

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Morning Sessions: 8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Ancient Jewish and Christian Religions in their Broader Religious Landscapes (1)**

**Session 1.1.1.**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Christophe Nihan, University of Münster and Fabio Porzia, National Research Council of Italy

*Mapping Ancient Theologies in Second Temple Jewish Texts: עיליון and Jubilees as a Test Case*  
Ari R. Silberman, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

*Two Gods and a King: The Dionysiac Myth in 3 Maccabees Reconsidered*  
Agata Grzybowska-Wiatrak, University of Warsaw (25 min)

*The Prayer to the Sun: Greco-Roman, Jewish and Christian Voices in Egypt*  
Claire Clivaz, SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (25 min)

*Christians in "Synagogues": Cult Experimentation in Roman Antiquity and the Invention of the Christian Judaizer*  
Wally Vincente Cirafesi, Lund University (25 min)

General Discussion (20 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–11:45 AM**

**Antisemitism and Biblical Scholarship (1)**

**Session 1.1.2.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* George Brooke, University of Manchester

*Introduction*

Hindy Najman, University of Oxford, Arjen Bakker, University of Groningen, and Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal (5 min)

*Christian Zionism, Israel, and Eschatology (via Zoom)*  
Judith Newman, University of Toronto (20 min)

*Facing the Monsters: Protestant Antisemitism in Readings for Jonah*  
Hans Decker, University of Zurich (20 min)

*A "Jewish" Approach to History? Harry M. Orlinsky, the Albright School, and the Christian Theological Claim to History*  
Sophia R.C. Johnson, University of Cambridge (20 min)

*Tropes in Postcolonial Uses of the Bible for Indigenous Identity Formation*  
Lyndon Drake, University of Oxford (20 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal

*The Complex Case of Franz Delitzsch and Its Reception*  
Friedhelm Hartenstein, University of Munich (20 min)

*The Transformation of the Wilderness and the Supersessionist Discourses in Second Isaiah*  
Rebekah Van Sant Clark, University of Oxford (20 min)

*Hermeneutics Lost: Between Theological Fundamentalism, Fragile Philo-Semitism, and Racial Antisemitism*  
Harald Samuel, University of Oxford (20 min)

*Ernest Renan: An Anti-Semitic Scholar?*  
Matthieu Richelle, UCLouvain (20 min)

Total 195 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**The Bible, Ecology and Sustainability (1)**

**Session 1.1.3.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

*Journeying Towards Sustainability Hermeneutics (via Zoom)*  
Tina Dykesteen Nilsen, VID Specialized University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Sustainability: Etymology and Theories, Biblical and Global Concepts*  
Ma. Maricel S. Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Ontological Bridge-Building for Climate Change Mitigation in Maasailand* (via Zoom)  
Beth E. Elness-Hanson, VID Specialized University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*“Where Were You When I Laid the Foundation of the Earth?” (Job 38:4): Beyond Anthropocentrism* (via Zoom)

Tobias Häner, Cologne University of Catholic Theology (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Value of Creation*

Aleksandra Brand, Ruhr-University Bochum (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**The Bible in Arabic amongst Jews, Christians and Muslims (Biblia Arabica) – A Continued Exploration (1)** **Session 1.1.4.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University

*Mothers as Metaphors in Arabic Bible Commentaries*

Jessica Andruss, University of Virginia (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*How Do People Change? Saul and Solomon in Yefet b. Eli’s Commentary* (via Zoom)

Arye Zoref, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Odd Couple: On the Relation between Rahab the Harlot and Nebuchadnezzar in Early Muslim Narratives* (via Zoom)

Yolanda Yavor, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Considering Cain: Image and Text, the Bible and Beyond* (via Zoom)  
Diana Lipton, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Canonical Approaches to the Bible (1)**

**Session 1.1.5.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Oliver Dyma, University of Münster

*Contrasting Perceptions of the Metaphors of God's Royalty in the Psalter*  
Stefan M. Attard, University of Malta (30 min)

*JHWH-mlk-Psalms: Their Theology and Place in the Book of Psalms* (via Zoom)  
Matthias Millard, Protestant University Wuppertal/Bethel/University of Greifswald (30 min)

*"... That the Lord, the God of Israel, Has Given the Kingdom to David Forever ...": Kingdom of God, Kings and Kingdoms in Chronicles*  
Heiko Wenzel, Campus Danubia Vienna (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Heiko Wenzel, Campus Danubia Vienna

*The Significance of the Election of Judah for a Canonical Understanding of YHWH's Kingship*  
Kasper De Graaf, Kampen Theological University (30 min)

*The Significance of the Song of the Sea (Exodus 15) for a Canonical Understanding of YHWH's Kingship*  
Oliver Dyma, University of Münster (30 min)

*Kingship and Cross: Narrative Continuity and Intertextual Ties in the Markan basileia-Concept*  
Judith König, University of Regensburg (30 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Session title: Genesis and Exodus**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Walter Bühner, Ruhr-University Bochum, Friedrich-Emanuel Focken, University of Heidelberg and Joachim J. Krause, Ruhr-University Bochum

*Citing Oral Tradition in the Earliest Ancestral Narratives in Genesis: Theoretical Considerations*

Urmas Nõmmik, University of Tartu (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Intertextual Debates and Debates about Intertextuality: Ruth 2 in Dialogue with Genesis 24*  
Deborah Storek, Elstal Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

בְּנֵימִין זָאֵב יִטְרֶף *“Benjamin Shall Ravin as a Wolf” (Genesis 49:27): A Blessing or a Curse?*  
Haim Hayun, Kibbutzim College Tel Aviv (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Allusions in Later Biblical Literature as a Tool to Detect and Verify Allusions in the Torah*  
Tobias Siegenthaler, University of St Andrews (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Allusions to the Song of Moses in Exodus 15:1–19 and Their Absence in Selected Texts*  
Benedikt Josef Collinet, University of Innsbruck (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Temple Scroll’s Reshaping of the Torah: The Case of the Priestly Ordination Ceremony*  
Kevin Joseph Mattison, University of Connecticut (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Session title: Dreams and Visions**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Kimberley Fowler, University of Groningen

*Perpetua's μαρτυρία at the Crossroad between Literature, Liturgy and Iconography (Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis 4.9)*

Priscilla Buongiorno, Durham University (30 min)

*Reshaping the Memory of the Crucifixion through Visions: The Apocalyptic Genre as a Literary Strategy in the "Gnostic" Apocalypse of Peter (NHC VII,3)*

Priscille Marschall, University of Lausanne (30 min)

*Apocalyptic Motives in the Presentation of Paul's Opponents in 2 Corinthians 10–13*

Marcin Kowalski, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Garden of Eden, Paradise, Ecstasy and beyond in the Bible*

Alessandra Pecchioli, University of Florence (30 min)

*The Metaphor of Gold in the Crucible in the Shepherd of Hermas Vision IV 3.4: From the Apocalyptic Tradition to the Theology of Martyrdom*

Abd El Kadermaria Aly, University of Milan (30 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Emotions and the Biblical World (1)**

**Session 1.1.8.**

**Session title: Divine and Human Emotions in the Psalms**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ronit Nikolsky, University of Groningen

*Power and Divine Emotions in the Psalms: An Exemplary Analysis*

Sigrid Eder, University of Fribourg (25 min)

*Function and Relevance of Divine Emotions in the Psalms*

Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Catholic Private University of Linz (25 min)

*David's Use of Rhetorical and Literary Devices in Psalm 62 as a Persuasive Tool to Encourage in the Face of Fear*

June Frances Dickie, University of KwaZulu-Natal (25 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Divine Emotions and the Hebrew Bible**

*YHWH's Loss of Self-Control and the Theological Conventions of Biblical Studies*  
Ariel Seri-Levi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*When God Regrets: Countering Hermeneutical Strategies Disputing Divine דַּן and Examining Its Multidimensional Semantics*  
Tobias Schmitz, Ruhr-University Bochum (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Enoch Within and Outside the Books of Enoch: Parabiblical Writings, Iconography and Oral Tradition (1)** **Session 1.1.9.**

**Session title: Enochic Topoi (1 Enoch)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Pierluigi Piovanelli, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris

*Heavenly Tablets and Books: Gaining and Transmitting Authority in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature*  
Ida Frohlich, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Enoch as Scripture*  
Timothy Andrew Lee, University of Cambridge (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*"So They Became Precious Stones, and Goodly Pearl" (Hom. VIII.12): Metamorphoses of the Angels in the Clementine Homilies and Its Parallels with the Enochic Tradition*  
Nóra Dávid, University of Szeged (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Iconography and Biblical Studies (1)**

**Session 1.1.10.**

**Session title: New Perspectives on Theory and Method of Iconographic Exegesis**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Izaak de Hulster, University of Helsinki/University of Göttingen

*Metonymies in Iconography: Some Reflections on Methodological Intent*

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Semantics of Displacements: Towards a Solid Sense of Context*

Silas Klein Cardoso, University of Bern (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Dis\Ambiguities of Gender: Visual Ambiguities in Southern Levantine Glyptics and Their Function(s)*

Bruno Biermann, University of Bern (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Iconic Structure of the Psalms of Asaph*

Joel Marcus LeMon, Emory University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Intersections: A Forum for Research on Ancient Israel, Hebrew Bible, and Cognate Topics (1–2)**

**Session 1.1.11.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Kåre Berge, University of Oslo

*Another Look at the Image of Moses in Deuteronomy and the Former Prophets*  
Yair Segev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*I'm Not Your Little Boy but a King's Servant: Re-Reading 1 Samuel 17 through the Lens of Representation in the Face of War and Empire*  
Zukile Ngqeza, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Explaining the Graeco-Macedonian Colonization of Samaria in Early-Hellenistic Times: The Enduring Sins of Samaritans in 2 Kings 17:34–41*  
Hervé Gonzalez, Collège De France and Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Kristin Joachimsen, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

*Return Migration in Ezra-Nehemiah*  
Frederik Poulsen, University of Copenhagen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Analysing Intertextuality in Esther with the Use of Artificial Neural Networks*  
Mariola Anna Trojanowska, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*An Intersectional Inquiry into Ancient Women Travellers*  
Elisa Uusimäki, Aarhus University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Living in the Last Days: New Testament Eschatology and its Contexts (1) Session 1.1.12.**  
**Session title: Book Review (*Eschatology in Antiquity: Forms and Functions*, Routledge 2021)**

*Chair:* Martina Vercesi, University of Glasgow

*Eschatology in Antiquity: Questions and Challenges*

Hilary Marlow, University of Cambridge, Helen Van Noorden, University of Cambridge (via Zoom) and Karla Pollmann, University of Tübingen (60 min)

*Response*

Irene Barbotti, Trinity College Dublin, Stefano De Feo, University of Bern and Gabriele Pelizzari, University of Milan (45 min)

Final Discussion (15 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**The Septuagint and the Cultural World of the Translators (1) Session 1.1.13.**

**Session title: Re-thinking Septuagint's Origins: A Socio-Linguistic Approach (2)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Romina Vergari, University of Florence

*Introduction*

Anna Angelini, University of Zurich and Romina Vergari, University of Florence (25 min)

*A Historical Sociolinguistic Approach to Polysemy Translations in the Septuagint and Post-Classical Greek: The Case of Vision and Hearing Expressions*

Ezra La Roi, University of Ghent (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

*The World of the LXX Translator: Egyptian Influences on the Renderings of Toponyms and Geographical Images in Genesis and Exodus*

Camilla Recalcati, UCLouvain (25 min)

*Why Didn't the Septuagint Translators Choose Aramaic?*

Joshua Alfaro, University of Salzburg (25 min)

*In Search of the Unsearchable: Greek and Jewish Translation Prior to the Septuagint*

Marko Dorosh, University of Groningen (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Total 185 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Memory, Method and Texts (1–2)**

**Session 1.1.14.**

**Session title: New Tools**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Christian Handschuh, University of Passau

*History as/or Collective Memory: Paul Ricœur and Jesus Memory*

Kyle L. Parsons, Charles University in Prague (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*From Archive to Memory: Matthew's Fulfilment Quotations*

