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LECTURE SERIES

## FINDING OUR WAYS IN SPACE AND TIME

Perceptions of the Universe

WiSe 2023/24 – Tuesdays, 4-6 pm



The universe fascinated and puzzled human beings ever since they walked on this planet. Initially, the alien world visible in the night sky was imagined as the home of gods and late ancestors. It served as the anchor of humans to find their ways in space and time. It served as the first laboratory to reveal the laws of nature and the exploration of the universe led to regular revolutions in our way of thinking. Today, mankind reaches out to outer space not just for exploration. The world beyond becomes an economic factor and a new arena for conflict and war.

In this interdisciplinary series of lectures inspired by the BMBF science year „Our Universe“, we will have a look at different perceptions of the universe all across the globe from the very beginning to the modern world spanning a wide range of topics.

All lectures will be streamed online via Zoom.

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- **17<sup>th</sup> october 2023**  
From the Big Bang until today:  
our modern understanding of cosmology  
*Christoph Pfrommer (Potsdam)*
- **24<sup>th</sup> october 2023** **ONLINE ONLY**  
The First Astronomers:  
How Indigenous Elders Read the Stars  
*Duane Hamacher (Melbourne)*
- **1<sup>st</sup> november 2023** (WEDNESDAY!) **ONLINE ONLY**  
The Expansion of the Astronomical and Geographical  
Horizons: the Roots of the Scientific Revolution  
*David Barrado Navascués (Madrid)*
- **7<sup>th</sup> november 2023**  
Sighting the Sun (and Moon) at Stonehenge  
*Clive Ruggles (Leicester)*
- **14<sup>th</sup> november 2023** **ONLINE ONLY**  
The Light in the Temples:  
Archaeoastronomy in the Greek and Roman World  
*Giulio Magli (Milan)*
- **21<sup>th</sup> november 2023**  
Babylonian Predictive Science and Conceptions  
of the Universe  
*Mathieu Ossendrijver (Berlin)*
- **28<sup>th</sup> november 2023**  
Ancient Cosmos Becomes Medieval:  
Aristotle Transformed  
*Elisa Coda (Pisa)*



- **5<sup>th</sup> december 2023**  
Perceptions of Space and Time in Dante's Universe  
*Cornelia Klettke (Potsdam)*
- **12<sup>th</sup> december 2023**  
Immersive Spaces:  
The Cosmology of Disney's Tomorrowlands  
*Florian Freitag (Duisburg-Essen)*
- **19<sup>th</sup> december 2023**  
The Transmission of Astral Sciences in the Middle Ages:  
Medieval Arabic Translations of Ptolemy's Almagest  
*Pouyan Rezvani (Munich)*
- **9<sup>th</sup> january 2024**  
Geopolitical Rivalry, Astropolitics and  
Future Space Warfare  
*Antje Nötzold (Chemnitz)*
- **16<sup>th</sup> january 2024**  
Pigs in Space: How We Are Polluting the Space  
Environment and How We Can Stop  
*Daniel Lambach (Frankfurt)*
- **23<sup>th</sup> january 2024**  
“Make Humanity a Multiplanet Species!”: The Second  
Space Age and the Anthropocene in American Studies  
*Jens Temmen (Düsseldorf)*
- **30<sup>th</sup> january 2024**  
Egyptian Skies: Astronomical Studies and Astrological  
Practices in Roman Egypt  
*Nicola Barbagli (Trier)*
- **6<sup>th</sup> february 2024**  
Panel Discussion:  
Astronomy, Cosmology and Christian Religion  
*Johann Hafner (Potsdam), Martin Wilkens (Potsdam),  
David Brown (Castel Gandolfo)*