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Light and Splendour: precious metal as a medium of ritual and social interaction in Late Antiquity

International conference in Basel, 20–22 January 2022



The conference will take place in hybrid mode (in-person at Hotel Odelya in Basel, Missionsstr. 21, and virtually via Zoom). Registration until 13 January 2022. For in-person attendance by email to annemarie.kaufmann@unibas.ch.

Zoom: <https://unibas.zoom.us/j/68889057751>

Organisation

Organising Committee

Prof. Dr. Martin Guggisberg, University of Basel
Dr. Annemarie Kaufmann-Heinimann, University of Basel

Conference Venues

The conference will take place in hybrid mode.

Attendance in-person: Hotel Odelya, Room Campesino, Missionsstrasse 21, 4055 Basel.

Remote on Zoom: registration see below.

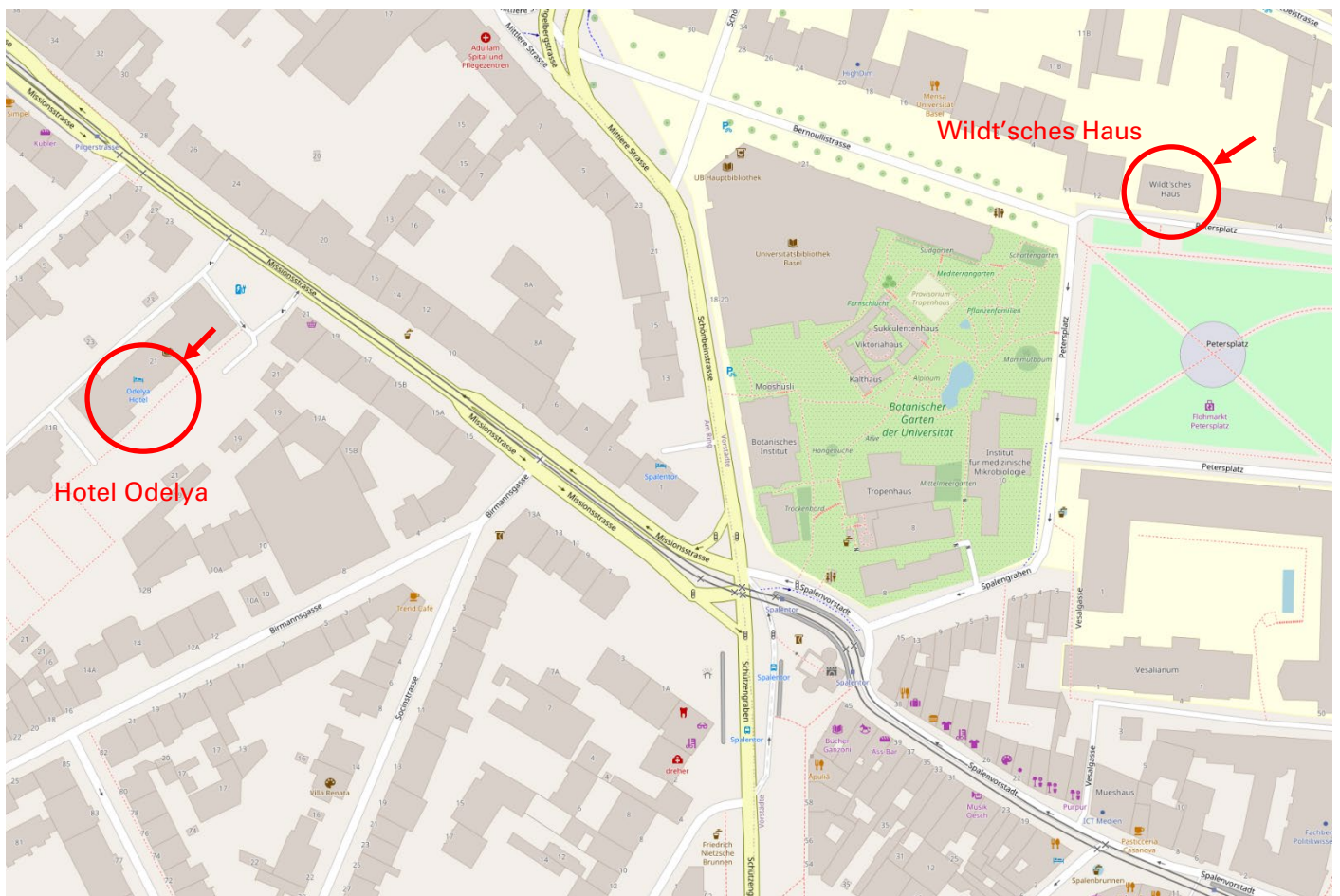
The evening lecture on Thursday will be at Wildt'sches Haus, Petersplatz 13, 4051 Basel. Remote on Zoom: registration see below.

