Sacrifice in Roman Religion

History

First and Second Degree

ECTS: 6

Description of the course:
The aim of the course is to familiarize its participants with the basic terms and issues of the sacrifice in Roman religion in a historical and historiographical perspective.

The education effects and conditions for obtaining credits are:
Learning methods are: work with text, presentation, discussion, two presentations and minimum of 4 points for active participation in the course.

Schedule:

1. What is a sacrifice? The Mauss-Hubert model.
2. Contemporary approaches to sacrifice.
3. Roman religion in a historical perspective.
4. Latin sacrificial terminology.
5. Structural approach to sacrifice.
6. Reconstruction of the "ideal" sacrifice ritual.
7. Bloody or not? In the search of the true meaning of Roman sacrifice.
8. The spatial dimension of Roman sacrifice.
9. Sacrifice as an agent of the redemptive hegemony.

Basic literature:

1. A Companion to Roman Religion, ed. J. Rüpke, Willey-Blackwell 2011.
2. Mauss M., Hubert H., Sacrifice: Its Nature and Functions, Chicago 1981.
3. Scheid J., An Introduction to Roman Religion, Indiana 2003.

Other materials:

1. Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice, eds. J. Wright Knust, Z. Várhelyi, Oxford 2011.
2. Gillmeister A., Musiał D., Why were “oriental cults” invented?, „Acta Antiqua Academiae Scientiarum Hungariae”57 (4), 2017, s. 503-514, DOI: 10.1556/068.2017.57.4.9.
3. Gillmeister A., Musiał D., Evocatio deorum as the Example of the Crisis Ritual in Roman Religion, “Graeco-Latina Brunensia” 23 (2), 2018, s. 95-107, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5817/GLB2018-2-7.
4. Greek and Roman Animal Sacrifice. Ancient Victims, Modern Observers, eds. Ch. A. Faraone, F. S. Naiden, Cambridge 2012.

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