Thomas R. Hatina, Trinity Western University/Charles University in Prague (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Early Christianity**

*Chair:* Thomas R. Hatina, Trinity Western University/Charles University in Prague

*Competing Traditions Within Early Christianity: Examining the Reception, Reworking, and Use of Marcion's Evangelion by the Author of Acts Via Social Memory Theory*

Stu Talene, Charles University in Prague (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*New Frames – New Memory? Eusebius and his Church History*

Christian Handschuh, University of Passau (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–10:00 AM**

**Early Judaism and Rabbinic Literature (1)**

**Session 1.1.15.**

**Session title: Material Culture**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Geoffrey Herman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris

*Rabbinic Archaeology: New Pathways in Exploring the Use of Material Culture in Early Rabbinic Literature*

Gregg E. Gardner, University of British Columbia (30 min)

*A Material Approach to Talmudic Anonymity*

Monika Amsler, University of Bern (30 min)

*Therapeutic Pilgrimages to the Tombs of Jewish Martyrs in Late Antiquity: The Evidence from Taphnis (Aegyptus) and Daphne (Syria)*

Maureen Attali, University of Bern (30 min)

Total 90 min

**10:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**The Language of Colour in the Bible: From Word to Image (1)      Session title 1.1.16.**

**Session title: The Function of Colours in the Representation of Good and Evil (1)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Emanuela Valeriani, CEU San Pablo University

Introduction

Emanuela Valeriani, CEU San Pablo University (3 min)

*Looking for qadrut: Is it the Colour of Darkness? (via Zoom)*

Carlos Santos Carretero, Israel Institute of Biblical Studies (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Morality of Colors: The Views of Plato and Aristotle (via Zoom)*

Carlo delle Donne, Sapienza University of Rome (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Is ἀμαυρός a Color in Ancient Greek Medical Texts?*

Mónica Durán Mañas, University of Granada (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 90 min

**8:30 AM–10:00 AM**

**Open Forum for New Testament and Early Christian Studies (1)** **Session 1.1.17.**

**Session title: Locations in Space and Time**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Karin Berber Neutel, Umeå University

*Glocal Rome in Philo, Luke, and Philostratus*

Pieter Hartog, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Those Who Are Meek: The Dynamics Between Present Ethics and Future Hope Among God's Heirs*

Daniel Daley, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Why was Herod Afraid? Celestial Portents and the Deaths of Rulers (via Zoom)*

Richard J. Bennett, Jr., University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**10:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**The "Remembered Paul" and the "Historical Paul"** **Session 1.1.18.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Simon Buttica, University of Lausanne

*Introduction*

Simon Buttica, University of Lausanne (5 min)

*Paul in Ephesus: From the Acts of the Apostles to the Acts of Paul*

Jiří Lukeš, Charles University in Prague (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Paul's Posthumous Miracle: The Apostle's Re-Attaching Head (via Zoom)*

J. Andrew Doole, University of Innsbruck (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Final discussion (5 min)

Total 90 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Prophets and Prophecy (1–2)**

**Session 1.1.19.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Yisca Zimran, Bar-Ilan University

*The Feminine Prophet Noadiah (Ne 6:14)*

Donatella Scaiola, Pontifical Urbaniana University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*“...Who Have Been Borne by Me from Your Birth, Carried from the Womb” (Is 46:3): The Mother, Sons, and God in Second (and Third) Isaiah*

Gili Kugler, University of Haifa (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Baby Babble as Judgement: A Child-Centered Reading of Isaiah 28:7–14*

Mikael Larsson, Uppsala University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Donatella Scaiola, Pontifical Urbaniana University

*Political Poetry: Some Considerations on the Function of Poetic Language in Prophetic Texts*

Matthias Hopf, University of Zurich (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*For or Against Sacrifices? A Panorama of the Prophetic Stance*

Cyprien Comte, Catholic Institute of Toulouse (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*God as an Enemy of Wisdom: The Motif of Divine Destruction of Human Wisdom in Prophetic Literature*

Marcel Krusche, University of Hamburg (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–11:35 AM**

**Scribes and Scribal Groups in the Early Second Temple Period (1)      Session 1.1.20.**

**Session title: Scribes and Scribal Groups in the Early Second Temple Period –  
Methodological and Comparative Perspectives**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Katharina Pyschny, University of Graz and Jaeyoung Jeon, University of Lausanne

*Introduction*

Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch (5 min)

*Sociolinguistics, Linguistic Dating, and Scribal Groups*

Dong-Hyuk Kim, Yonsei University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*A Comparative Perspective: Literary Production in Late Achaemenid and Hellenistic  
Babylonia*

Céline Debourse, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

*Scribal Culture and Linguistic Variety in the Dead Sea Scrolls: What is Best Practice?*

Lindsey A. Askin, University of Bristol (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Was There an Enoch Group in the Second Temple Period? A Reassessment of the Social  
Function of Jewish Pseudepigraphy*

Robert E. Jones, Penn State University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

Total 185 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Slavonic Apocrypha (1)**

**Session 1.1.21.**

**Session title: Meanings in Translation and Popular Culture**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Basil Lourié, *Scrinium: Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography*

*The Hebrew Letter Name Acrostic in the Septuagint Book of Lamentations and Its Slavonic Translation*

Inna Vassileva Dimitrova, University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“Mary” and “Rabbuni”: Challenging the Black Pearls in the Bible*

Renata Lukiewicz-Kostro, Independent Scholar (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Slavic Pre-Christian Elements in Church Slavonic Otherworld Vision Literature*

Enrique Santos, Complutense University of Madrid (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Apocryphal Prayers Against “Nezhit” Disease in the 19th Century: Imagery, Tradition and Distribution (via Zoom)*

Ekaterina Dimitrova Todorova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Contemporary Apocryphal Stories Based on the Life of Prepodobna Stoyna: A Bulgarian Prophetess, Healer, Uncanonical Saint.*

Aleksandra F. Michalska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Use of Jewish Scriptures in the New Testament (1)**

**Session 1.1.22.**

**Session title: Scripture and Methods of Biblical Interpretation**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Marie-Thérèse Gerstner, Humboldt University of Berlin

*“Scripture” and Its Interpretation in the Qumran Scrolls and the New Testament*

Susan E. Docherty, Newman University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Luke 1:5–2:52 as an Example of Scriptural Classicism?*

Sigurvin Lárus Jónsson, University of Iceland (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Playing with Words to Create Laughter? Humor in New Testament Writers’ Uses of Jewish Texts* ([via Zoom](#))

Justin Hagerman, Lyon Catholic University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*“Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name, There Am I among Them” (Matthew 18:20): Divine Presence and Laws of Testimony in Matthew 18*

Orit Malka, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*God is Not (Only) Like a Hen: An Intertextual Reading of Matthew 23:37b*

Mateusz Jan Targonski, Pontifical Biblical Institute (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“The House of the Tent”: A Hypothesis on the Apocalyptic Origin of 2 Corinthians 5:1*

Andrea Luisetto, University of Milan (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Ancient Jewish and Christian Religions in their Broader Religious Landscapes (2)**

**Session 1.2.1.**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Christophe Nihan, University of Münster and Fabio Porzia, National Research Council of Italy

*Diasporic Inter-Religious Theology*

Dvir Shalem, University of Würzburg (25 min)

*Julian the Apostate as a Biblical Allegorist*

Gabor Buzasi, Eötvös Loránd University (25 min)

*Jews Seen by Christians after the Edicts of Theodosius I between History and Archaeology*

Rossana Martorelli, University of Cagliari (25 min)

*Jews and Christians' Relations in the Rural Landscape of Late Antique Sardinia (5th–6th Century CE)*

Marco Muresu, Lancaster University (25 min)

General Discussion (20 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–4:30 PM**

**Canonical Approaches to the Bible (2)**

**Session 1.2.2.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Heiko Wenzel, Campus Danubia Vienna and Oliver Dyma, University of Münster

*YHWH's Kingship Anticipated in Ruth*

Andrew M. Gilhooley, University of Pretoria (30 min)

*The Divine-Human Covenant Relationship in the Context of the Interaction Between God's Presence and God's Praise: A Canonical-Intertextual Approach*

Gabriele G. Braun, North-West University (30 min)

*General Discussion and Business Meeting*

Oliver Dyma, University of Münster and Heiko Wenzel, Campus Danubia Vienna

Total 90 min

### **5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

#### **Representations of Cultural Trauma in the Hebrew Bible Session 1.2.3.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute and Danilo Verde, KU Leuven

*“Hello, Darkness, My Old Friend”*: Sandor Ferenczi’s *Verleugnung* and God’s Characterization in the Book of Lamentations (via Zoom)

Lucas Iglesias Martins, Adventist University of São Paulo (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Unity in Diversity: Lamentations as Cultural Trauma*

Megan D. Alsene-Parker, University of Cambridge (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Israel as the Recalcitrant Heifer and Abandoned Lamb: Mixed Animal Metaphors in Hosea 4:16 in Light of Cultural Trauma Studies*

Joseph Nnamdi Mokwe, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

### **3:00 PM–5:50 PM**

#### **Antisemitism and Biblical Scholarship (2) Session 1.2.4.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Hindy Najman, University of Oxford

*Orientalism and Protestant Supersessionism: The Case of Hermann Gunkel* (via Zoom)

Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich (20 min)

*Gustav Dalman, Arbeit und Sitte in Palästina: Just the ‘Normal’ 19th Century Mix of Antisemitism and Orientalism?* (via Zoom)

Anselm Hagedorn, Osnabrück University (20 min)

*On the Misconstruction of a Genre: Problematising Friedrich Lücke, the History of the Study of Apocalypticism, and Scholarly Assumptions of the Relationship between Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity*

Moritz F. Adam, University of Zurich (20 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Arjen Bakker, University of Groningen

*Hellenistic Judaism and Scholarly Anti-Semitism: The Case of the Sibylline Oracles* (via Zoom)

Olivia Stewart Lester, Loyola University Chicago (20 min)

*"Herodes unters Hakenkreuz und Josephus der Fälscher": Hugo Wilrich and Antisemitic Scholarship of the Jews in Antiquity*

Meron Piotrkowski, Princeton University (20 min)

*Locating and Dislocating the Text: Rereading the Exagoge and Its Scholarship*

Elizabeth Stell, University of Oxford (20 min)

*Jesus, the Essenes, and the Pharisees in Biblical and Theological Scholarship: A Case of Latent Antisemitism?*

Katell Berthelot, French National Centre for Scientific Research/Aix-Marseille University (20 min)

Total 170 min

**3:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Early Christianity (2)**

**Session 1.2.5.**

**Session title: Christian Interpretations of Scripture**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Paul Middleton, University of Chester

*How Jerome Interpreted while Translating: The Case of the False Witness (Deuteronomy 19:15-21) in Vulgate*

Adam Mackerle, University of South Bohemia (30 min)

*The Jewish Martyrs (2 Maccabees 5:27–7:41): An Early Christian Book*

Anna-Liisa Rafael, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Glorified Value of Two Leptas: The Role of Money in Mark 12:41–44*  
Aleksandra Brand, Ruhr-University Bochum (30 min)

*Acts 15 and Luke's Paul on Idolatry*  
Rebecca I. Denova, University of Pittsburgh (30 min)

Total 150 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Emotions and the Biblical World (2)** **Session 1.2.6.**

**Session title: Emotions in Early Jewish, Early Christian and Rabbinic Literature**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Françoise Mirguet, Arizona State University

*Jacob's Tears: The Rhetoric of Emotions in Philo's De Josepho*  
Francesca Pezza, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Emotional Christologies: Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane According to Early Christians*  
Jonathan L. Zecher, Australian Catholic University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Who is Allowed to Have Emotions?*  
Ronit Nikolsky, University of Groningen (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Enoch Within and Outside the Books of Enoch: Parabiblical Writings, Iconography and Oral Tradition (2)** **Session 1.2.7.**

**Session title: Enochic Topoi (2 Enoch)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Pierluigi Piovanelli, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris

