



Syllabus

Evil is lurking everywhere: The canonical series of Lamashtu - 42835

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: archaeology & ancient near east

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

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Course/Module description:

Reading of different spells against the demoness Lamashtu, from the 2nd mill. incantations (Old Babylonian and Old Assyrian), up to the canonical series from the 1st mill.

Pictorial aspects of Lamashtu will be also discussed.

Course/Module aims:

Getting to know an important sub-corpus in Mesopotamian magic.

Analysing the way magical knowledge is transmitted from earlier period to later times.

Emphasising the relation between texts and material culture in the magic of the Ancient Near East

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To translate and analyse in detail different Akkadian incantations, with the help of dictionaries and other philological tools.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Close reading of the text after careful preparation at home.

Course/Module Content:

The early incantations:

AMD 1 (YBC 8041)a

BIN 2, 72

Fs. De Meyer (CBS 10455)

TIM 9, 63

YOS 11, 19a

YOS 11, 20

BIN 4, 126

Or. 66

The canonical series, according to Farber's edition.

Required Reading:

W. Farber, Lamatu

An Edition of the Canonical Series of Lamatu Incantations and Rituals and Related

Texts from the Second and First Millennia B.C.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %

Project work 80 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Participation in the seminar requires at least 2 advanced courses in Akkadian.