This international workshop aims to address the nexus of coin use and ritual practice in a diachronic approach that will cover the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Discussions include both the religious agency of coins as objects and the human involvement in the mental and practical process of symbolically charging and selecting, depositing, and finally curating coins in a sacred context. Archaeologists, numismatists, and anthropologists will present their research and thus actively contribute to this timely topic.

Organizers
Stefan Krmnicek, Universität Tübingen
Ioannis Mylonopoulos, Columbia University
Thursday 15 October

10.00 Welcome and opening remarks

10.30 Key note

David Wigg-Wolf (German Archaeological Institute)
Transcending boundaries: Money as a 'general purpose medium' of ritual

11.00 Coffee and tea

11.30 Session I: The deposition of coins: ritual or not?

Adrian Chadwick (University of Leicester), Eleanor Ghey (British Museum) & Adam Rogers (University of Leicester)
Ritual or mundane? Contextual and relational approaches to coin deposition in Iron Age and Roman Britain

Francesca Diosono (Ludwig Maximilians University Munich), Giovanna Battaglini (University of Perugia) & Alberto Martín Esquivel (University of Salamanca)
Thesauri and numismatic discoveries at Fregellae: Daily use and ritual offerings

Corey J. Ellithorpe (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Reverse type preferencing for ritualistic consumption? A new examination of Roman Imperial coinage found in sacred contexts

13:00 Lunch

14.30 Session II: The deposition of coins in ritual contexts: Between symbolism and participation

Joris Aarts (University of Amsterdam)
The metaphors of travel and fertility in the ritual deposition of coins in the Roman era

Sophia Zoumbaki (National Hellenic Research Foundation)
Money and participation in Ancient Greek cult practice. Evidence from Macedonia, the Peloponnese, and the Aegean Islands

15.30 Coffee and tea

16.00 Session III: Coins as votive offerings?

Philippa Walton (Ashmolean Museum Oxford)
Objects of devotion? Interpreting the function of coinage found at Romano-British temple and shrine sites

Sean V. Leatherbury (Getty Research Institute)
Coins as votive gifts in the Late Antique East

18.00 Reception at the Museum of the University MUT, Ancient Cultures

Friday 16 October

09.30 Session IV: Coins in sanctuaries: A geographical approach

Nikos Akamatis (International Hellenic University)
An interpretation of the numismatic material from three sanctuaries of Pella, Macedonia

Alenka Miškec (National Museum of Slovenia)
Money and ritual: Two case studies in the territory of present day Slovenia

Ivan Valchev (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)
Coins in the sanctuaries of Roman Thrace

11.00 Coffee and tea

11.30 Session V: Coins in sanctuaries: Money and divine recipients

Aynur-Michèle-Sara Karatas (University of Bristol)
The significance of money for the cult and sanctuaries of Demeter

Gunnar Dumke (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg)
Ptolemaic coin hoards and Egyptian sanctuaries

Katherine M. Erdman (University of Minnesota)
The ritual role of coins at spring sanctuaries in Eastern Gaul

13.00 Concluding remarks and farewell lunch