

POLITICS · HISTORY · ESCHATOLOGY
Functional, Inter(con)textual, Structural and
Comparative Approaches
to Gog and Magog

Chair of Oriental Philology and Islamic Studies
FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Erlangen, 23.–25. September 2019

– Program –

Monday, 23 Sept. 2019

9:00–9:30

Welcome and Introduction: **Christiane Withhöft, Julia Eva Wannemacher, Lutz Greisiger, Georges Tamer**

9:30–11:00

I. Inward and Outward Evils (I)

Chair: Georges Tamer

Agustí Alemany Vilamajó (UAB Barcelona)

The Gog and Magog Motif as a Source for the History of Eurasian Steppe Nomads

Christian Zolles (Universität Wien)

The Devil Within. Gog and Magog in Modern Mass Discourse

11:00–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–13:00

II. The Wanderings of Gog & Magog through Texts and Traditions (I)

Chair: Andrew Mein

Mark Dickens (University of Alberta)

Gog & Magog in Syriac Literature

Sasson Chahanovich (Harvard University)

Gog and Magog in the Early Modern Ottoman World

13:00–14:30

Lunch break

14:30–16:45

III. Spatial Eschata: Mapping Gog & Magog

Chair: Jarmila Geisler

Anna Ayşe Akasoy (CUNY)

Gog and Magog in Islamic and Graeco-Roman Geography and Eschatology

Ian Richard Netton (University of Exeter)

Towards a Comparative and Literary Anthropology of Force and Chaos: Gog and Magog with Particular Reference to *Kitab al-Fitan* by Nu'aym b. Hammad al-Marwazi (d.229/844) and *The Tower of London* by William Harrison Ainsworth (1805–1882)

Felicitas Schmieder (Fernuni Hagen)

Gog and Magog as Geographical Realities

16:45–17:15

Coffee break

17:15–18:45

IV. The Wanderings of Gog & Magog through Texts and Traditions (II)

Chair: Ellinor Morack

Majid Daneshgar (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)

Gog and Magog in the Malay-Indonesian Quranic Commentaries

Ramy Abdin (FAU)

The Correlation Between Gog and Magog and the Antichrist in Imran Hosein's Concept of Islamic Eschatology

Restaurant visit (“Gasthaus Römning” – Bohemian Restaurant)

20:00

Tuesday, 24 Sept. 2019

9:30–11:00

V. The Wanderings of Gog & Magog through Texts and Traditions (III)

Chair: Georges Tamer

Helen Spurling (University of Southampton)

The Reception of Gog and Magog in Jewish Apocalyptic Traditions at the Emergence of Islam

Grit Schorch (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)

Edom, Gog and Magog, Leviathan and Behemoth: Apocalyptic and Other Enemy Myths as Evocations of War

11:00–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–13:00

VI. Gog & Magog and the Politics of Apocalypse

Chair: Fabian Schmidmeier

James T. Palmer (University of St. Andrews)

An Undefined Evil: Gog and Magog Between Exegesis and Prophecy in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries CE

Zeinab Mirza, Nader el-Bizri (American University of Beirut)

Mobilizing the Devotional Ritual Against Tyranny: Nabatieh's 'Āshūrā' in South Lebanon During the Israeli Occupation

13:00–14:30

Lunch break

14:00–15:30

VII. Identifying Gog & Magog

Chair: Hans Christian Lehner

Wolfram Brandes (Max-Planck-Institut für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte)

Gog & Magog in Photios (820–891) and Other Byzantine Authors

Kristin Skottki (Universität Bayreuth)

No Saracen Gog/Magog? Reviewing the Evidence of Latin Crusade Chronicles

15:30–16:00

Coffee break

16:00–17:30

VIII. (Collective) Evil as a Problem: Gog & Magog in Theology and Philosophy

Chair: Lutz Greisiger

Todd Lawson (University of Toronto)

Evil in Shaykhi, Babi & Bahai Texts: Gog, Magog and the Perfection of Humanity

Dustin N. Atlas (University of Dayton, Ohio)

Twins Through Sleep: Gog and Magog, Zoroastrian Liturgy, and the Need for Myth in Martin Buber's Understanding of Evil

17:45–19:00

Evening Lecture: **Marina Miller Dessau, Arne Vogelgesang** (internil e. V., Berlin)

The Theatrical Production “Gog/Magog – An Apocalyptic Disinformation Campaign” (Chair: Lutz Greisiger)

Restaurant visit (“O sole mio” – Italian Restaurant)

19:30

Wednesday, 25 Sept. 2019

9:30–11:00

IX. Gog & Magog in Mystical and Gnostic Interpretations

Chair: Susanne Talabardon

Charles Häberl (AMESALL – Rutgers University)

The Enclosed Peoples of Mandaean Lore

Gadi Sagiv (The Open University of Israel)

Gog and Magog in Hasidism: Spiritualizing and Re-Mythologizing the Evil that Precedes Redemption

11:00–11:30

Coffee break

11:30–13:00

X. Subversive Views of Gog & Magog

Chair: Susanne Talabardon

Pavĺina Cermanov (CMS, Centre for Medieval Studies)

The Figure of Gog and Magog in Medieval Heretical Discourse

Yaakov Ariel (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Coming Together and Staying Apart: Gog and Magog in Contemporary Christian and Jewish Messianic Scenarios and their Cultural and Political Roles

13:00–14:30

Lunch break

14:30–16:45

XII. Inward and Outward Evils (II)

Chair: Cneyd Yildirim

Matthias Riedl (Central European University, Budapest)

Gog and Magog – Corpus Antichristi – Synagogue of Satan: Symbolizations of Collective Evil in the Later Middle Ages and Early Modernity

Tiborc Fazekas (Universitt Hamburg)

“I Am the Son of Gog and Magog” – Assuming the Role of Destroyer and Renovator in a Programmatic Poem by Endre Ady (1906)

Jrn Happel (Christian-Albrechts-Universitt Kiel)

Asian Horsemen, Bolshevik Monsters: Europe’s Primal Fear of the East

16:45–17:15

Coffee break

17:15–18:00

Concluding Session

Restaurant visit (“Der Schwarze Br” – Franconian Restaurant)

19:30