Human Sacrifice: Myth, Reality, and Representation

Public Lecture: Thursday, May 17, 2007
Scholarly Workshop: Friday, May 18, 2007
The Getty Villa, Malibu
Preliminary program as April 26, 2007; times, speakers, and topics are subject to change

Thursday, May 17, 2007
Getty Villa, Auditorium

8:00 p.m.  From Isaac to Iphigenia: Human Sacrifice in Antiquity
           Sarah Morris, University of California, Los Angeles

           Reception to follow

Friday, May 18, 2007
Getty Villa, Office Building Meeting Rooms

8:30 a.m.  Check-in & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  Welcome: Karol Wight, J. Paul Getty Museum

9:10 a.m.  Introduction
           Representing a Fictitious Human Sacrifice: Iphigenia in Euripides
           Jan Bremmer, University of Groningen/Getty Research Institute

9:40 a.m.  Sardonic Laughter: Competitive Etymologies Portraying the Various Victims of
           Phoenician Human Sacrifice
           Brien Garnand, University of California, Los Angeles

10:10 a.m. Discussion and Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Etruscan Human Sacrifices in Art and Literature: Fact or Fiction?
           Dirk Steuernagel, University of Leipzig

11:30 a.m. "A Very Un-Roman Ritual"? Human Sacrifice, Roman Practice and Modern
           Scholarship
           Mary Beard, University of Cambridge/Getty Research Institute

12:00 p.m. Discussion

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

2:15 p.m.  Welcome: Gail Feigenbaum, Getty Research Institute

2:20 p.m.  Human Sacrifice and Ancient Jews: Infanticide and Donkey-Worshippers
           Jan Willem van Henten, University of Amsterdam

2:50 p.m.  The Social and Symbolic Significance of Aztec Human Sacrifice
           Cristina González, University of Chicago/ Getty Research Institute

3:20 p.m.  Discussion & Coffee Break
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4:10 p.m.  The Agony of Sacrifice in French Painting Before and After the Revolution
Thomas Crow, Getty Research Institute

4:40 p.m.  The Sacrificial Imperative Today: Catharsis or Repetition in Gibson’s Passion Play
Mark Pizzato, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

5:10 p.m.  Discussion and Break

6:00 p.m.  Concluding Remarks
Cecelia Klein, University of California, Los Angeles

Reception immediately to follow