*The National Research Programme “Cultural Heritage, National Memory and Social Development” and the Research Project on the Slavonic Apocalypse of Enoch (2 Enoch)*  
Anna-Maria Totomanova, Sofia University (30 min)

*The Glossary of the Slavonic Apocalypse of Enoch (2 Enoch)*  
Iva Trifonova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (30 min)

*Enochic Puzzles*

Florentina Badalanova Geller, Royal Anthropological Institute/University College London (30 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Iconography and Biblical Studies (2)**

**Session 1.2.8.**

**Session title: Case Studies of Iconographic Exegesis**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Bruno Biermann, University of Bern

*The Iconography of the Date Palm and the Tree of Life in Genesis 3:22*  
Norma Franklin, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*An Iconology of Prayer in Ancient Near Eastern Art and Prayer in the Hebrew Bible*  
Taylor Gray, Penn State University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Jordan River in Late Antique Imagery*  
Julian Hollaender, Technical University of Darmstadt (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Biblical Influences on Late Antique Artifacts: The Example of the Belt Buckles*  
Sara Tacconi, University of Cagliari (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Johannine Literature (1)**

**Session 1.2.9.**

**Session title: Theo-Logy**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Reimund Bieringer, KU Leuven

*Scriptural Legitimation of Theo-Logy and/as Christology in the Gospel of John*

Catrin H. Williams, University of Wales Trinity Saint David (20 min)

*The Metaphorical “I am” Statements in John as God-Images*

Veronika Burz-Tropper, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

*The Possibility of Divine Indwelling: Probing John’s Expressions of Divine Presence within Its Templized Spatiality*

Rachel Danley, University of Aberdeen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Resurrection-Event in John: A Supporting Case for the Theo-centricity of John’s Gospel*  
(via Zoom)

Paul Joseph Creevey, KU Leuven/Catholic Theological College Melbourne (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**The Language of Colour in the Bible: From Word to Image (2)**

**Session 1.2.10.**

**Session title: The Function of Colours in the Representation of Good and Evil (2)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Lourdes García Ureña, CEU San Pablo University

*Introduction*

Lourdes García Ureña, CEU San Pablo University (5 min)

*Adverse Colour Palettes in the Time of the Second Temple: A Study from the Physical-Chemical Perspective*

Cristina Expósito de Vicente, University of Valencia (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Black and White Garments in the Apocalypse of Paul* (via Zoom)

Triantafillos Kantartzis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Blue and Saphirus: Bible, Exegesis and Medieval Art*

Alberto Viridis, Masaryk University Brno (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Green and Red, Monsters, and Blood in Prudentius' Illustrated Psychomachia* (via Zoom)

Jennifer Solivan Robles, University of Puerto Rico (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Colours of Marian Vestments in 14th and 15th Century Catalan Trousseaus*

Marta Crispi i Canton, International University of Catalunya (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**"Literary Features" – Fact or Fiction (1)**

**Session 1.2.11.**

**Session title: Literary Sophistication in Biblical and Related Literature**

**Room:**

*Chair:* tbc

*Layered Lenses: The Literary Images of the People of God in Revelation 11:1–4*

Alicia Hein, University of St Andrews (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Comparing Ancient Chronographic Writings from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Judah, and Greece from Earliest Times up to and including the Persian and Early Hellenistic Period*

Patricia Jelbert, University of Gloucestershire (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Proper Names in the Prophetic Narratives of the Hebrew Bible: Examples of Exodus and 1–2 Kings*

Michal Karnawalski, Catholic Academy in Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Babel-like Confusion Persists: Some Considerations on Scott B. Noegel's "Wordplay" in Ancient Near Eastern Texts* (via Zoom)

Sel-lam El Ammari, University of Granada/Complutense University of Madrid (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Some Addenda to Polysemy in the Story of Joseph* (via Zoom)

Oren Gelblum, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Medicine, Sciences and Knowledge in Biblical and Talmudic Traditions (1–2)**

**Session 1.2.12.**

**Session title: The Whole World in a Book: Encyclopedic Trends of Collecting and Ordering Knowledge in Jewish and Other Traditions (1)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* TBC

*The Impact of the Genealogies in the Book of Genesis for the Construction and Archiving of Knowledge*

Michaela Bauks, University of Koblenz and Landau (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Compiling Pharmaceutical Knowledge in 10th-Century al-Andalus: The Dispensatory of Sa'īd b. 'Abd Rabbih* (via Zoom)

Leonie Rau, University of Tübingen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*This Is Torah and I Must Learn: Encyclopaedic Dimensions of Talmudic Literature*  
Lennart Lehmhaus, University of Tübingen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: *The Whole World in a Book: Encyclopedic Trends of Collecting and Ordering Knowledge in Jewish and Other Traditions (2)***

*Chair:* TBC

*Encyclopaedic Aspects in the Late Babylonian Astronomical and Astrological Compendia*  
Alessia Pilloni, Free University of Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Babylonian Babel: The History of a Talmudic Tradition about the Babylonian “Talmud”* (via Zoom)  
Samuel Secunda, Bard College (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Listenwissenschaften in the Babylonian Talmud*  
Markham J. Geller, University College London (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**The Septuagint and the Cultural World of the Translators (2) Session 1.2.13.**  
**Session title: Re-thinking Septuagint’s Origins: A Socio-Linguistic Approach (2)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anna Angelini, University of Zurich

*Transmitting, Editing, and Translating Ancient Jewish Texts: The Place of the Septuagint within the Large Background of The Scribal Practices of the Second Temple Period*  
Corrado Martone, University of Turin (25 min)

*The LXX Translators between Greek, Aramaic(s) and Hebrew(s)*

Harald Samuel, University of Oxford (25 min)

*A Communal Model for the Inscribing of the Septuagint*

Tyler Horton, University of Cambridge (25 min)

Break (30 min)

*An Early Egyptian Provenance for the Septuagint Megilloth?*

Timothy Andrew Lee, University of Cambridge (25 min)

*Greek Language and Jewish Identity in 3 Maccabees* (via Zoom)

Ryan Comins, University of Cambridge (25 min)

*The Origins of the LXX, Twenty Years Later: Afterthought and Promising Avenues*

Sylvie Honigman, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–5:45 PM**

**Memory, Method and Texts (3)**

**Session 1.2.14.**

**Session title: Test Cases 1: Old Testament**

**Room:**

*Chair:* David Cielontko, Charles University in Prague

*Moses as a Figure of Collective Memory in the Book of Exodus?*

Petr Sláma, Charles University in Prague (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Song of Miriam in Exodus 15:21b as Evolving Memory and Performance*

Hendrik Bosman, University of Stellenbosch (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Qumran and Resurrection: Shaping the Past and Making the Future*

Kyung Baek, Trinity Western University (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 165 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Open Forum for New Testament and Early Christian Studies (2)** **Session 1.2.15.**

**Session title: Biblical Linguistics and Gospel Contrasts**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ellen Aasland Reinertsen, University of Oslo

*The Linguistics of the Holy Spirit: Neglected Wordplay in the New Testament* (via Zoom)

Nathan Maroney, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Theological Abbreviations in the New Testament as a Sociolect Element of the First Christian Communities: ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ, ἐν τῷ νόμῳ, ἐν τῷ λόγῳ, ἐν διαθήκῃ*

Rodi Georgiadou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*"No Prophet is Accepted in His Hometown": A Cognitive Analysis of Schematicity and Framing in Luke 4:16–30* (via Zoom)

Simon Brummer, Trinity College Dublin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Agents and Sufferers of Violence in the Parables of Jesus*

Thomas Goud, University of New Brunswick Saint John (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Reading the Gerasene Man and the Syrophenician Mother as a Markan Parallel*

Maria Chen, Yale Divinity School (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Perceptions and Receptions of Persia (PERSIAS) (1)** **Session 1.2.16.**

**Session title: Ancient Jewish Memories of Achaemenid Persia (1)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Jason Mokhtarian, Cornell University and Kristin Joachimsen MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

*Truth and Writing in Daniel: Memories of Persian Media* (via Zoom)

Laura Carlson Hasler, Indiana University and James Nati, Santa Clara University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*From Vengeance to Self-Defence: A Diachronic Analysis of the Esther Story*

David D. Frankel, The Schechter Institutes (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Esther in Dura Europos* (via Zoom)

Jill Middlemas, University of Copenhagen and Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Rav Papa Adages in Sanhedrin Pereq Heleq*

Alexander Marcus, Western Kentucky University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Are the Gentile Kings Funny? A Re-evaluation of the Role of Humor in the Description of Gentile Rule in Early Jewish Literature*

Aubrey Buster, Wheaton College (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Prophets and Prophecy (3)**

**Session 1.2.17.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Gili Kugler, University of Haifa

*The Song of Moses as a Model for Isaiah 10:5–15*

Yochi Nissani, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Motion Change and Significance in Isaiah 6:1–13*

Yisca Zimran, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Psalm 107: Between the Hymn to Shamash and the Book of Isaiah*

Yoshi Fargeon, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Metaphor of the Vineyard from Isaiah to the Twelve Prophets*

Guido Benzi, Salesian Pontifical University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Scribes and Scribal Groups in the Early Second Temple Period (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Session 1.2.18.**

**Session title: Case Studies “Pentateuch”**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Jaeyoung Jeon, University of Lausanne and Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch

*Leviticus as Discourse: Or, What the Priestly Traditions Can and Cannot Tell Us About the Scribes Who Wrote Them*

Julia Victoria Rhyder, Harvard University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Counting and Calculating Ritual: The Role of Numeracy in the Pentateuchal Priestly Materials*

Liane Feldman, New York University (25 min) [\(via Zoom\)](#)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

*Deuteronomistic Scribal Concerns Behind the (Pre-)Samaritan Editorial Interventions*  
Attila Bodor, University of Göttingen (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Mapping Scribal Self-interest and Compromise in the Pentateuch* (via Zoom)  
Mark G. Brett, University of Divinity (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Concluding discussion (15 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Slavonic Apocrypha (2–3)**

**Session 1.2.19.**

**Session title: Origins and Impact: Historical Background of Slavonic Manuscripts**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Sladana Mirkovic, University of South Florida

*Sicily in Slavonic Historical-Apocalyptic Literature*  
Anissava Miltenova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Ishmaelites on the Danube: Myth or Reality?*  
Alexandar Nikolov, University of Sofia (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Newly Translated Old Ruthenian Biblical Texts from the Zabelin's Set: Apocryphal, Experimental, or Canonical?*  
Alexander Grishchenko, Institute for Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Origins and Impact: In Art, Hymnography, and Hagiography**

*The Use of Apocryphal Texts in Byzantine and Slavonic Hymnography*  
Evelina Mineva, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Reception and Interpretation of the First Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Corinthians in the Lives of Holy Fools in the 14th Century*

Lilly Emilova Stammer, Sofia University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“Tall as Sarah, and as Beautiful as Rebecca, and as Fair as Rachel”: The Chaste Figure of Matriarch Aseneth in the Hellenistic Extended Narratives Translated into Slavonic*

Iosif Stancovici, West University of Timișoara (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Use of Jewish Scriptures in the New Testament (2)**

**Session 1.2.20.**

**Session title: Intersecting Traditions**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anthony P. Royle, University of Glasgow

*Exemplarity as Intertextuality: The Case of Noah and the Ark*

Kelsie Rodenbiker, University of Glasgow (20 mins)

Discussion (10 mins)

*Interpretative Diversity and the Messiah Above: Collocations of Psalm 110 and Daniel 7 in the New Testament (via Zoom)*

J. Thomas Hewitt, University of Aberdeen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Tears over Jerusalem: Interpretations of the Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in Luke and Josephus*

Marie-Therese Gerstner, Humboldt University of Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Genesis 15:6 in Philo and Paul*

Oda Wischmeyer, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Open Discussion about Methodological and Metacritical Issues*

Anthony Giambrone, École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Wisdom in Israel and in ANE wisdom literature (1)**

**Session 1.2.21.**

**Session title: Wisdom, Mind and Body**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Tova Forti, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*“It Is Only with the Heart That One Can See Rightly”*

Zoltan Schwab, Spurgeon’s College (25 min)

