthesis and Conclusion of the Conference
Lunch
8.45 - 9.15 Stefan Pfeiffer
Department of Ancient History (University of Halle-Wittenberg)
Bottom up or Top down: Who Initiated the Building of Temples for Augustus in Alexandria and Upper Egypt?

9.15 - 9.45 René Bloch
Institute of Jewish Studies / Institute of Classical Philology (University of Bern)
How much Hebrew in Jewish Alexandria?

10.45 - 11.15 Sandra Gambetti
Department of History (City University of New York)
Alexandria 2nd century BCE: Mosaic constituencies and the origins of diaspora Jewish political thought

11.15 – 11.45 Barbara Schmitz
Department of Old Testament (University of Würzburg)
What Does the So-called Letter of Aristeas Tell Us about Alexandria?

14.15 - 14.45 Jan N. Bremmer
Faculty of Religious Studies and Theology (University of Groningen)
The Jewish Testament of Orpheus.

14.45 - 15.15 Michael Sommer
Institute of Biblical Studies (University of Halle-Wittenberg)
The Apocalypse of Abraham and the Apocalypse of Zephaniah.

19.15 - 19.45 Roberta Mazza
Faculty of Classics & Ancient History (University of Manchester)

17.15 - 17.45 Discussion

18.00 Apéro