Registration

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For the Zoom meeting of the conference please register on <https://unibas.zoom.us/j/68889057751>.

For the Zoom meeting of Prof. Wallraff's lecture please register on <https://unibas.zoom.us/j/64572205103>.



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Programme

Thursday, 20 January 2022

Venue: Hotel Odelya, Basel (Missionsstrasse 21, 4056 Basel)

14:00	Welcoming address / Introduction Prof. Dr. Martin Guggisberg
14:30–15:30	<i>Splendour in use: dress, jewellery, rank insignia</i> PD Dr. Christoph Eger, Xanten Schein und Sein: Schmuck und goldgeschmückte Kleidung barbarischer Eliten in der Spätantike Dr. Petra Linscheid, Bonn Sparkling garments - Late Antique clothing with gold threads, appliqués and beads
15:30–16:00	Coffee Break
16:00–17:00	<i>Light and splendour in literature</i> PD Dr. Raphael Schwitter, Bonn Words of gold and silver: iconic and symbolic mimesis of precious metal in Late Antique poetry Dr. Judith Hindermann, Basel A new splendour: the <i>recusatio</i> of precious materials in Sidonius Apollinaris' letters and poems
17:00–17:30	<i>Discussion</i>

Evening lecture followed by drinks and buffet
Wildt'sches Haus, Basel (Petersplatz 13)

19:00	Prof. Dr. Martin Wallraff, München <i>Lux hic nata est.</i> Zum Lichtcharakter der Spätantike
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Programme

Friday, 21 January 2022

Venue: Hotel Odelya, Basel (Missionsstrasse 21, 4056 Basel)

09:00–11:30 *Glass, mosaics, illumination*

Dr. Susan Walker, Oxford

Lighting the tomb: late antique gold-glass medallions in context 

Dr. Yael Gorin-Rosen, Haifa

"All that glitters is not gold" – Byzantine gold-glass from excavations in the Holy Land 

Dr. Veronika Scheibelreiter-Gail, Wien

"...wirf Gold und Silber über mich..." - Frauenporträts auf spätantiken Mosaiken im östlichen Mittelmeerraum 

10:30–11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00–11:30 **Prof. Dr. Harald Wolter-von dem Knesebeck, Bonn**

Gold und Silber in der spätantiken und frühmittelalterlichen Buchmalerei 

11:30 *Discussion*

11:30–14:30 *Rome and her neighbours*

Dr. Richard Hobbs, London

Relationships between late imperial Rome and Sasanian Iran: the evidence of silver plate 

12:30–14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00–14:30 *Rome and her neighbours (cont.)*

Prof. Aleksander Bursche, Warsaw / Dr. Kyrylo Myzgin, Warsaw

Late Roman gold and political power in Barbaricum

14:30–17:00 *Image and liturgy*

Dr. Anne de Pury-Gysel, Basel

Imago – the golden portrait of the emperor in late Antiquity. Reflections on the head of Saint Fides in Conques (F): a portrait of Valentinian I?

Prof. François Baratte, Paris

Foi, lumière et matériaux précieux dans l'Afrique chrétienne

15:30–16:00 **Coffee Break**

Dr. Marco Aimone, Durham

Early Byzantine silver censers (fifth to seventh century): general reflections and a case study 

Prof. Dr. Barbara Schellewald, Basel

Ecce vides quantus splendor.... Paulinus von Nola und seine Zeitgenossen über das Zusammenspiel von Licht und Bildtechnik(en)

17.00 *Discussion*

Programme

Saturday, 22 January 2022

Venue: Hotel Odelya, Basel (Missionsstrasse 21, 4056 Basel)

09:00–10:00 *Silver and banquets*

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Martin-Kilcher, Basel

Im Glanz der spätantiken Tafel: spezielles Trinkgeschirr aus Silber

Dr. Matteo Braconi, Rom

Specchiati nell'argento. Aristocrazie, latifondi, *otium* e *clientes* nei programmi decorativi dei recipienti argentei tardoantichi 

10:00–10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30–12:00 *Metal, economy, power*

Dr. Fraser Hunter, Edinburgh

Roman silver transformed: *Hacksilber*, its nature, uses and effects 

Dr. Markus Peter, Augusta Raurica

Made for daily business? Functional aspects of Late Roman silver coinage

Hrvoje Vulic, Vinkovci

Lux abstrusa – current state of research and conservation of the Vinkovci silver hoard 

12:00–13:00 **Dr. Annemarie Kaufmann-Heinimann**

Final discussion

13:00–14:00 **Lunch Break**

14.00–16.00 Visit of the Kaiseraugst silver treasure, Museum Augst

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