

Conference Venue:

IKGF Seminar Room, Building D1
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Determining the right moment to accomplish a given activity has been a priority in numerous societies throughout history. However, studying the theory and motives underlying hemerological practices is difficult due to a lack of theoretical writing that might inform us on how hemerology was conceived by these producing cultures. Furthermore, even if testimony bearing on the practice and impact of hemerologies can be found in various corpora, scholars encounter problems when it comes to defining the exact nature of hemerologies.

The international colloquium *Good & Bad Days – Hemerology across Cultures: Sources, Methods, Functions* aims to bring together specialists from various geographic areas and chronological periods to address issues surrounding the definition and purpose of hemerologies. It aims to achieve a general understanding of the phenomenon by confronting various types of corpora, some of which are not always simultaneously present in the various cultures. It is hoped that any lines of transmission through time and space, direct as well as indirect, will be brought to light as a result of the interdisciplinary character of the event.

Organization: **Vèrene Chalendar**
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Conveners: **Klaus Herbers**
Michael Lackner
Marc Kalinowski

Tuesday, February 4

9:15-9:30 am	Welcome Address and Opening Remarks Klaus Herbers (Deputy Director IKGF, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
9:30-10:00 am	Introduction Marc Kalinowski (École Pratique des Hautes Études)
10:00-10:30 am	Coffee Break
Session 1 – Chairman: David Juste	
10:30-11:00 am	Dies Fasti and Dies Nefasti Didn't Mean Auspicious and Inauspicious Days Yann Berthelet (University of Liège)
11:00-11:30 am	Is Hemerology Greek? On Counts and Types of Days in the Ancient Greek World Jan-Mathieu Carbon (University of Liège)
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Discussion
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch Break
Session 2 – Chairman: Esther-Maria Guggenmos	
1:30-2:00 pm	When to Wash One's Face or to Construct a Dam? Aspects of Hemerological Practises in Tibet Petra Maurer (University of Munich)
2:00-2:30 pm	Genealogy, Typology, Practice and Impact of Hemerology in the Tai World Gregory Kourilsky (École française d'Extrême-Orient, Vientiane)
2:30-3:00 pm	Discussion
3:00-3:30 pm	Coffee Break
Session 3 – Chairman: Klaus Herbers	
3:30-4:00 pm	Hemerology and Its Critics in Medieval Europe Philipp Nothaft (University of Oxford)
4:00-4:30 pm	Good and Bad Days in Byzantium - Approaches to a Typology Michael Grünbart (University of Münster)
4:30-5:00 pm	Auspicious Days and Times for Completing an Arabic or Latin Text Charles Burnett (The Warburg Institute, London)
5:00-6:00 pm	Discussion

Wednesday, February 5

Session 4 – Chairman: Véréne Chalendar	
9:00-9:30 am	Did Mesopotamia Produce Hemerological Texts? Lionel Marti (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, UMR 7192, Paris)
9:30-10:00 am	Calendrier des jours fastes et néfastes, Calendar of Lucky and Unlucky Days, Tagewählerei. On Hemerological Texts from Ancient Egypt and How Egyptologists Have Dealt with Them Joachim Friedrich Quack (University of Heidelberg)
10:00-10:30 am	Discussion
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee Break
Session 5 – Chairman: Michael Lackner	
11:00-11:30 am	Chinese Hemerology: The Theory and Practice of Harmonizing Actions with Appropriate Days Ethan Harkness (New York University)
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Fluctuating Values: Good and Bad Days in Japanese Manuals of Hemerology (15th-17th century) Matthias Hayek (Paris Diderot University)
12:00-12:30 pm	Discussion
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch Break
Session 6 – Chairman: Michael Miller	
2:00-2:30 pm	Religious Calendar and Advice on the Daily Behavior in Zoroastrianism Enrico Raffaelli (University of Toronto)
2:30-3:00 pm	The Visual Presentation of Day Lists in Ancient and Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts Sacha Stern (University College London)
3:00-4:00 pm	Discussion & final remarks

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