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Rethinking Greek goddesses: From Aphrodite to Hera

ABSTRACT

In his seminal book *Polytheism and Society at Athens*, Robert Parker provocatively wrote that polytheism was indescribable. Indeed, any effort to be exhaustive in describing Greek polytheism or to build 'logical' models is an impossible task. However, the system as a whole (in a flexible rather than rigid sense) has to be taken as a kind of "horizon of expectations". Against this background of unachievable ideals, partial investigations remain worthwhile, to experiment with analytical tools in order to open other paths of investigation. Our own research, first on Aphrodite, then on Hera, has led us to forge such tools whose benefits and limitations will be presented during this seminar.

The seminar takes place **Tuesday June 20, 2023, 17.00 (Athens time)** with live presence at the Swedish Institute or via zoom link.

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