28th Melammu Workshop

The Flood Story in Mesopotamia and Beyond

On the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary of George Smith's Publication of the Flood Tablet

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Rectorate, Hall 1
7 November 2026

10:00–10:15 Opening

Chair: Zozan Tarhan

10:15–11:00 Sebastian Fink (University of Innsbruck): George Smith's Chaldean Account of Genesis and the Birth of the Comparative Method

11:00–11:45 Martin Lang (University of Innsbruck): The Mesopotamian Flood Tradition: Early Traces, Atram-ḫasīs and the Sumerian Version of the Flood Story

11:45–13:30 Lunch Break

Chair: Sebastian Fink

13:30–14:15 Zozan Tarhan (University of Sofia): The Flood Story in the Standard Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh: From Survival to Eternal Life

14:15–15:00 Stéphanie Anthonioz (Sorbonne University): The Flood Hero's Names over Time: Changes and Permanence

15:00–15:30 Coffee Break

Chair: Stéphanie Anthonioz

15:30–16:15 Bernhard Schneider (Independent Researcher): The Archaeological Search for the Great Deluge

16:15–17:00 Sirma Kostadinova (University of Sofia): Yima's Vara: Sacred Architecture Against Frost and Flood

17:00–17:30 Coffee Break

Chair: Martin Lang

17:30–18:15 Nicolay Sharankov (University of Sofia): Flood(s) in Greek Literary Sources

18:15–18:30 Dilyana Boteva (University of Sofia): Response

Closing