

I'd like to organise a panel „**Anatolian Religion(s) in the first millennium B.C.E.: Continuity, interaction and innovation in Lycia, Lydia and Phrygia**“ in the section "Religious Communities in Society" at the IAHR conference in Erfurt 2015. So I look for colleagues interested in the history of pre-Greek Anatolia to arrange three or four papers for the panel.

Taking the three geographic, “ethnic” and linguistic areas Lycia, Lydia and Phrygia – each of them as reference point for one paper on religion – the contributors to the panel should discuss in their contributions, how deep “Anatolian religion” can be taken as a common bond or / and how intensive is the influence of “locality” (marked e.g. by different languages, different political situations and history in the given areas); as “political” borders between the three researched areas are not unchangeable, one has to take into account that there are interfaces between Lycia - Phrygia, Phrygia - Lydia and Lydia – Lycia. Therefore the question wins ground, in what way “religious dynamics” can be described and how such dynamics contribute to change and exchange of religious thought (and maybe even “religiosity”). In an optimistic way, the result of the panel should be a better knowledge about Anatolian religion(s) – either in singular or plural.

Those who are interested to contribute to this panel are kindly requested to contact me within the next three weeks (until 20 May 2014) by email: mhutter@uni-bonn.de