

Workshop

Physics and Metaphysics of the Balance

Oct 5–7, 2017

Thursday October 5

18:00
Keynote
Lars Albinus – The symbolism
of weighing scales

19:00
Reception

Friday October 6

10:00–10:45
Joachim Friedrich Quack –
The weighing of the heart as a
mathematical problem in papy-
rus Northumberland III

10:45–11:30
Frank Kammerzell – The balance
in Egyptian metaphors

11:30–12:00 Break

12:00–12:45
Anna Michailidou – The balance
as a measuring tool of values

12:45–13:30
Christopher Monroe – The
enchanted scale: liminality,
materiality, and sentiment in the
ancient Near Eastern balance

13:30–14:30 Joint Lunch

14:30–15:15
Mark McClish – Balances in the
Arthaśāstra

15:15–15:30 Break

15:30–16:15
Griet Vankeerberghen –
Weighing metaphors and power
in the “Light and Heavy”
chapters of the Guanzi

19:00
Joint dinner
Themroc, Torstraße 183

Saturday October 7

10:00–10:45
David Warburton – The icono-
graphy of early weighing

10:45–11:30
Jochen Büttner – Modern phy-
sics of ancient balances

11:30–12:00 Break

12:00 – 12:30
Closing discussion

12:45–14:00
Joint Lunch

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