*A Joban Thought-Experiment: Pushing the Mind to the Limit*

Ellie M. Wiener, University of Cambridge (25 min)

*How Sweet Are Your Words to My Taste, Sweeter Than Honey to My Mouth!” (Psa 119:103):*

*Bodily Dimensions of a Tora Oriented Wisdom in Psalm 119*

Anja Block, University of Bonn (25 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Riddle of an Ending: The Beauty of Job’s Daughters! (Job 42:15)*

Luisa Almendra, Catholic University of Portugal (25 min)

*Synesthesia and Human Cognition*

Knut Martin Heim, Denver Seminary (25 min)

Total 150 min

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Morning Sessions: 8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**A Critical History of Exegesis since around 1900 (1)**

**Session 2.1.1.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Benedikt Josef Collinet, University of Innsbruck

*A Woman's Pilgrimage Song? On the Interpretation History of Psalm 131*  
Konrad Kremser, Jr., University of Vienna (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Prophets of Duhm and Comparative Study (via Zoom)*  
Rannfrid I. Lasine Thelle, Wichita State University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Gentile Gospel of Mark in 19th and 20th Century Biblical Scholarship*  
John Van Maaren, University of Heidelberg (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Apocalyptic and Contingency: The Hermeneutical Role that Paul's Opponents Play in Apocalyptic Interpretations of Paul*  
David Johnston, University of St Andrews (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**The Bible, Ecology and Sustainability (2)**

**Session 2.1.2.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ma. Maricel Ibita, Ateneo De Manila University

*Towards a Green Curriculum of Orthodox Theology: A Proposal*  
Ekaterini Tsalamponi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Rich, the Poor and the Land: Ecological Sustainability in the Book of Amos*  
Hilary Marlow, University of Cambridge (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*A Future-Oriented, Rights-Based Ecological and Sustainability Hermeneutical (F.R.E.S.H.)  
Reading of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46–56)*  
Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, De La Salle University Manila (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**The Bible in Arabic amongst Jews, Christians and Muslims (Biblia Arabica) – A Continued  
Exploration (2)** **Session 2.1.3.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Miriam Lindgren Hjälms, Uppsala University

*Da'ūd B. Sulaymān al-Baghdādī and His Brothers: Palaeographic Connections between  
Hebrew, Karaite and Christian Arabic Manuscripts from Mount Sinai and Palestine*  
Arianna D'Ottone, Sapienza University of Rome (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Scribal Practices in Christian Arabic Manuscripts of the Bible and Their Impact on the Textual  
Reception of Leviticus 11*  
Aurélié Bischofberger, University of Münster (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Arabic Rendering of Greek Isaiah Hapax Legomena and the Characterisation of Their  
Translation Technique*  
Peter Gadalla, Pontifical Biblical Institute (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Holy Tongue in Medieval Karaite Bible Commentaries in Arabic*

Marzena Zawadowska, University of Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

### **8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

#### **The Biblical World and its Reception (1)**

**Session 2.1.4.**

**Session title: The Bible, Theatre, and Musicals**

#### **Room:**

*Chair:* Matthew A. Collins, University of Chester

*Why “Any Dream Will Do”: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Its ‘Sensational’ Interpretation of the Genesis Story*

Alison Ruth Gray, Westminster College (30 min)

*Violence, Agency, and Song in Dreamworks’ The Prince of Egypt (1998)*

Joel Marcus LeMon, Emory University (30 min)

*Herod, Follower of Mahound: Depictions of a Muslim “King of the Jews” in Christian Drama*

Katie Turner, King’s College London (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*“He’s Just a Man”? The Unexpectedly High Christology of Jesus Christ Superstar*

Paul Middleton, University of Chester (30 min)

*Heaven on Their Minds? Portrayals of Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar and European Art*

Siobhán Elizabeth Jolley, The National Gallery, London (30 min)

Total 180 min

### **8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

#### **Comparing Ancient Chronographic Historiographies from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Judah, and Greece in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods (1)**

**Session 2.1.5.**

**Session title: Space, Time and Cosmic Order**

#### **Room:**

Chair: Kathryn Stevens, University of Oxford

*Interconnections between Space and Time Mapping in the Ancient Egyptian Language and Culture*

Gaëlle Chantrain, University of Liège (30 min)

*Egypt as Garden in the (Post-)Achaemenid Conceptualization of Space and History*

Joseph Cross, Humboldt University of Berlin and Jose Rafael Saade, Brown University (30 min)

*“And I Will Take You to a Land Like Your Own Land ...” (2 Kings 18:32/Isaiah 36:17)*

Petra Schmidtkunz, Humboldt University of Berlin (30 min)

*Where and When? The Chronicler’s Adaptive Usage of the Space and Time Indications of His Vorlagen*

Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch (30 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Diachronic Poetology of the Hebrew Bible**

**Session 2.1.6.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

Chair: Anna Elise Zerneck, University of Kiel

*Shalom ibn Gabirol’s Grammatical Poem: The ‘Anaq as a Treatise on Biblical Hebrew Language and Its Poetics*

Barbara Gryczan, University of Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Recursive Cursing: A Comparative-Poetics Analysis of SAA 2 6:414–465 and Deuteronomy 28:15–69*

Andrew Hile, Harvard University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Psalms 23: A Dynamic Formulaic Analysis (via Zoom)*

Itai Kagan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Poetic Forms, Origins, and Composition of Psalms 3 and 4*  
Reinhard Müller, University of Göttingen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Strophic Patterns in Job: A Key to the Redaction History and Genre*  
Urmas Nommik, University of Tartu (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**12:00 PM–2:00 PM**

**Emotions and the Biblical World (3)**

**Session 2.1.7.**

**Session title: Divine Emotions and New Testament Writings**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Liverpool Hope University

*How Do Contemporary Psychological Motivation Theories Explain Jesus' Way of Motivating His Disciples?*

Agnieszka Blanka Zieminska, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Whatever Happened to Call?*

Janet Meyer Everts, Hope College (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Multisensuality in the Book of Revelation as a Tool Transforming Emotions (via Zoom)*

Joanna Barbara Nowińska, University of Silesia (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (20 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Historical Approaches to the Bible and the Biblical World (1)**

**Session 2.1.8.**

**Session title: History of Religion in Persian and Early Hellenistic Times: Epigraphic Perspectives**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Łukasz Niesiołowski-Spano, University of Warsaw and Sarah Hollaender, University of Graz

*Glimpses of the Religion of Judean Exiles in Mesopotamia between Neo-Babylonian and Persian Times: The Yāhūdu Archive (6th–5th Century BCE) as a Case-study*

Giorgio Paolo Campi, University of Bologna (30 min)

*“O Isis und Osiris”: Aramaic-Speaking Communities in Achaemenid Egypt and the Afterlife*

Giulia Francesca Grassi, University of Udine (30 min)

*YHW, the Lord of Which Hosts? Processes of Religious Creolization in Elephantine*

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chairs:* Katharina Pyschny, University of Graz and Sarah Hollaender, University of Graz

*Jerusalem Temple and the Land Ownership in the Persian Period: The History of Power*

Łukasz Niesiołowski-Spano, University of Warsaw (30 min)

*Jason of Cyrene and His Epitomator: Some Remarks on 2 Maccabees*

Krystyna Stebnicka, University of Warsaw (30 min)

Concluding Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–10:35 AM**

**Imperial Language Politics in the Ancient Near East**

**Session 2.1.9.**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Lisa J. Cleath, Princeton Theological Seminary and Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute

*The Language of Imperial Law and Its Reception in the Covenant Code*

Sandra Jacobs, King's College London (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Joash's Renovation of the Jerusalem Temple in View of Persian Period Imperial Taxation Practices and the Phoenician Mediterranean Market Economy*

James D. Moore, Humboldt University of Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Deuteronomistic Concept of Geography in 1–2 Kings and Its ANE Context*

Peter Dubovsky, Pontifical Biblical Institute and Martina Korytiaková, Comenius University in Bratislava (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Jerusalem as an Imperial City in Hebrew Prophecy*

Ronnie Goldstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*God is the King and Reigns with His People: The Reign of God according to the Book of Revelation* (via Zoom)

Marcus Aurelio Mareano, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 125 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Intersections: A Forum for Research on Ancient Israel, Hebrew Bible, and Cognate Topics**  
**(3) Session 2.1.10.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Diana Edelman, University of Oslo

*Israel in Psalms 1–50*

Jan Lukáš, (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Blessing Motif in the Book of Chronicles and Its Significance for the Temple and Cultus*  
Itzik Amar, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Contrastive Analysis of Semantic Relations of the Vocabulary which Expresses Aspects of "Truth" in Biblical Semantic and Lexical Fields*

Irena Avsenik Nabergo, University of Ljubljana (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*What's So Funny About That? Disparaging Laughter in the Hebrew Bible* (via Zoom)

Sel-lam El Ammari, University of Granada/Complutense University of Madrid (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Johannine Literature (2)**

**Session 2.1.11.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Veronika Burz-Tropper, KU Leuven

*'I Do No Longer Call You Slaves' (John 15:15): John's Anthropology Reconsidered in Light of Aristotle's Ideas about Naturally Born Slaves' Spiritual Constitution*

Gitte Buch-Hansen, University of Copenhagen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Callirhoe, Jesus, and Divine Beauty: Reading the Fourth Gospel with Greek Novels*

Eric Foster-Whiddon, University of St Andrews (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Claiming Victimhood and Perpetration through Storytelling: Trauma and Identity (Re)Negotiation in the Fourth Gospel*

Edward Wong, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Gospel of John in Karl Barth's Theology: Prospects Derived from Reception History*

Anne-Sophie Münch, University of Münster (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**The Septuagint and the Cultural World of the Translators (3)**

**Session 2.1.12.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Tyler Horton, University of Cambridge

*Introduction*

Anna Angelini, University of Zurich (5 min)

*“Abram Passed Through the Land” in the Septuagint and the Masoretic Text*

Miroslava Cilová, Jagiellonian University (25 min)

*The Miscellanies: Between Editing and Translating?*

Martijn Beukenhorst, UCLouvain (25 min)

*Humour in the Story of the Three Bodyguards (1 Esdras 3:1–5:6): Integration of Greek and Jewish features*

Un Sung Kwak, University of Oxford (25 min)

*Loss and Translation: Do the “Missing Parts” of Esther’s Alpha-Text Tell a Different Story?*

Christine Helise Rosa De Freitas, University of Oxford (25 min)

Break (30 min)

*Righteous Transformations? An Examination of the Pluses of δίκαιος in LXX Proverbs*

Bryan Beeckman, KU Leuven/UCLouvain (25 min)

*Translation Methods in Context: The Case of Double and Intertextual Translations in OG Job*

Maximilian Häberlein, University of Würzburg (25 min)

*Quoting the Septuagint in the Graeco-Roman World: Philo’s Implicit Interpretation of the Biblical Text*

Francesca Pezza, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (25 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Medicine, Sciences and Knowledge in Biblical and Talmudic Traditions (3–4)**

**Session 2.1.13.**

**Session title: Knowledge, Wisdom, and Sciences in Second Temple Traditions**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Markham J. Geller, University College London

*Calendar and Worldview in Qumran Enochic Tradition*  
Ida Frohlich, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Heavenly Astrology: The Creation of Scientific and Social Order in 1 Enoch, the Myth of Er and Somnium Scipionis*  
Rivkah Gillian Glass, Aarhus University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Foreign Wisdom and Foreign Women in Second Temple Texts*  
Ari R. Silberman, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: New Approaches to and Contextualization of Medical Discourse in Biblical and Rabbinic Texts**

*Chair:* Lennart Lehmhaus, University of Tübingen

*The Madman in the Talmud: Neurodiversity Meets the Shoteh*  
Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Why is Dropsy P's Punishment for Adultery: The Suspected Adulteress (Num 5) as Sovereign Threat*  
Aslan Cohen Mizrahi, University of Chicago (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Gender and Sexual Impairment: Medical or Situational Ethics Reflected in Mishnaic Laws*  
Young Gil Lee, University of Sheffield (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–11:15 AM**

