

## PROGRAMM DES FRÜHJAHRSEMESTERS 2022

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Manifestations of cultural memory and its use to invent and enhance cultural traditions are well-known in many historical and contemporary contexts. In his lecture, archaeologist Aren Maeir explores how memories of the past are manipulated to manufacture meaning in later societies, presenting choice examples from Late Bronze Age Egypt, Iron Age Philistia, and Hellenistic/Maccabean Judah.



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Despite the great impact of the Babylonian exile on biblical literature, the Bible provides little information on the lives of Judean deportees in Babylonia. Babylonian tablets from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE mentioning individuals with Judean names and a Babylonian location called “Yahudu” (the “town of Judah”, Jerusalem) provide us with a unique insight into the lives of Judeans in Babylonia. Assyriologist Caroline Waerzeggers situates these documents in their ancient Mesopotamian context. In her lecture, she will discuss the use of cuneiform writing and archiving practices in (and on) the Yahudu community and how this documentation fits a broader pattern of borderland archives that came into existence in an attempt to settle and control the vast plane of Nippur.



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