Religious Violence in Antiquity:
A Religious Studies Approach across the longue durée

Thursday, September 28 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Montréal, Auditorium Maxwell-Cummings)

18:00 Welcome and introduction, Helena Urfer, directrice, Les Belles Soirées de l'Université de Montréal

Keynote address, organized in collaboration with Les Belles Soirées de l'Université de Montréal, by Jan N. Bremmer (University of Groningen), ‘Priests, Pogroms and Persecutions: Religious Violence in Antiquity across the longue durée’

Friday, September 29 (Université de Montréal, Carrefour des Arts et des Sciences, C-2059)

9:00-9:30 coffee and registration

9:30-10:00 opening remarks by Christian Raschle, on behalf of the organizers

welcome by Frédéric Bouchard, doyen de la Faculté des arts et des sciences, Université de Montréal, and Jacques Perreault, directeur du Département d'histoire et du Centre d'études classiques, Université de Montréal
Session I: Greek Religion  
**CHAIR:** Lynn Kozak (McGill University)  

10:00-10:30  Esther Eidinow (University of Bristol), ‘Ancient Greek Binding Spells and (Political) Violence’

10:30-11:00  coffee break

Session II: Roman Religion  
**CHAIR:** Alain Gignac (Université de Montréal)  

11:00-11:30  Christian Raschle (Université de Montréal), ‘Chasser les cultes égyptiens et les astrologues de Rome – répression et violence’

11:30-12:00  James Rives (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), ‘Animal Sacrifice and the Roman Persecution of Christians (Second-Third Centuries CE)’

12:00-13:30  lunch break

Session III: Religious Violence and the Jews  
**CHAIR:** Hans Kippenberg (Jacobs University Bremen)  

13:30-14:00  Steve Mason (University of Groningen), ‘Religious Violence? Two Massacres on a Sabbath in Jerusalem and Caesarea’

14:00-14:30  Andreas Bendlin (University of Toronto), ‘Mobility, Migrants, Religious Violence? The View from Roman Italy (First-Third Centuries CE)’

14:30-15:00  tea break

Session IV: Religious Violence and the Christians  
**CHAIR:** Wendy Mayer (Australian Lutheran College)  

15:00-15:30  Erika Manders (University of Nijmegen), ‘Reality and Image: Patterns of Imperial Communication and the Great Persecution’

15:30-16:00  Elisabeth DePalma Digeser (University of California, Santa Barbara), ‘The Legacy of Constantine’s Image as God’s Warrior’

16:00-16:30  Peter van Nuffelen (University of Ghent), ‘Coercion in Late Antiquity: A Brief Intellectual History’

19:00  Meeting in front of hotel; **transit by minivan to Ottawa**
Saturday, September 30 (University of Ottawa, Desmarais Hall, room 12110)

8:45-9:15 coffee

9:15-9:30 opening remarks by Jitse Dijkstra, on behalf of the organizers

welcome by Brian Ray, Vice-Dean of Research at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa, and Theodore de Bruyn, Chair of the Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa

Session V: New Perspectives on Religious Violence in Late Antiquity
CHAIR: Steve Mason (University of Groningen)

9:30-10:00 Wendy Mayer (Australian Lutheran College), ‘Religious Violence in Late Antiquity: What Is It? Did It Exist? Can We Make Sense of It?’

10:00-10:30 Pierluigi Piovanelli (University of Ottawa), ‘Perceptions et représentations de la violence dans la littérature scripturaire, canonique et apocryphe, des origines chrétiennes’

10:30-11:00 coffee break

Session VI. Religious Violence in Monastic Literature
CHAIR: Theodore de Bruyn (University of Ottawa)

11:00-11:30 Fabrizio Vecoli (Université de Montréal), ‘Justifications de la violence religieuse dans la doctrine du monachisme primitif (IVe-Ve siècle)’

11:30-12:00 Chris de Wet (University of South Africa), ‘Asceticism, Religious Violence, and Monastic Curses in Theodoret’s Historia Religiosa’

12:00-13:30 Lunch

Session VII. Religious Violence in the Church Historians
CHAIR: James Rives (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

13:30-14:00 Jitse H.F. Dijkstra (University of Ottawa), ‘Crowd Behaviour and the Destruction of the Serapeum at Alexandria in 391/392 CE’

14:00-14:30 Christine Shepardson (University of Tennessee), ‘Spinning Violence: Narrating the Persecution of Early anti-Chalcedonian Saints’

14:30-15:00 tea break
Session VIII. Religious Violence in Late Antique Historiography

CHAIR: Richard Burgess (University of Ottawa)

15:00-15:30 Hugh Elton (Trent University), ‘Fighting for Chalcedon: Vitalian’s Rebellion against Anastasius (513-515 CE)’
15:30-16:00 Geoffrey Greatrex (University of Ottawa), ‘The Emperor, the People and Urban Violence in the Sixth Century’

16:00-16:30 Jan N. Bremmer (University of Groningen), closing remarks

18:00 Welcome and introduction, Her Excellency Sabine Sparwasser, Ambassador of Germany to Canada, and Peter Beyer, co-investigator of the Religion and Diversity Project, University of Ottawa

Public lecture, organized in collaboration with the German Embassy at Ottawa and the Religion and Diversity Project, by Hans Kippenberg (Jacobs University Bremen), ‘Defending God’s Own Community: Violent Scripts of Contemporary Religious Communities’, University of Ottawa, Desmarais Hall, room 12102

19:15-20:30 wine and cheese reception offered by the German Embassy