**Session title: Test Cases 2: New Testament**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Kyle Parsons, Charles University in Prague

*Ioudaismos through the Lens of Remembering: Exploration of the Semantic Shift of the Term in the Context of the Early Reception of Paul the Apostle*  
František Ábel, Comenius University Bratislava (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Murderous Herod in the Matthean Infancy Narrative*  
David Cielontko, Charles University in Prague (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*εἰρήνη: A Contested Term? A Reading of εἰρήνη in John as a Text of Disputed Memory to the Implied Jewish Communities*  
Alexander Bevan, KU Leuven (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 165 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Minority and Postcolonialism Criticism (1)**

**Session 2.1.15.**

**Session title: Challenges & Prospects for Biblical Studies**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Axolile Qina, Edinburgh University

*Ceremonial Scholarship — Or, Decolonization “pra Inglês Ver”*  
Silas Klein Cardoso, University of Bern (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*‘Ma Su Saw Bi Blanga?’: Decolonial Optic and Sediq Mother-Tongue Reading as an Illustration*  
Risaw Walis, University of Leeds (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“Who is the Majority?” The Location of Minority Biblical Criticism in Indonesian Context*  
Yan Okhtavianus Kalampung, University of Leeds (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Deviant Bodies: How New Testament Writings Obscure Agency and Curate Identity*  
Emma Swai, Liverpool Hope University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Voluntary Childlessness as Resistance: An Interpretation of θλίψις τῆ σαρκί in 1 Corinthians 7:28 from the Global South*  
Maria Chen, Yale Divinity School (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Politization of Bibles and Biblization of Politics in the Twenty-First Century**

**Session 2.1.16.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Marie Briese, University of Siegen

*Fertile Soil? On the Reception of Political Populism’s Bible Use*  
Jeremia Punt, University of Stellenbosch (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*On the Connection between Emotion and Bible-infused Populist Rhetoric with a Specific Focus on Populism’s Audience*  
Steffi Fabricius, University of Siegen (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Chair:* Steffi Fabricius, University of Siegen

*Protest against Roman Populistic Propaganda: A Response from the Gospel of Mark and Hermeneutical Consequences for the Present*  
Elritia Le Roux, Free Evangelical Church in Wülfrath (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Opposite of Populism? Uses of the Bible in the 2023 Coronation of Charles III*  
John Ritzema, King's College, London (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (20 min)

120 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Slavonic Apocrypha (4)**

**Session 2.1.17.**

**Session title: History of the Text and Philology**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anissava Miltenova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

*A Special Serbian Version of the Palaea Historica*  
Vadim Vitkovskiy, Humboldt University of Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Book of Daniel Reproduced in Joannes Zonaras' Chronicle*  
Ivan Iliev, Sofia University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Hapax Legomena in Slavonic Pseudepigrapha: What Can They Tell us about the Provenance of the Texts*  
Liudmila Navtanovich, Autonomous University of Barcelona (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Visio Pauli in the Slavic Tradition: Preliminary Observations on the History of the Text*  
Andrej Bojadžiev, Sofia University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Slavonic Testament of Job: The Slavonic from the Greek from the Syriac from the Greek*  
(via Zoom)

Basil Lourie, *Scrinium: Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–11:00 AM**

**Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions (1)** **Session 2.1.18.**

**Session title: Biblical Paraphrase and Scribal Agency in *Slavia Orthodoxa***

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ewelina Drzewiecka, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/Polish Academy of Sciences

*The Toponyms in the Slavonic Excerpt of the Chronicle of Julius Africanus*

Anna-Maria Totomanova, Sofia University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Vocabulary for Human Anatomy in the Earliest Slavonic Translation of the Scripture (Books of Samuel and Kings)*

Maria Totomanova-Paneva, Sofia University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Use of Prophetologia in Medieval Serbia*

Tatjana Subotin-Golubovic, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*“Beatitudes” in Church Slavonic Acts of Paul and Thecla*

Dariya Syroyid, Ukrainian Catholic University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 150 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Textual Criticism of the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Qur’an (1)**

**Session 2.1.19.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Theodora Panella, KU Leuven

*Greek Revision of the Septuagint as Witness to a Proto-Canon*  
Timothy Andrew Lee, University of Cambridge (20 min)

*The Cyrillic Early Printed Tetraevangelia Issued in Kyiv in 1697 and 1712 and Their Original(s): Research into the Saints and Festivals Present in the Menologia*  
Jerzy Ostapczuk, Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw (20 min)

*A Text-Critical Survey of the Earliest Transmission of Romans 13:1–7: Reconsidering the "Interpolation Hypothesis"*  
Andrea Riccardo Rossi, University of Milan (20 min)

*Add. F in the Gell Version of the Book of Esther*  
Natia Mirotadze, Tbilisi State University (20 min)

*Reconstruction of GIII Textual Form of Tobit according to the Georgian Translation*  
Natia Dundua, Georgian National Centre of Manuscripts (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Use of Jewish Scriptures in the New Testament (3) Session 2.1.20.**

**Session title: Textual Production and Biblical Interpretation**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anthony Giambrone, École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem

*Divine Testimonies: The Euthalian Citation Lists in Greek Manuscript Culture*  
Anthony P. Royle, University of Glasgow (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Διὸ λέγει: Ephesians 5:14 and the Use of Apocryphal Sources for Authoritative Teaching in the New Testament*  
Clark Robert Bates, University of Birmingham (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Paratexts, Citations, and Authorship in the Pastoral Epistles*

Lily Su, University of Glasgow (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Paratextual Features of Quotation in Codex Boernerianus (GA 012)* (via Zoom)

Seth Ehorn, Wheaton College and Susan Anderson (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Scribal Habits with Jewish Scriptural Quotes in Greek Manuscripts of Romans 9–11: Visible or Made Invisible?*

Jennifer Nyström, Lund University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Re-Enactment as a Jewish Exegetical Technique: An Illustration from Luke's Writing*

Jenny Read-Heimerdinger, Newman University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**A Critical History of Exegesis since around 1900 (2) Session 2.2.1.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ludger Hiepel, University of Münster

*Between the Encyclicals "Providentissimus Deus" (1893) and "Divino afflante spiritu" (1943):  
Panorama of Catholic Old Testament Scholarship and Ancient Near Eastern Studies*

Ludger Hiepel, University of Münster (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Catholic Censorship of Biblical Studies, the "Wiener Memorandum" and Karl Rahner's  
Role in it*

Benedikt Josef Collinet, University of Innsbruck (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*A Forgotten Aspect of the "Enigma Roncalli": John XXIII (1958–1963) and the Critical Study of  
the Bible*

Juan Carlos Ossandón Widow, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Response and General Discussion

Benedikt Josef Collinet, University of Innsbruck and Ludger Hiepel, University of Münster (30 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Biblical Theological Investigations into the Attributes of God (1) Session 2.2.2.**

**Session Title: Old Testament**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Albert Coetsee, North-West University

*I Want Justice for My Child: Exploring the Wisdom of God in Kings 3:16–28 in the Context of “Justice for” Movements in South Africa*  
Zukile Ngqeza North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*God’s Gift of Wisdom in Words and in Practical Skills* (via Zoom)  
Robin Gallaher Branch, Christian Brothers University/North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Foolish “Wisdom” of Humans Versus the Wise Wisdom of God’s Actions in the Book of Isaiah*  
Chris Van Der Walt, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*“...Then They Shall Know That I am the LORD” (Ezekiel 38:23): יד as a Requirement of God’s Subjects as a Means to Implement God’s Capacities*  
Gili Kugler, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Daniel 1 as Wisdom Literature?* (via Zoom)  
Marius Nel, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–4:30 PM**

**The Biblical World and its Reception (2)**

**Session 2.2.3.**

**Session title: The Bible and Visual Reception**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Matthew A. Collins, University of Chester

*Job’s Wife and Peter’s Angel: A Dialogue between Biblical Interpretation and Art History*  
Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield (30 min)

*The Feathered Man: The Reception of Daniel 4 in Thomas Poyntz's Tapestry of Nebuchadnezzar's Transformation into a Beast*  
Peter Joshua Atkins, University of Edinburgh (30 min)

*Moana Meets Timothy: A Contemporary Dialogue Between Popular Culture and the Bible*  
Amanda Dillon, Dublin City University (30 min)

Total 90 min

**5:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Ancient Jewish and Christian Apocalypses (1)** **Session 2.2.4.**

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*Chair:* Priscille Marschall, University of Lausanne

*Prophetic Motifs in Galatians: To What Extent Are They "Apocalyptic"?*  
Simon Buttica, University of Lausanne (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Was John a Prophet? Assessment of the Prophetic Features of the Apocalypse of John*  
Luc K. Bulundwe, University of Regensburg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 60 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Bodies of Communication (1)** **Session 2.2.5.**

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**Session title: Body Parts and Gender: From Foot to Head**

**Room:**

*Chair* Emma Swai, Liverpool Hope

*"Wait for Me Until I Come and Do Not Grieve... We Will Be One When We Are Resurrected": Simeon's Foot, Becoming Female, and the Desexualisation of Saints in Late Antiquity*  
Laura Smith, University of Birmingham (20 min)

*Lending Eunuchs a "Hand": Phallic and Non-Phallic Power in the Book of Esther* (via Zoom)  
Esther Brownsmith, MF Norwegian School of Religion, Theology and Society (20 min)

*Pieces, Parts, and Bits: The Limbs of Christ and of the Limbs of a "Whore" in 1 Corinthians 6*

Judith König, University of Regensburg (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*When the Figurative Becomes Literal: Virginal Anatomy in Late Antiquity* (via Zoom)

Julia Kelto Lillis, Union Theological Seminary (20 min)

*(Re)Conceiving Virginity: The Female Body, Sex, and Pregnancy in Isaiah 7:14 in Feminist Perspective*

Emily May Allsopp, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

*“Long for the Pure, Spiritual Milk”: Divine Gender, the Female Body, and Salvation as Process in the Petrine Metaphor of Breastfeeding from Christ (1 Peter 2:2–3)* (via Zoom)

Sally Douglas, University of Divinity (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**The Book of Jeremiah (1–2)**

**Session 2.2.6.**

**Session title: Workshop on Jeremiah 10 and Its Many Challenges**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Andrea Beyer, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

*Disappointing Deities: The Meaning of הבל in Jeremiah 10*

Samuel Hildebrandt, Nazarene Theological College Manchester (10 min)

*Jeremiah 10 MT and LXX: Interpretive Challenges and Possibilities*

Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute (10 min)

*The Challenge of Jeremiah 10: Its Text, Composition, and Theology*

Georg Fischer, University of Innsbruck (10 min)

Discussion 60 min

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Specific Jeremian Issues and Concepts**

*Chair:* Georg Fischer, University of Innsbruck

*Emotions and the Book of Jeremiah*

Andrea Beyer, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Jeremiah and Amos, and the Sacrifices of Israel in the Desert and in the Promised Land*

Cyprien Comte, Catholic Institute of Toulouse (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Jeremiah's Rebuilding (בנה) of the Destroyed City without Brick and Mortar (via Zoom)*

Oliver Glanz, Andrews University (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Zedekiah: The Last King of Juda and the Fulfilment of the Kingship in the Act of Surrender (Jeremiah 21–24; 38:14–28a)*

Salvatore Maurizio Sessa, Claretian Pontifical Institute of the Theology of the Consecrated Life (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Final discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Comparing Ancient Chronographic Historiographies from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Judah, and Greece in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods (2) Session 2.2.7.**

**Session title: Constructing Imperial Space**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Sylvie Honigman, Tel Aviv University

*The Imagined Territory: A Spatial Reading of a Babylonian Chronicle of Ancient Kings (via Zoom)*

Odette Boivin, University of Münster (30 min)

*As Far as the Border of Dilmun: Constructing and Claiming Space in the Assyrian Empire*

Gina Konstantopoulos, University of California, Los Angeles (30 min)

*Building and Breaking Boundaries: On Space and Empire in 1–2 Chronicles* (via Zoom)  
Karolien Vermeulen, University of Antwerp (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*“King of the Four Quarters”: Universalistic Claims and Space Mapping from the Neo-Assyrian to the Seleucid Time*

