

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: symptotic 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 humours and animal product
Cătălin Enache
Universität Wien
- 10:40–11:20** Die Kodierung von Wahrnehmung in der altgriechischen Medizin am Beispiel Galens von Pergamon (2.-3. Jh. n.Chr.)
Theresa Maria Roth and Matteo Macciò
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Coffee break

Session 4, Chair: Jochen Althoff

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| 11:50–12:30 | Doctors Without Borders: The Professional and Social Identity of Physicians in the Greek World | Giulia La Cognata
<i>University of Edinburgh</i> |
| 12:30–13:10 | Medical Culture and Learned Society in the High Roman Empire | Michiel Meeusen
<i>KU Leuven</i> |
| 13:10 | Closing address | |
| from 13:20 | Joint lunch (optional) | |