



The Stuff of the Gods

The Material Aspects
of Religion in Ancient Greece

An International Symposium

July 7, 19.00

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Keynote lecture, Robin Osborne (University of Cambridge)
Gods and Stuff: Ways of Being in the World

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Danish Institute at Athens, Herefondos 14, Plaka
Session 1. *Gods-Humans-Stuff: Ancient and Modern Categories*
Session 2. *The Materiality of Ritual*
Session 3. *Materiality, Sense, Experience and Emotion*

July 9, 09.30

Danish Institute at Athens, Herefondos 14, Plaka
Session 4. *The Matter of Time*
Session 5. *The Matter of Space*



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Reception at the Swedish Institute at Athens

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9.00-9.30 Coffee

9.30-9.45 *Introduction*: Matthew Haysom, Maria Mili, Jenny Wallensten

Session 1. ***Gods-humans-stuff: ancient and modern categories***

9.45-10.15 Ioanna Patera (ANHMA, Paris): *Craftsmen, materials, and the value of the products*

10.15-10.45 Petra Pakkanen (Swedish Institute at Athens): *Remember to wear 'sacred sandals' when you go to a sanctuary. Considerations on oscillating sacredness of material from Greek sanctuaries*

10.45-11.15 Chryssanthi Papadopoulou (British School at Athens): *Of mice and archaeologists*

11.15-11.45 Maria Mili (British School at Athens): *Why did the Greek gods need objects?*

11.45-12.15 Coffee

Session 2. ***The materiality of ritual***

12.15-12.45 Caitlín E. Barrett (Cornell University): *The valuation of terracotta figurines in domestic contexts: Reconsidering the gap between material and ritual*

12.45-13.15 Gina Salapata (Massey University): *Ambiguity vs specificity in modest votive offerings*

13.15-13.45 Hedvig von Ehrenheim (Uppsala University): *The materiality of incubation rituals*

13.45-15.15 Lunch

Session 3. ***Materiality, sense, experience and emotion***

15.15-15.45 Nassos Papalexandrou (University of Texas, Austin): *The aesthetics of rare experiences in early Greek sanctuaries*

15.45-16.15 Carrie Vout (University of Cambridge): *The stuff of crowds*

16.15-16.30 Coffee

16.30-17.00 Ioannis Mylonopoulos (Columbia University): *When the gods became objects: The materiality of the divine image*

17.00-17.30 Alexia Petsalis-Diomidis (King's College London): *Haptics, Greek pottery and religious experience*

21.00 Dinner for speakers

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9.30-10.00 Coffee

Session 4. ***The matter of time***

10.00-10.30 James Whitley (Cardiff University): *Writing to the gods: Archaic votives, inscribed and uninscribed*

10.30-11.00 Matthew Haysom (British School at Athens): *Modes of materiality in Greek prehistory: The long view*

11.00-11.30 Cécile Durvy (Université d'Aix Marseille): *Of things and men in the sanctuary of Aphrodite (Delos)*

11.30-12.00 Coffee

Session 5. ***The matter of space***

12.00-12.30 Catherine Morgan (British School at Athens): *Adding buildings to Early Iron Age sanctuaries: The materiality of built space*

12.30-13.00 Charlotte Potts (University of Oxford): *An external view: Architecture and ritual in central Italy*

13.00-13.30 Gunnel Ekroth (Uppsala University): *A room of one's own? Exploring the temenos concept as divine property*

13.30-15.00 Lunch

Session 5 ***continued***

15.00-15.30 Jenny Wallensten (Swedish Institute at Athens): *Decisive dedications. Votives outside of sanctuary contexts*

15.30-16.00 Troels Myrup Kristensen (Aarhus University): *Materializing sacred geography: A (brief) biography of the Omphalos*

16.00-16.30 *Closing remarks*

21.00 Dinner for speakers