Valentina Cambuzzi, University of Innsbruck (30 min)

*Imperial Space in Babylonian Chronographic Texts*

Kathryn Stevens, University of Oxford (30 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**The Biblical World and Cultural Evolution (1–2)**

**Session 2.2.8.**

**Session title: The Bible: Text and Content**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ronit Nikolsky, University of Groningen

*Introduction*

Ronit Nikolsky, University of Groningen and Nina Kristina Nikki, University of Helsinki (10 min)

*A Reconsideration of the Enigmatic Groups of 50 and 100 in the Markan Narrative of the Feeding the Multitude in the Light of Cognitive Science and Evolutionary Psychology* (20 min)

Christian Wetz, University of Oldenburg

*The Success of the “Villainous Paul”: Cultural Attraction or Group Selection?* (20 min)

Nina Kristina Nikki, University of Helsinki and Zdeňka Špiclová, University of Bohemia

*Cultural Evolutionary Perspectives upon Tiqqune Soferim* (20 min)

Lauri Laine, University of Helsinki

General Discussion (20 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Early Christianity**

*Chair:* Nina Kristina Nikki

*Endless Forms Most Dreadful: A Cultural Evolutionary Approach to the Successfulness of Early Christian Martyr Narratives*

Harri Söderholm, University of Helsinki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Studying John Chrysostom's Use of the Supernatural Punishments with Reflections on Big Gods Theory and Supernatural Punishments Hypothesis* (20 min)

Wille-Hermanni Riekkinen, University of Helsinki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Discussion and Business meeting (30 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Early Judaism and Rabbinic Literature (2)**

**Session 2.2.9.**

**Session topic: Law and Laughter**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Monika Amsler, University of Bern

*Why Couldn't the Childless Serve on the Sanhedrin? Fatherhood, Cruelty, Lineage, and Roman Law*

Yael Wilfand, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

*"They are My Slaves, and Not Slaves of Slaves"*

Itzhak Brand, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

*Narrative Ambiguity in Talmudic Stories*

Ayelet Hoffmann Libson, Reichman University (30 min)

*The Rules of Rabbinic Laughter*

Reuven Kiperwasser, Ariel University (30 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session topic: Narratives**

*Chair:* Monika Amsler, University of Bern

*In a Reverse Mode: Reconstructing the Rabbinic Legend of Titus in the Temple*

Adiel Schremer, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

*The Story Cycle in Bavli Nedarim 91a–b*  
Jeffrey L. Rubenstein, New York University (30 min)

*A Lost Eastern Textual Tradition of Midrash Psalms*  
Arnon Atzmon, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Graeco-Roman Society and the New Testament (1) Session 2.2.10.**  
**Session title: Jewish and Christian Communities: Cultural Intersections and Social Profiles (1)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Jorunn Okland, Norwegian Institute at Athens

*Who were the Libertini Mentioned in the Acts? A New Historical Approach* (via Zoom)  
Yael Escojido, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Identity and Self-Fashioning of Late Antique Stobi Jews: Between Hellenism and Judaism*  
Ivan Milekovic, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Social Ontologies, Heterarchies, and Arrangements of Power: An Analysis of Models Used in Reconstructing Ancient Social Groups in Judea and Asia Minor*  
Jonathan L. Berglund, University of Aberdeen (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*“If Anyone Thinks They Are Something When They Are Not, They Deceive Themselves”  
(Galatians 6:3): Identity Crisis in Galatia*  
Jakub Michal Pogonowski, University of Warsaw (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Historical Approaches to the Bible and the Biblical World (2)**

**Session 2.2.11.**

**Session title: Concepts of Biblical Israel**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Jan Rückl, Charles University in Prague

*The Twelve Sons of Jacob: The Jacob Story and the Concept of Biblical Israel*

Friederike Neumann, University of Oldenburg (30 min)

*Joseph's Israel: The Political Agenda of the Biblical Joseph Narrative*

Jakob Wöhrle, University of Tübingen (30 min)

*"And David was King over all Israel" (2 Samuel 8:15): On the Scope and Concepts of Israel in the Books of Samuel*

Sabine Kleiman, Tel Aviv University (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Jakob Wöhrle, University of Tübingen

*Promoted and Hidden Israel in the Books of Kings*

Filip Čapek, Charles University in Prague (30 min)

*Concepts of Israel in Isaiah 1–39*

Jan Rückl, Charles University in Prague (30 min)

*The Juxtaposition of Israel and Judah in the Book of Jeremiah*

Ruth Ebach, University of Lausanne (30 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Israel in the Ancient Near East (1)**

**Session 2.2.12.**

**Session title: The Second Millennium in the First: Psalms and Rituals**

**Room:**

**Zoom Link:**

*Chair:* Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University

*Springs and Rivers and Heaven and Earth: The Hymnic Passages in Psalm 74 and Psalm 89*

Anna Elise Zerneck, University of Kiel (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Israelite Ritual and Late Bronze Age Continuity: Observations from Psalms*

John Tracy Thames, Jr., Clemson University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*"Elohim Is in Its Midst – It Shall not Be Moved!" A Literary-Critical Analysis of Psalm 46 with an Exploration of Its Motifs*

Ronja Koch, University of Kiel (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Perpetual Fire in the Israelite Cult*

Itamar Kislev, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*"... And Cut Themselves after Their Manner with Knives and Lancets": Mourning Rituals for a Dying God in the Hebrew Bible in the Light of Ancient Near Eastern Texts (via Zoom)*

Chrysovalanti Valia Papanastasopoulou, Patriarchal University Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Uruk Prophecy: Some Assessments*

Yuval Darabi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Johannine Literature (3)**

**Session 2.2.13.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Catrin H. Williams, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

*The Transformation of Violence and Death: John's Jesus in Light of the Book of Exodus*

Paulus De Jong, University of St Andrews (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Evocative Role of the Vocative γύναι in the Self-Revelation of the Johannine Jesus*  
Materou Ashe, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Κοπιᾶω and κόπος in John 4:6,38 in the Context of the Johannine Theology of Incarnation and the Mission of Jesus*

Jaroslav Broz, Charles University in Prague (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business meeting (30 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Living in the Last Days: New Testament Eschatology and its Contexts (2)**

**Session 2.2.14.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Irene Barbotti, Trinity College Dublin

*About Living Places in the Last Days: Where to Survive the Cataclysms and Where to Prepare for the Impending New Era? (via Zoom)*

Christine Dumas-Reungoat, University of Caen (45 min)

Discussion (15 min)

*Anthropology and Eschatology in the Beatitudes of Matthew*

Jesse Colin Sykes, Trinity College Dublin (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Stefano De Feo, University of Bern

*The Delay of the Parousia and the Failure of Prophecies in the New Testament, Plutarch, and Josephus*

Mateusz Kusio, University of Warsaw (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*“Blow the Trumpet, Play the Harp, Sound Like a River”*: The Role of Sound in New Testament Eschatology (via Zoom)

Daniel David Pollorena, Reformed Theological Seminary

(25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Prophets and Prophecy (4–5)**

**Session 2.2.15.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Guido Benzi, Salesian Pontifical University

*Shaking Up the People: How Hosea 14:2–5 Gave Birth to the Call to Return to YHWH*

Tobias Schmitz, Ruhr-University Bochum (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Perspectives on Prophecy in the Book of Hosea*

Göran Eidevall, Uppsala University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Prophet Obadiah to the Light of Medieval Jewish Interpreters*

Mariano Gomez Aranda, Spanish National Research Council (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Mariano Gomez Aranda, Spanish National Research Council

*“Οὐκ ἔστιν ταῦτα”*: A Pragma-dialectical Perspective on Jeremiah 5:10–13

Christina Misiaka, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Taking the Tear Too Seriously: Irony in Malachi 2:13*

Edward Ho, Carey Theological College (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Reading, Theory and Poetics**

**Session 2.2.16.**

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**Room:**

*Chair:* Suzanna Millar, University of Edinburgh

*Taking God to Court: Job's Deconstruction of Normative Binaries*

Yasir Saleem, University of Vienna and Ilse Swart, Free University of Amsterdam (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Three Bodies of God*

Francis Landy, University of Alberta (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Living Dead Reader*

Theron Clay Mock III, University of Munich (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Shmuel Ha-Nagid's Queer and Hedonistic Poems as an Alternative Take to the Mainstream Rabbinic Biblical Interpretation*

Barbara Gryczan, University of Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Putting Characters Back in Their Place: Posthumanism, Translation, and the Poetics of Biblical Narrative*

David Arthur Lambert, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Voice of the Song of Songs and a New Meaning for Black and Beautiful at 1:5–6*

Simeon Chavel, University of Chicago (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Slavonic Apocrypha (5)**

**Session 2.2.17.**

**Session title: Slavonic Texts in Liturgy and Worship**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Dorota Rojszczak Robinska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

*The Missing Link between Old Church Slavonic and Croatian Glagolitic Liturgical Tradition: Liturgical Perspective*

Kristijan Kuhar, Old Church Slavonic Institute (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Discourse on the Revelatory Visions of Heavenly Beings before Ordinary Humans in the Slavonic Apocrypha on Mary: The Case of the Marian Apparition in Medjugorje ca. 1980s to 2000s*

Sladana Mirkovic, Union College (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Chapter on the Passion of the Lord (Kapitulь ot muki gospone) and the Chapter on the Secret Prayer (Ot taine kapitulь) in the Croatian Glagolitic Vinodol Miscellany (HAZU IIIa, 15)*

Silvio Koscak, Old Church Slavonic Institute (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Ritualistic Performance: Ethiopic, Syriac, and Slavonic Christian Dramatizations of the Life and Deeds of Joseph the Beautiful*

Ljubica Jovanovic, American Public University System (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions (2)**

**Session 2.2.18.**

**Session title: Transmission and Transformation of Biblical Narratives within Slavonic Intellectual Landscape**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Dariya Syroyid, Ukrainian Catholic University

*The Tale of the Meeting of Melchizedek and Abraham at Mount Tabor in Gorica Compilation by Nikon of Jerusalem from 1440/1441*

Jovan Culibrk, Serbian Orthodox Church (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Two Faces of Joseph of Nazareth: The Mighty Saint and the Fabulous Old Man in the Religious Folklore of Poland and Belarus*

Kaciaryna Bychak, University of Szczecin (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Figure of Pontius Pilate in Bulgarian Literature of the 20th Century: Towards the Question of Functioning of Biblical Topoi in the Context of Modernization*

Ewelina Drzewiecka, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/Polish Academy of Sciences (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Manuscripts and Memory: Historiographic Compilations and Biblical Imagery (Towards the Profile of One of the Scribes of "Istoriya Slavyanoblgarskaya": Father Panteleimon Hilendarets)*

Elena Uzunova, Sts Cyril and Methodius National Library, Margaret Dimitrova, Sofia University and Florentina Badalanova Geller, Royal Anthropological Institute (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 150 min

**3:00 PM–4:40 PM**

**Textual Criticism of the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Qur'an (2)**

**Session 2.2.19.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Theodora Panella, KU Leuven

*Does Psalm 45:7 Indicate Divine Kingship? A Text-Critical Approach*

David D. Frankel, The Schechter Institutes (20 min)

*The Last Supper in Codex Bezae's Gospel of Luke*

Marie-Therese Gerstner, Humboldt University of Berlin (20 min)

*“I Tell You That Something Greater ...” (Matthew 12:6): A Case-Study of Intratextuality in the Gospel of Matthew*

Erica Leonardi, University of Milan (20 min)

*The Second Paraclete Saying in the Patristic Writings: A Study of the Textual Transmission and the History of Exegesis of John 14:25–26*

Valentin Andronache, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Total 100 min

**3:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Wisdom in Israel and in ANE wisdom literature (2) Session 2.2.20.**

**Session title: Wisdom, Mind and Body: Bible and ANE Wisdom Literature**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Katharine Dell, University of Cambridge

*The Teaching Also Owes to the Metaphorical and Symbolic Meaning of the Bodily Organs in Proverbs 30 and 31*

