

## 5th Annual Meeting of the **‘Marburg Dialogues on Ancient Healing Arts’**

**Date:** June 19–20, 2026  
**Ort:** Lecture room of the University library,  
Deutschhausstr. 9, 35037 Marburg (Lahn)

### **Friday, June 19, 2026**

**from 13:30** Registration

**13:50** Welcome and introduction

Tanja Pommerening  
and Nils P. Heeßel  
*Philipps-Universität Marburg*

#### Session 1, Chair: Stefan Weninger

**14:00–14:40** Die Konzeption des Körpers und seiner  
Bestandteile im Alten Ägypten nach den  
Befunden in den Oracular Amuletic  
Decrees

Anke Ilona Blöbaum  
*Sächsische Akademie der  
Wissenschaften zu Leipzig*

**14:40–15:20** The Intricacies of Translation:  
Methodological Challenges in Translating  
Pre-Modern Pharmacological Texts — The  
Case of Ibn al-Bayṭār’s Kitāb al-Jāmi‘

Manal Elmagrahi  
*Philipps-Universität Marburg*

**15:20–16:00** When Medicine Trained Minds: Ancient  
Medical Texts as Cognitive Infrastructure  
and Technologies of Thought

Doaa Elalfy  
*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Coffee break

Session 2, Chair: Tanja Pommerening & Nils P. Heeßel

- 16:30–16:45** *Input lecture*  
Healing Atmospheres. The Influence of  
Perceived Experience on the Ancient  
Healing Arts  
Kali Schautt  
*Philipps-Universität Marburg*
- 16:45–18:00** Discussion with all participants
- Break
- 18:30–20:00** *Public keynote*  
Talking about medicine: sympotic  
conversations in ancient Greece and Rome  
Liba Taub  
*University of Cambridge*
- from 20:15** Joint dinner (optional)

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**

**09:15** Welcome

Session 3, Chair: Maximilian Haars

- 09:20–10:00** Magic and Nature in On the Sacred Disease  
and The Yellow Emperor's Inner Canon  
(Huangdi Neijing)  
Arthur Harris  
*Center for Hellenic Studies,  
Washington DC*
- 10:00–10:40** The Hippocratic background of Galenos'  
dietetics and pharmacology. The case of  
*On regimen*  
Cătălin Enache  
*Universität Wien*

Coffee break

Session 4, Chair: Jochen Althoff

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| <b>11:50–12:30</b> | Die Kodierung von Wahrnehmung in der altgriechischen Medizin am Beispiel Galens von Pergamon (2.-3. Jh. n.Chr.) | Theresa Maria Roth and Matteo Macciò<br><i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i> |
| <b>12:30–13:10</b> | Doctors Without Borders: The Professional and Social Identity of Physicians in the Greek World                  | Giulia La Cognata<br><i>University of Edinburgh</i>                           |
| <b>13:10</b>       | Closing address   |   |
| <b>from 13:20</b>  | Joint lunch (optional)  |   |