Thursday March 31

8:00–10:00  Registration

09:30–09:45  Marianne Dirksen (Director: School of Ancient Languages and Text Studies) Welcome Address

09:45–10:00  Susan Visser (Vice Rector, Research, NWU) Welcome Address

10:00–11:40  Session 1  Chair: John Finamore

10:00–10:40  John Dillon (Trinity College, Dublin) “Levels of Prayer in the Neoplatonic and Sufi Traditions”

10:40–11:10  Bronwen Neil (Australian National University, Canberra) “Dream-visions and Contemplation in Christian Neo-Platonism”

11:10–11:40  Herrie van Rooy (NWU) “Prayer, Admonition and History in in the Commentary on the Psalms by Theodore of Mopsuestia”

11:40–12:00  Refreshments

12:00–12:30  Session 2  Chair: Annemaré Kotzé

12:00–12:30  Liana Lamprecht (UNISA) “Biblical and Historical Literary Evidence for a further Consideration of Matthew 6: 13a – the 6th Petition in the Lord’s Prayer”


13:00–14:00  Lunch

14:00–15:40  Session 3  Chair: Eleni Pachoumi

14:00–14:40  Matthew Dickie (University of Illinois, Chicago) “Contemplating and Coming together with the Divine in Mystery-cult in Late Antiquity”


15:10–15:40  Philip Bosman (UNISA) “Places of Deception or danger? Late Antique Views of the Oracles”

15:40–16:00  Refreshments

16:00–17:00  Session 4  Chair: John Hilton

16:00–16:30  Santiago Iglesias García (Complutense University, Madrid) “Contemplatio Constantini”

16:30–17:00  Maria Teresa Ruggiero (University of Foreigners, Perugia) “A Deeply Religious Person. Fulgentius Planciade: Philosophus and Philologus”

18:30  Conference dinner
Friday April 1

9:00–10:40 Session 5 Chair: Matthew Dickie
9:00–9:40 Mark Edwards (Oxford University) “Primitive Christianity and Magic”
9:40–10:10 Annemaré Kotzé (Stellenbosch University) “Augustine’s Confessions: Addressing Manichaeans through Prayer?”
10:40–11:10 Refreshments

11:10 - 12:50 Session 6 Chair: John Dillon
11:10–11:50 John Finamore (University of Iowa) “Iamblichus, Theurgic Metaphysician”
11:50–12:20 Eleni Pachoumi (NWU) “Proclus on Theurgic Unions and the References from Magic”
12:20–12:50 Matylda Obryk (Northeast Normal University, China) “Theurgy: Reconciliation of Religion and Philosophy”
12:50–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:10 Session 7 Chair: Mark Edwards
14:00–14:30 Mark Wildish (University of Hong Kong) “Iamblichus on the Language of Prayer”
14:30–15:00 Laurence Bloom (Rhodes University) “Proclus on the Inward Turn”
15:00 – 15:30 Refreshments

15:30–16:00 Session 8 Chair: Philip Bosman
16:00–16:30 John Hilton (Kwazulu-Natal University) “Ethnography and Empire: The Tower of Babel Narrative in Philo De Confusione Linguarum, Origen Contra Celsum, and Julian Contra Galilaeos”
16:30–17:00 Olivier Dufault (LMU Munich) “Lessons from the Body. Alchemy and Practical Thought-Experiment in the First Lesson on Virtue of Zosimus of Panopolis”
17:00–17:30 Concluding Remarks

19:00 Conference dinner

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