Frederique Dominique Dantonel, University of Frankfurt (25 min)

*The Impact of Emotions on the Discernment of Reality in the Ancient Near East Wisdom Literature*

Annunziata Rositani, University of Messina (25 min)

*The Ear That Tastes: The Ear as the Organ of Hearing, Listening and Obedience in Proverbs and Job*

Balint Karoly Zaban, Hungarian Reformed Church (25 min)

Break (30 min)

*Character-Formation in Ecclesiastes: The Figure of Qohelet as a Pedagogical Device*  
Ben Rae, University of Cambridge (25 min)

*“Rejoice, Young Man, while You Are Young ...” (Ecclesiastes 11:9): Youth and Age in Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:7*

Markus Saur, Rhenish Friedrich Wilhelm University of Bonn (25 min)

Total 150 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal

Introduction (5min)

*Paul the Visionary? Paul's Motivation for Action according to the Acts of the Apostles* (via Zoom)

Anna-Lena Senk, University of Hannover (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Scent of Paradise: Olfactory Images in Vision Narratives of the Heavenly Garden* (via Zoom)

Nicole Oesterreich, University of Leipzig (25min)

Discussion (5 min)

*To See and to Be Seen: Ritual Visuality in Revelation 1:12–20* (via Zoom)

Nils Neumann, University of Hannover (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Chair:* Nils Neumann, University of Hannover

*Multisensory Theophanies and the Judahite Cult in the Hebrew Bible*

John Ritzema, King's College London (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Accessing the Divine through Cultic Rituals*

Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Morning Sessions: 8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**8:30 AM–10:05 AM**

**Ancient Jewish and Christian Apocalypses (2)** **Session 3.1.1.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Priscille Marschall, University of Lausanne

Introduction (5 min)

*Habakkuk 3: An Apocalyptic Speech of Resistance against the Seleucid Empire?* (via Zoom)  
Chen Dandelot, University of Geneva (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Roots of the Apocalypse of Ezra*  
Lisbeth S. Fried, University of Michigan (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Heavenly Lamb and Sacrifices on the Heavenly Altar*  
Meir Bar Ilan, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 95 min

**8:30 AM–10:00 AM**

**Animals and the Bible (1)** **Session 3.1.2.**

**Session title: Animals and the Gospels**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Suzanna Millar, University of Edinburgh

*The Honey Eating Jesus (Luke 24:42): The Culture-Nature Line in the Early Debate about the Risen Body: Myths, Manuscripts and Beekeeping*  
Gitte Buch-Hansen, University of Copenhagen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Jesus as Chicken* (via Zoom)

J. Andrew Doole, University of Innsbruck (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*On Good Samaritans and Hedgehogs: Characterization, Plot, and Affect after the Animal Turn*

Justin David Strong, University of Mainz (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**10:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Anthropology and the Bible (1)**

**Session 3.1.3.**

**Session title: Ritual Practice and Ritual Theory in the Hebrew Bible**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Oslo

*Agent, Action, Object, Location, and Result: An Analytical Model for Studying Ritual Blood Manipulation in Hebrew Bible Texts*

Anja Smedstrup Christensen, University of Oslo (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Kəsātôt, the Mispāḥôt and the Women: A Reassessment of Ezekiel 13:18–21 and a New Look on a Controversial Religious Practice*

Gaël Carriou, University of Lausanne (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

*Presentation of the T&T Clark Handbook of Anthropology and the Hebrew Bible (Bloomsbury 2023)*

Emanuel Pfoh, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Argentina)/University of Helsinki (25 min)

Total 90 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Andriy Danylenko, Pace University

*From Constantine the Philosopher to Pantelejmon Kuliš: The Creation of the Ukrainian Vulgate*

Andriy Danylenko, Pace University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Ukrainian Recension of Church Slavonic* (via Zoom)

Victor Moisiienko, Zhytomyr State University of Ivan Franko (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Ukrainian Recension of Church Slavonic in the 12th Century Kyivan Rus': The Case of the "Harvard" Psalter*

Oksana Lebedivna, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Interfaith Collaboration and the Translation of the Biblical Texts in the Vilnius Florilegium F-19-262*

Moshe Taube, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Bible in the Ukrainian (Rusian) Manuscript Cyrillic Literature of the 16th Century: Language and Codicological and Paleographic-Orthographic Attribution* (via Zoom)

Liudmyla Hnatenko, Vernadsky National Library (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Specifics of Church Slavonic of the L'viv Gospel Book from 1690*

Vladislav Knoll, Institute of Slavonic Studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Biblical Theological Investigations into the Attributes of God (2)**

**Session 3.1.5.**

**Session Title: The Gospels and Acts**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Albert Coetsee, North-West University

*Jesus as the Personification of God's Wisdom in Matthew*

Francois Viljoen, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Double Vindication, Collective Rebuke: Examining (Divine?) Wisdom in Matthew 11:19 and Luke 7:35*

Matthew Watson, Portuguese Bible Institute (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Full of the Spirit and of Wisdom: Theological Reflections on Luke-Acts Use of Σοφία*

Daniel David Pollorena, Reformed Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*John's Realised Eschatology as an Expression of the Wisdom of God (via Zoom)*

Paul Joseph Creevey, KU Leuven/Catholic Theological College Melbourne (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–11:40 AM**

**Bodies of Communication (2)**

**Session 3.1.6.**

**Session title: Moving through Life and Death**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Sarah Whitear, KU Leuven

*People "Moving" through Life: On the Metaphorical Use of Motion and Posture Verbs to Express Ways of Life in Psalms and Wisdom Literature*

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute (20 min)

*The Human Body in Ritual Worship: Performance and Meaning*

Adi Marili, David Yellin Academic College of Education (20 min)

*Unfortunate Fortunatus: Enslaved Bodies and Resistance in the Acts of John*  
Christy Cobb, University of Denver (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Lament of the Walking Dead: The Dead Body as Metaphor, Identity and Argument in Psalm 88 and Job 7*

Anja Marschall, University of Leipzig (20 min)

*Translating Corporeal Metaphors in the New Testament: σκεῦος in 1 Thessalonians 4:4 and 1 Peter 3:7*

Paraskevi Arapoglou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 190 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Citations and Allusions in the Hebrew Bible (2)**

**Session 3.1.7.**

**Session title: Deuteronomy**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Walter Bühner, Ruhr-University Bochum, Friedrich-Emanuel Focken, University of Heidelberg and Joachim J. Krause, Ruhr-University Bochum

*Allusions as a Tool in the Literary-Critical Evaluation of Biblical Passages (via Zoom)*

Oren Gelblum, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Immovable Landmarks and Borrowable Citations: A Comparative Examination of Deuteronomy 19:14 and 27:17 and Proverbs 22:28 and 23:10*

Balint Karoly Zaban, Hungarian Reformed Church (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Blessed by Allusion: Moses' Blessing of the Tribes of Israel according to Deuteronomy 33 in Light of its Pentateuchal Context (via Zoom)*

Sarah Schulz, University Erlangen-Nuremberg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*The "Intermarriage Laws" of Deuteronomy 7 and 23 and the "Intermarriage Crisis" of Ezra and Nehemiah*

Yigal Levin, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Nehemiah 9: Pentateuchal Citations and Allusions as Means of Purposeful Reduction*

Dimitrije Stanojevic, Trinity International University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Chosen Place and Chosen City: "Intertextuality" between Deuteronomy and the Books of Kings*

Katharina Pyschny, University of Graz (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Dead Sea Scrolls (1)**

**Session 3.1.8.**

**Session title: Authority in/and the Dead Sea Scrolls**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Judith Newman, University of Toronto

*Composing and Reading Hodayat*

Hindy Najman, University of Oxford and Eibert Tigchelaar, KU Leuven (via Zoom) (45 min)

*Uncovering the Ear of the Understanding One: Mystery and Authority in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Arjen Bakker, University of Groningen (45 min)

Break (30 min)

*Does Authority Count?*

Matthew P. Monger, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society (30 min)

*What's in a Name? The Many Names of "4QInstruction"*

Charles Comerford, University of Birmingham (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Early Judaism and Rabbinic Literature (3)**

**Session 3.1.9.**

**Session title: Hermeneutics and Targum**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Geoffrey Herman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris

*The Status of Esther Scroll's Sixth Chapter*

Lea Himmelfarb, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

*Fantasies of Animal Sacrifice without a Temple*

Geoffrey Herman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris (30 min)

*Laws Against Apostasy (Deuteronomy 13) in the Targum*

Viktor Ber, University of South Bohemia (30 min)

*The School System in the Torah and in Pseudo-Jonathan's Targum (via Zoom)*

Mateusz Wyrzykowski, Catholic Academy in Warsaw (30 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Evil, Exorcism, and Magic**

**Session 3.1.10.**

**Session title: Concepts of Evil**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Tupá Guerra, University of Brasília

*Whats Wrong with Daimons?*

Ethan Johnson, University of St Andrews (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Demonology in the Dead Sea Scrolls? A Categorical Investigation*

Blake Alan Jurgens, Florida State University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Concept of "Demon" in Coptic and Jewish Babylonian Late Antique Harmful Rituals: A Comparative Approach*

Miruna Belea, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Nina Speransky, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Ancient Connections of Protection, Magic, and Evil**

*Chair:* Gina Konstantopoulos, University of California

*"May Yahweh Make You Like Zedekiah and Ahab Whom the King of Babylon Roasted in the Fire": Does Jeremiah's "Letter to the Exiles" Make a Reference to the Mesopotamian Maqlû Ritual in Jeremiah 29:22?*

Cristiana Conti-Easton, Austin Community College (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Horned Ones: Tracing the Association of Horns and Evil in the Ancient Near Eastern*  
Tupá Guerra, University of Brasília (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Graeco-Roman Society and the New Testament (2) Session 3.1.11.**

**Session title: Reading New Testament Texts in Their Graeco-Roman Context**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

*Mimetic Mediators: How the Markan Disciples Facilitate Emulating Jesus* (via Zoom)

Carl Johan Berglund, Åbo Akademi University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Luke 12:13–21: A Dispute Concerning Inheritance in the Light of Petitions from Greco-Roman Egypt*

Fabrizio Marcello, École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Casting Lots and Predestination: A Critical Look at Ephesians 1:11* (via Zoom)

Rubin James Yi McClain, University of Glasgow (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Can a Slave Serve Two Masters? Jointly Owned Slaves in Documentary Papyri and the Gospels*

Afetame Alabi, KU Leuven (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Social Implications of the Parable of the Wedding Banquet in Matthew 22:1–14*

Andrew Bowden, University of Mainz (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Greek Shorthand and the New Testament*

Joshua Gene Parker, University of Cambridge (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Impact of Hellenistic Empires (1)**

**Session 3.1.12.**

**Session title: Law and Agency**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Benedikt Eckhardt, University of Edinburgh

*Introduction: Law and Empire*

Kimberley Czajkowski, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*(In)Justice(s) in the Ptolemaic Administration*

Davis Hankins, Appalachian State University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Indigenous and Foreign Experiences with Ptolemaic Legal Structures in the Southern Levant*

Brennan William Breed, Columbia Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Regulations Attested at Qumran as Cross-Cultural Performance*  
Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Paul in Light of Roman Law*  
Eve-Marie Becker, University of Münster (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–10:00 AM**

**Intersections: A Forum for Research on Ancient Israel, Hebrew Bible, and Cognate Topics**  
**(4) Session 3.1.13.**

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**Room:**

*Chair:* Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute

*"Like a Woman in Labour": Exploitation of the Pregnant Female Body Then and Now* (via Zoom)

Karen Langton, University of Houston (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Surviving Instead of Dying: Rabbinic Exceptions* (via Zoom)

Karin Hügel, University of Amsterdam (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Ambiguity on the Level of the Plain Sense in Rashi's Commentaries on the Bible*  
Jonathan Jacobs, Bar-Ilan University and Jonathan Grossman, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**10:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**"Literary Features" – Fact or Fiction (2)** **Session 3.1.14.**  
**Session title: Women's Songs in the Hebrew Bible**

