

International Summer School (Marburg, 15–30 Jul 11)

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International Summer School 2011

"Technology of Transfer - Transfer of Technology"

July, 15th - 30th 2011 Marburg University

Extended deadline: Registration closes March 31st !

Organized by the Graduate Center for Humanities and Social Sciences in cooperation with MCAW (Marburg Center for the Ancient World) of Marburg University.

The summer school program will address issues of intercultural exchanges in the ancient world and is aimed at scholars currently working on Ph.D. projects in this specific field. The teaching languages will be English and German. To enhance the preparation for the summer school a suggested reading list will be given out in advance. The number of participants is limited to 30.

The topic of the 2011 Summer School arose in the context of the conceptual framework of the MCAW 'The Exchange of Wares and Ideas: Presuppositions, Continuities, and Discontinuities.'

We hope to be able to investigate to what extent the proliferation in the ancient world not only of scientific knowledge but also of cultural accomplishments and technologies (e.g., writing and scripts) followed established trade routes. On the other hand, trade itself (especially maritime trade in the Mediterranean region) presupposes a certain level of technological skill and knowledge, not just in the employment of wind to propel ships but also in the areas of astronomy and mathematical measurement. In this respect, various aspects played important roles: the participating cultures, ancient technology, economic and legal history, etc. The aforementioned topic thus demands the collaboration of several disciplines that have traditionally been assigned to quite different areas of study.

At the summer school, various aspects of the main theme will be carved out in five different courses dealing with topics regarding the various prerequisites of ancient trade, the process of trade and its surrounding

economic and juridical circumstances, technological and scientific progress as a result of the exchange of ideas due to international trade, and so on.

The assessment of economic trade and technology from a Christian and philological perspective will be discussed in evening lectures.

Further informations and application form on:
www.summerschool-marburg.de

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