**Gender, Methodology and the Ancient Near East**

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**Monday October 27**

**9.00-11.00: panel 1**
- 9.00-9.15: Welcome and introduction
- 9.15-10.00: Keynote: Marie Louise Stig Sørensen, “Gender Methodology or Engendering Methodologies”
- 10.00-10.30: Beth Alpert-Nakhai, “Reconstructing Women’s Lives in Iron Age Israel: The Complex Interplay between Text and Archaeology”
- 10.30-11.00: Helga Vogel, “«It’s a Men’s World – Again!» – The Current Debate on the Identification of Main Burials and the Co-interments in the Royal Cemetery at Ur”

**11.00-11.30: coffee break**

**11.30-12.45: panel 2**
- 11.30-12.15: Keynote: Niek Veldhuis, “Gender Studies and Assyriology: Expectations of an Outsider”

**12.45-14.15: lunch break**

**14.15-16.00: panel 3**
- 15.00-15.30: Omar N’Shea “The Construct of Royal Masculinity in the Visual and Textual Representations of King Sennacherib”
- 15.30-16.00: Martti Nissinen & Saana Svärd: “Constructing the Image of assinnu”

**16.00-16.30: coffee break**

**16.30-17.30: panel 4**
- 16.30-17.00: Stephanie Budin, “Gender in the «Tale of Aqhat»”
- 17.00-17.30: Vanessa Juloux, “Inventory of Lexemes of Action Verbs, a New Methodology for Gender Studies Research. An Example with ‘Anatu of Ugarit”

19.00 Conference dinner

**Tuesday October 28**

**9.15-10.30: panel 5**
- 9.15-10.00: Keynote: Stephanie Langin-Hooper, “Gendered Ambiguities, Gendered Sexualities, and Gendered Experiments: Performance and Negotiation through Hellenistic Babylonian Figurines”
- 10.00-10.30: Kathleen McCaffrey, “Gnostic Gender vs. Physical Sex=Gender: The Competing Gender Logics of Antiquity”

**10.30-11.00: coffee break**
11.00-12.30: panel 6
11.00-11.30: Katrien de Graef, “Puppets on a String? Female Agency in Old Babylonian Economy”
11.30-12.00: Natalie May “Women and their Representation in Assyria”
12.00-12.30: Amy Rebecca Gansell, “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Neo-Assyrian Queens”

12.30-14.00: lunch break

14.00-15.45: panel 7

15.45-16.15: coffee break

16.15-18.00: panel 8
16.15-16.45: Megan Cifarelli, “Gendered Artifacts at Hasanlu, Iran”
16.45-17.15: Frances Pinnock, “Building up a History of Art of the Ancient Near East. The Case of Ebla and the Third Millennium BC Court Ladies”
17.15-18.00: Closing remarks and discussion