

Hekhal: the Irish Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East

CALL FOR PAPERS

“Pilgrimage, Travel, and Cult”

**24 - 26 May 2013
Dublin, Ireland**

When an ancient community's life involved a focus upon a specific holy place, that group's ideas about pilgrimage and travel were necessarily pivotal to its religious praxis. To understand the complex interrelations between a community's ideology of pilgrimage and travel and its religious activities, relevant examples must be critically examined in their geographical, political, social, and religious contexts.

Submissions in any historiographic and/or archaeological field of research in all periods up to and including late antiquity, and on topics as diverse as diaspora Judaism, early Christianity, Qumran, early Samaritan studies, and any other fields of research referencing these paradigms, will be welcomed.

We invite abstracts of no more than 500 words to reach us by email **no later than 31 January 2013**. The committee intends to publish the proceedings within a peer-reviewed and edited volume.

**Abstracts must be submitted by email in word format
to hekhal.dublinia@gmail.com**

Presentation of papers at this conference will be 40 minutes within a 1-hour slot, allowing time for ample discussion after each paper.

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