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## ‘THE SIMPLE AND THE COMPLEX: THE ASSYRIAN APOTHECARY AT WORK’

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### HANS SLOANE LECTURE

For the past five years, Mark Geller has been Principal Investigator of a European Research Council Advanced Grant Project, *BabMed*, which has reconstructed a large part of ancient Babylonian medicine. One of the challenges to a fuller comprehension of ancient therapies is the need to assemble the extensive data from ancient drug lists, which *BabMed* was able to accomplish. The most striking feature of these antique inventories of medicinal plants and minerals is the theoretical nature of the listings, demonstrating a separate discipline of pharmacology distinct from practical medicine and its own use of drugs. The prescriptions themselves show a great variety of patterns of drug use, both as *simplicia* (giving a single drug against a single disease), as well as compound recipes with numerous ingredients, comparable to the famous theriacs of Roman medicine.

**Venue: Apothecaries’ Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**6:00pm**

Lecture: Free (No tickets issued, booking advisable)  
Supper at 7pm

**Faculty Members’ supper fee £40.00**

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