## The Research Programme

**Classical Antiquity: Tradition and Transformation** 

## **Ancient World Spring 2015 Seminars:**

**Current approaches to the Classical World** 

### February 4, 12.30-14.30

Aarhus University, Campus Nobel, Bldg. 1461 Room 516, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5 Anna Collar: Epigraphy, religion, and social networks: the cult of Jupiter Dolichenus in the Roman Empire.

#### March 4, 12.30-14.30

# Aarhus University, Campus Nobel, Bldg. 1461 Room 516, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5 Karin Zetterholm: Jesus and Jesus-Believers in the Talmud

The Babylonian Talmud relate some encounters between rabbis and Jesus-believing Jews. The latter teach and heal much to the dismay of the authors of the stories, but why? What is the problem with these Jesus-believing Jews from a rabbinic perspective?

### April 8, 12.30-14.30

# Aarhus University, Campus Nobel, Bldg. 1461 Room 515, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5 Sine Kragh: Approaching Portraits from Palmyra

Portraits from various Roman provinces offer an insight to local and wider geographical knowledge systems and ideas. However, terms such as domination and resistance are still central in the research and do not consider a multiple-way of transmission and exchange of traditions and ideas. The paper will address theoretical and methodological reflections on portrait traditions as well as the visuality of portraits and how these allow new ways of understanding Palmyrene portraits.

#### May 6, 12.30-14.30

# Aarhus University, Campus Nobel, Bldg. 1461 Room 516, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5 Anders-Christian Jacobsen: The Reception of Origen's anthropology in Western thought

Origen's positive anthropology (human freedom and dignity) has been received in the Western theological and philosophical traditions as a way to challenge and change the leading Western theological anthropology with its focus on human sinfulness and divine predeterminism of human beings. The presentation will focus on how reception and network theories and methods can be used to explore Origen's contributions to theological and philosophical anthropology.

### June 3, 12.30-14.30

Aarhus University, Campus Nobel, Bldg. 1461 Room 513, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 5 Open, probably planning of future activities.