



## Medical Commentaries and Comment(aries) on Medicine

September 26–27, 2017

BabMed – Babylonian Medicine, FU Berlin & Max Planck Institute for the  
History of Science

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### *Tuesday, September 26, 2017*

13.00

*Registration*

13.30

GREETING ADDRESS

**Lorraine Daston/MPIWG & Markham J. Geller/BabMed:** Brief Introduction

#### **SESSION I – Chair: Marten Stol (Leiden)**

14.00-14.45

**Heinrich v. Staden** (Princeton)

Interpretations of Hippocratic texts in the first century BCE: ‘Empiricist’ exegesis and its adversaries?

14.45-15.30

**Paul U. Unschuld** (Charité Berlin)

Li Shizhen’s (1518-1593) role as a commentator in his encyclopedia Bencao gangmu.

15.30-16.00

*Tea + snacks*

16.00-16.45

**Nils P. Heeßel** (Marburg)

Short neo-Babylonian prescriptions with advertising comments: Remnants of folk medicine?

17.00

*Transfer to BBAW/Mitte, Gendarmenmarkt*



18.00-19.30 **Glenn W. Most** (Pisa), KEY NOTE LECTURE  
Text and paratext on roll and codex (*part of BBAW Summer School: "Griechische Paläographie, Handschriftenkunde und Editionswissenschaft"*)  
<http://www.bbaw.de/veranstaltungen/2017/september/text-and-paratext-on-roll-and-codex>  
Akademiegebäude am Gendarmenmarkt, Einstein-Saal  
Jägerstraße 22/23, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

*ca 20.00* *Conference Dinner at Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin-Mitte (invitation)*  
Lutter und Wegner am Gendarmenmarkt  
Charlottenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, phone: +49 (0)30 20295415

### *Wednesday, September 27, 2017*

*09.45* *Morning coffee for early arrivals*

#### **SESSION II**

10.00 -10.45 **Enrique Jiménez Sánchez** (Madrid)  
Abstruse perfection: Connecting sign and prognosis in Babylonian medical commentaries.  
10.45-13.00 **Reading Session** / E. Jiménez Sánchez

*13.00-14.00* *Lunch*

#### **SESSION III – Chair: tba**

14.00-14.45 **Klaus Wagensonner** (Yale University, New Haven)  
Unchain divine wrath – new lists of stones and their use in ritual.  
14.45-15.30 **Henry Stadhouders** (Utrecht)  
'Take a sip and live forever': Musings on Pliny's bios brand of wine.

*15.30-16.00* *Short break*

#### **SESSION IV – Chair: tba**

16:00-16:45 **Vivian Nutton** (UCL London)  
Medical commentary from the Renaissance to Galen.  
16.45-17.30 **Giulia Ecca** (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin)  
Commenting on and commenting through the first Hippocratic aphorism: practices and patterns.

*17.30* *High Tea, informal gathering at MPIWG courtyard*