Peter Kovács (Wien) Deities on Trajan's and Marcus Aurelius' column

It is well-known that Marcus Aurelius' Column imitated Trajan's monument the in size (columna centenaria), decoration and in many other details (scenes are depicting two different campaigns divided by the figure of Victoria, very similar are the beginning and ending scenes with the figure of Danubius and animals in the last scene). A much-less-known fact that the divine intervention (as lightnings) supported the Roman troops against the Dacians. In my paper I intend to deal with miracle scenes of the columns and I will also point out that the figure of the rain-god in Marcus' column is not unique representation. We have literary sources and other representations of the same figure.