Location
Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut
Palazzo Grifoni Budini Gattai
Via dei Servi 51, I-50122 Firenze

Contact
Tel. +39 055 249 1158/1169
E-Mail lv2308@columbia.edu; hoffmann@khi.fi.it

The Substance of Sacred Place:
An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Locative Materiality

20th June 2013 – 21st June 2013

organised by
Laura Veneskey, Annette Hoffmann and Gerhard Wolf

Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz - Max-Planck-Institut
Thursday, 20th June 2013

10:00 Gerhard Wolf
Welcome

10:10 Laura Veneskey and Annette Hoffmann
Introduction

Earth & Stone

10:30 Lucy Donkin (University of Bristol)
Earth and the Properties of Place in the Middle Ages

11:00 Neta Bodner (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
To Be Buried in Jerusalem in Pisa: The Legend of the Sacred Soil in the Camposanto

11:30 Break

12:00 Kristine Larison (University of Chicago/Southern Methodist University, Dallas)
‘On the Pattern of the Original Bush’: Rocks and Relics at the Monastery of St. Catherine, Sinai

12:30 Laura Veneskey (Columbia University, New York
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem)
Material as Metonym: Earth and Image at Qal’at Sem’an

13:00 Discussion

13:30 Lunch

Brick & Marble

15:00 Jasmina Ciric (University of Belgrade)
Earthly Substance and Sacred Skin: Brick in Constantinopolitan Architecture During the Period of Palaiologoi

15:30 Chanchal Dadlani (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem)
Rendering Piety in Mughal India: The Pearl Mosque of Delhi

16:00 Break

16:30 Courtney Danielle Coyne Jensen (Copenhagen)
‘The Physicality of Built Environments and Places of Worship’ and/or ‘Site-Specific Sanctity’

17:00 Discussion

Friday, 21st June 2013

Mountains & Caves

10:00 Byron Hamann (Ohio State University, Columbus)
Texts, Hills, Caves, Stalactites: Reconstructing Sacred Landscapes in Oaxaca, Mexico

10:30 Sarvenaz Parsa (Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran)
Natural Elements in Zoroastrian Sacred Landscapes in Sassanid Persia

11:00 Break

11:30 Sun-ah Choi (Columbia University, New York
Materialized Vision: The True Visage of the Bodhisattva Manjusri at Mt. Wutai and Its Tenth-Century Transposition in Dunhuang, China

12:00 Marie Saldana (University of California, Los Angeles)
Materiality and Simulacrum in Byzantine Cave Architecture: The case of Pantalica

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Place & Space

14:30 Claudia Moser (Brown University, Providence
Mixed Blessings: Sorting Out the Sacred at the Sanctuary of the Republican Temples at Ostia

15:00 Nagihan Halilogu (Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul)
Stagings of Sacrality in Istanbul’s Topkapi Neighbourhood

15:30 Break

16:00 Sarah Johnson (University of Oxford)
The Sanctity of Loss: The Ruin as a Sanctifying Feature of the Early Islamic Landscape

16:30 Final Discussion