



## EINLADUNG zum GASTVORTRAG



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### Disabilities and the Disabled in the Roman World

Almost fifteen per cent of the world's population today experiences some form of mental or physical disability and society tries to accommodate their needs. But what was the situation in the Roman world? Was there a concept of disability? How were the disabled treated? How did they manage in their daily lives? What answers did medical doctors, philosophers and patristic writers give for their problems? In this talk, I first discuss the chances of survival for disabled babies. I then focus on various sorts of disability: mental problems, blindness, deafness and deaf-muteness, speech impairment and mobility impairment. In a conclusion, I look at the future of disability studies for the ancient world.

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