May 7–8, 2019, University of Toronto Mississauga, North Building, Room 5128

Graduate students and faculty symposium “Waiting for the end: Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian views on the end of time”

Beginning in the 6th Century BCE, the lands from Greece to India were unified under one empire. This imperial conjunction brought the various religions of those lands into closer contact than ever before. Until the end of late antiquity, these religious traditions interacted intensely. In order to explore this important period, this symposium undertakes a comparative approach centered on the apocalyptic literature of Judaism, Christianity, and Zoroastrianism as well as on their respective views on the end of time.

Program:

May 7

10 am – 10:30 am: James Shire (University of Toronto): The Broom Sweeping up the Earth: Astrology and Apocalypticism in the Syriac Chronicle of Zuqni

10:30 am – 11 am: Dr. Callie Callon (Toronto School of Theology) – Mirror Punishment in the Apocalypse of Peter: The Conceptual Link between Idol Makers Being Bound with Chains

11 am – 11:30 am: Coffee break

11:30 am – 12 pm: Prof. Giovanni Bazzana (Harvard University) – History and Temporality in Ancient Apocalyptic Literature

12 pm – 12:30 pm: Ted Good (University of Toronto) – The Necessity of the End

12:30 pm – 2 pm: Lunch break

2 pm – 2:30 pm: Prof. Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University) – The Genesis of Apocalyptic Eschatology

2:30 pm – 3 pm: Katie McGuire – The Conceptual Link between Idol Makers Being Bound with Chains

3 pm – 3:30 pm: Coffee break

3:30 pm – 5 pm: Round Table: Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian Apocalyptic Literature: Future Research Perspectives

May 8:

9:30 am – 10 am: Prof. Enrico G. Raffaelli (University of Toronto) – Apocalyptic Trees, Afterlife Judgments: Comparative Notes on Jewish, Christian, and Zoroastrian Eschatological Literature

10 am – 10:30 am: Rony Kozman – There is No “Fear” in “The Fear of the LORD”: “Fire” and “Piety” in Old Greek Isaiah’s Eschatological Judgement

10:30 – 11 am: Prof. Antonio Panaino (University of Bologna) – Christian Apokatastasis and Zoroastrian Frašgird: Forms of World Renovation in the Framework of an Intercultural Dialogue

11 am – 11:30 am: Coffee break

11:30 am – 12 pm: Pooriya Alimoradi – On the Celestial Dragon and the Mouse-Witch in Zoroastrian Eschatology

12 pm – 12:30 pm: Sepideh Najmzadeh – Abar madan ī šāh Wahrām ī warzāwand: A Middle Persian Text with an Apocalyptic Theme?

For the University of Toronto students and faculty, transportation from the St. George campus can be provided - please contact Shabina Moheebulla via shabina.moheebulla@utoronto.ca by May 3.