7A ACM421 Greek Religion: Culture & Cognition

Programme (with indicative reading – usually extracts from the cited texts)

1. Introduction to the Cognitive Science of Religion & the study of Greek religion

2. Cognitive theories of ritual


3. Evolutionary approaches


4. Continuity: Bronze to Iron Age


5. Epiphanies


6. Ecstasy


7. Religion & Society


8. Sacrifice


9. **Pollution & Death Ritual**


10. **Conclusions**

**Further Bibliography**

Those unfamiliar with Greek religion should read one of the following before the start of the module:

Price, *Religions of the Greeks*
Mikalson, *Greek religion*
Bremmer, J. (1994), *Greek Religion Cognitive Approaches*


**Ritual**


**Continuity**


**Epiphanies**
Moss, M.L. (2005), The Minoan pantheon: towards an understanding of its nature and extent, Oxford

Pollution & Death Ritual


Cognitive approaches to the ancient world


Recent work on Greek religion