

# International Conference: Biographically Grounded Literature in Late Hellenistic and Early Imperial Times

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**Titel:** Lives of the Apostles or Foundation Narratives?

**Abstract:** I will focus on different genres of (mainly extracanonial) Apostle stories, that is, besides examples from the well-known early apocryphal Acts some of the later Apostle stories (and Apostle lists) including biographical elements. My main question will be in how far the biographical elements serve the overall purpose of texts which are partly travel narratives, foundation stories or aetiologies for liturgical services.