

Winter School "Water"

3rd - 6th December 2018

Water is an integral resource and object in many fields of research, although, we sure address it in very different ways.

In Biblical Studies, for example, (the field of Theology concerned with the cultural history of early Christianity in Antiquity), water is an important historical and ritual research object. It was an integral part of every ritual, of medicine, of technical efforts – think of the aqueducts or sea trade – and of the cosmology, as well as, it played a big role in many explanations of how the world was believed to function. All of these aspects hold true throughout many fields of research, be it the humanities, or life sciences, or natural sciences, or engineering sciences.

In this winter school, we want to get together and think about these differences but also about the similarities of the role water plays in our specific fields. Together with you, we will dive into the meaning of this everyday matter. By putting together our notions of water as an object of research, we aim at getting the feeling for what a big thing water actually is for all of us, in our role as researchers.

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- Participants:** 15 – 18 PhD students and PostDocs of all disciplines
- Please note:** An application is necessary.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 26 October 2018.

We are sure, after the four days workshop each of us will see water with different eyes and as an important object to reconsider scientifically.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water."
Benjamin Franklin, American polymath in the 18th century

