

Supplement of evaluation of doctoral dissertation

Between the Living, the Dead and the Gods: Writing as a Tool for Communication with the Underworld in Some Ancient Civilizations

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After the evaluation reports, the candidate considerably expanded and adjusted his PhD dissertation about the communication between the living and the dead in various ancient civilizations, adding important new methodological parts in the Introduction with relevant bibliography. Important additions and changes have been carried out for the section “Communication with the Otherworlds in the Ancient Greek and Roman sources”, which is now more structured and solid. Also the section on the “Tabulae Defixiones” have been considerably improved. Also conclusions have been expanded and attempted to tackle the material from a more critical point of view. Several lacunae are still present, and several observations provided in my first report have not been taken into consideration, especially as far as the bibliographic lacunae in the Egyptological part. However, the changes create a better equilibrium in the whole structure of the dissertation, which now can reach the minimum requirements to confer the PhD title to the candidate.

Therefore, I hereby state that the submitted doctoral dissertation meets the conditions specified in Article 13.1 of the Act of 14 March 2003 on scientific degrees and academic title and degrees and title in art (Journal of Laws No. 65, item 595, as amended) and in the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 I 2018 on the detailed procedure and conditions for conducting activities in doctoral dissertation, habilitation proceedings and proceedings for the conferment of the title of professor (Journal of Laws of 30 I 2018, item 261) and I apply for admitting mgr. Łukasz Maciej Byrski to further stages of the doctoral procedure.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gianluca Miniaci', with a stylized flourish at the end.