

Foreword

This volume 24 of *Isimu* is entitled *e-nu-ma e-liš la na-bu-ú ša-ma-mu. Tribute to Rafael Jiménez Zamudio*. The beginning of the Creation's poem seemed appropriate to us for dedicating this volume to our colleague if we take as a reference his latest work, which under this title, and published by Editorial Cátedra, was published in 2020.

After being part of the editorial committee of *Isimu* during its first sixteen volumes, and after several numbers of tributes presented to other colleagues, and pleasantly published, we had to notice our colleague and teacher, and dedicate the volume 24 of our journal to him.

The volume we present has thirteen contributions and five book reviews, gathering up to twenty researchers, colleagues and, mostly, students of Rafael Jiménez Zamudio from the 1990s until today. Thanks to all of them, we have brought together cutting-edge research in Central Asia, Egypt, the Indus region, Mesopotamia and Syria in the same volume. They are contributions ranging from the reception of Eastern Antiquity and its teaching to the Philology, the History of Mesopotamia in the Third and Second millennia BC, the History of Syria in the Second millennium BC, the Neo-Assyrian world, the Achaemenid world, and the archaeology of Central Asia in the Iron Age.

We thank all the authors for their generosity with us and with Rafael, who deserves this and other recognitions that will come in the future. Thank you all.

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