**Room:**

*Chair:* tbc

*Unmuting Self: A New Perspective on Hannah's Prayers*  
Young Gil Lee, University of Sheffield (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*How to Read the Song of Miriam (Exodus 15:20–21) as a Literary Poem during the Time of War in the Ukraine*  
Susanne Scholz, SMU Perkins School of Theology (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Whereabouts of Women's Songs in the Hebrew Bible: A Spatial Analysis* (via Zoom)  
Karolien Vermeulen, University of Antwerp (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Israel in the Ancient Near East (2) Session 3.1.15.**

**Session title: The Second Millennium in the First: Evidence from the Ancient Near East**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Anna Elise Zerneck, University of Kiel

*The Temple of 'Ain Dara from a Hittite Perspective*  
Amir Gilan, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Tradition, Continuity, and Identity in Assyria: A Sociological and Anthropological Interpretation of the ubāna tarāšu and the appa labānu Gestures*  
Ludovico Portuese, University of Messina (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Evolution of an Aphorism over Two Millennia: From the 2nd-Millennium Cuneiform Scribal Schools to a Demotic Sapiential Text*  
Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Inheritance through Ancestors in the Second- and First-Millennium Levant*  
Dylan Robert Johnson, Cardiff University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Jacob and Edom*  
Dan'el Kahn, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Joseph Cycle from an Egyptological Perspective: Multi-layered Story or Diaspora Novella?*  
Nili Shupak, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**Lived Scriptures in Late Antiquity (1)**

**Session 3.1.16.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Outi Lehtipuu, University of Helsinki

Introduction (5 min)

*The Bible in Late Antique Egyptian Amulets and Magical Handbooks*  
Joseph Emanuel Sanzo, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Healing for Health or Another Purpose? Medical Amulets with Biblical Content in Late Antiquity*  
Nils H. Korsvoll, Agder University (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

*Biblical and Para-Biblical Scenes in Roman Catacomb Art*

Nicola Denzey Lewis, Claremont Graduate University (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Acts of Thekla as Scripture in Syriac Manuscripts*

Jacob Lollar, Abilene Christian University (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 PM**

**Material Culture of the Southern Levant**

**Session 3.1.17.**

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**Room:**

*Chairs:* Fabio Porzia, National Research Council of Italy and Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal

*Introduction: The Meaning of Material Culture in Biblical Scholarship and Beyond*

Fabio Porzia, National Research Council of Italy and Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal (30 min)

*Comparing Anthropophagically*

Silas Klein Cardoso, University of Bern (25 min)

Discussion (5min)

*The Rhetorical Effect of Materiality in a Text: Money, Exchange, and Writing in the Field Purchase of Jeremiah 32*

Lyndon Drake, University of Oxford (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

*Material and Linguistic Signs: Semiotic Networks of Lineage in Sam'al*

Regine Hunziker-Rodewald, University of Strasbourg and Andrei Aioanei, University of Strasbourg (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Tel 'Eton Cemetery and the Development of Judahite Burial Practices*

Eyal Baruch, Bar-Ilan University and James Mclellan, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Minority and Postcolonialism Criticism (2)**

**Session 3.1.18.**

**Session title: Exegetical Exploration and Hermeneutical Approaches**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Mireia Vidal i Quintero, Edinburgh University

*“Zacchaeus Moment” as a Theological Paradigm for Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Apartheid: An Imperial-Critical Reading*

Kenosi Patson Motuku, University of Pretoria (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Ethnonationalist Interpretative Schema of Western Readers of Ruth*

Gregory L. Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*When Women Fail Women: A Hybridized Postcolonial Reading of Lydia’s Collaboration in Acts 16:11–18 (via Zoom)*

Julia Mayo, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Don’t Touch My Hair: A Feminist Nigerian/British Reading of the Woman who Washed Jesus’ Feet with Her Hair in Luke 7:36–50*

Olabisi Obamakin, University of Exeter (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“Then the Woman Left her Water Jar”: Engaging Hybridity, Liminality and the Invisiblised Samaritan Woman in John 4 from an Asian Immigrant Perspective*

Edward Wong, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Open Forum for New Testament and Early Christian Studies (3)                      Session 3.1.19.**

**Session title: Pauline Letters**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Valérie Nicolet, Protestant Faculty of Theology of Paris

*Profiling Satan(s): Satanology in Paul*

Daniel Lam, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Paul's Persuasion of the Thessalonians: A Text Centered Rhetorical Analysis of 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5 (via Zoom)*

Hendrik Johannes Prinsloo, University of the Free State (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Who is Hungry? Recognizing Poverty in 1 Cor 11:17–34 and in Biblical Studies*

Linda Joelsson, University of Oslo (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Non-Christian Jews as ἐχθροί in Romans 11:28a: Hostile to Paul, Not Enemies of Israel's God or the Gospel*

Jonathan Soyars, Westminster College, Cambridge (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**8:30 AM–11:30 AM**

**Scribes and Scribal Groups in the Early Second Temple Period (3)                      Session 3.1.20.**

**Session title: Case Studies: Pentateuch–Prophets**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch and Katharina Pyschny, University of Graz

*The Utopia about the Unity of Israel and Judah in the Prophets, and the Scribal Group(s) at the Origin of this Literary Development*

Dany Nocquet, Protestant Institute of Theology, Montpellier (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Anti-Diaspora Scribal Group and the Formation of the Wilderness Narrative*

Kishiya Hidaka, University of Zürich (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Scribes of Isaiah and the Torah*

Reinhard Achenbach, University of Münster (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Jewish Scribal Theology and the Assembly of the Pentateuch*

Taylor Gray, Penn State University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Concluding discussion (15 min)

Total 180 min

**8:30 AM–11:00 AM**

**Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions (3)**

**Session 3.1.21.**

**Session title: Biblical Paraphrases and Visual Narratives in *Slavia Orthodoxa***

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ewelina Drzewiecka, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/Polish Academy of Sciences

*The Icon of the Virgin the Infallible Rock from Chilandar and Mosaic Themes in Serbian Medieval Literature and Art*

Jelena Erdeljan, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Dragon and the Crucifixion: Iconographic Interpretation and Development of a Theme in the Art of the Early Modern Balkans*

Vuk Filip Dautovic, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Vision of the Prophet Ezekiel on the River Chebar and Its Iconography in Visual Culture of the Roman Empire and Slavia Orthodoxa in the Middle Ages* (via Zoom)

Ljubica Vinulovic, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Overcoming the Fear of Bodily Resurrection: Shedding New Light on Certain Iconographic Features of Biblical Retellings in the Late Medieval Balkans* (via Zoom)

Jakov Đorđević, University of Belgrade (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Total 150 min

**8:30 AM–10:30 AM**

**Textual Criticism of the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Qur'an (3)**

**Session 3.1.22.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Theodora Panella, KU Leuven

*The Text of Romans in Sinai Arabic New Finds Parchment 60: A New Methodology for Establishing Vorlagen*

Duane McCrory, University of Birmingham (20 min)

*Who Wrote the Gospels? Developing the Evangelists' Identities through the Manuscript Tradition*

Martina Vercesi, University of Glasgow (20 min)

*"Flattening" in Greek Patristic Biblical Citations*

David Kim, KU Leuven (20 min)

*Hosea 6:1–2 in the Septuagint and Old Latin: Shorter Forms and Textual Fluidity*

Alfio Giuseppe Catalano, Pontifical Biblical Institute (20 min)

*Giving and Finding "Provisions" in the Greek Bible: A Study on the Term ἐπισπισμός*

Beatrice Bonanno, UCLouvain (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Total 120 min

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Animals and the Bible (2)**

**Session 3.2.1.**

**Session title: Animals in the Hebrew Bible**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Peter Atkins, University of Edinburgh

*The Cherub in Exile: A Consideration of Cherubic Animality in Biblical and Targumic Sources*  
Megan R. Remington, The University of California, Los Angeles (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Metaphors for Evil or Awe-Inspiring Divine Creatures? The Rendering of Animal Names in the Targum to Job*  
Hanneke Van Der Schoor, KU Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Camel on the Journey in the Hebrew and Greek Bible*  
Miroslava Cilová, Jagiellonian University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Equids, Masculinity, and the Perfect Body in the Stories of Absalom and Mephibosheth*  
Suzanna Millar, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“... But They are Exceedingly Wise” (Proverbs 30:24b): Animals and the Book of Proverbs*  
Frederique Dominique Dantonel, University of Frankfurt (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Anthropology and the Bible (2)**

**Session 3.2.2.**

**Session title: Aspects of Patronage in Biblical Literature and in the Levant**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Emanuel Pfoh, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Argentina)/University of Helsinki, and Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Oslo

Welcome and Introduction (5 min)

*Remarks on Patronage, the History of the Southern Levant and the Hebrew Bible*  
Emanuel Pfoh, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Argentina)/University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Patronage, Forced Labor, and Social Distinction in the Persian Levant*  
Jason M. Silverman, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Nehemiah's Feasting and Commensal Politics in Persian Palestine*  
Kacper Ziembra, University of Copenhagen (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Patronage, Hospitality and Masculinity in the Hebrew Bible*  
Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Oslo (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (35 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Biblical Theological Investigations into the Attributes of God (3)                      Session 3.2.3.**

**Session Title: The Epistles**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Francois Viljoen, North-West University

*Lived Experiences of the "Wisdom of God" according to 1 Corinthians 2 (via Zoom)*

Dirk Gysbert Van Der Merwe, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*“God Chose What is Low and Despised in the World”*: God’s Wisdom as a Challenge to Reformed and Evangelical Reflection on Divine Election

Pieter Dirk Dekker, Free University of Amsterdam (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*South Africa is in Need of God’s Wisdom: Reading 1 Corinthians and James*

Elma Cornelius, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*A Theological Reflection on How the “Wisdom of God” Translates into the Life of a Believer: Reflecting on James 1:1–8* (via Zoom)

Martin Pohlmann, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*God Knows All: The Echo of Deuteronomy 29:29 in Hebrews 4:13*

Albert Johannes Coetsee, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Prescience of Commandments* (via Zoom)

Sergey Malakhov (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Bodies of Communication (3)**

**Session 3.2.4.**

**Session title: Body, Expression and Interiority**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Liverpool Hope University

*Body Images of Greed in the Hebrew Bible, Starting from Job 20*

Rebekka Rürger, University of Vienna (20 min)

*God's Nose in LXX-Pentateuch: An Anthropomorphism Avoided or Metaphor Installed?*  
Ellen Ruth Delphine De Doncker, UCLouvain (20 min)

*Tactile Sociality: Hugs and Kisses from the Hebrew Bible to Hellenistic Jewish Literature*  
Francoise Mirguet, Arizona State University (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Break (30 min)

*Melting Like Wax: Bodily Fluidity and Boundedness in the Poetry of the Hebrew Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls*  
Eleanor Vivian, University of Birmingham (20 min)

*Corporeal Metaphors of Sin in the New Testament: How do Biblical Texts Conceptualise the Notion of Sin Based on the Human Body?*  
Rafał Strugiński, The Catholic Academy in Warsaw (20 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Citations and Allusions in the Hebrew Bible (3)** **Session 3.2.5.**  
**Session title: Leviticus and Numbers**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Walter Bühner, Ruhr-University Bochum, Friedrich-Emanuel Focken, University of Heidelberg and Joachim J. Krause, Ruhr-University Bochum

*The Textual and Literary Development of Exodus 38:1–7 (Bronze Altar), and Numbers 16–17 (Rebellion of Kore's Sons)*  
Domenico Lo Sardo, Pontifical University of Antonianum (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Unfolding of the Divine Presence in the Priestly Passages of the Pentateuch and the Book of Ezekiel*  
Lars Maskow, University of Münster (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Reuse of Ritual Expressions from Leviticus in Numbers*  
Christophe L. Nihan, University of Münster (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Subversion Through Allusion: Samuel's Call to Prophecy (1 Samuel 3 and Numbers 12)*  
Hananel Shapira, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Sourced Authority: The Sihon Tradition and the Use of Citations to Provide External Justification*  
Jordan Davis, University of Oldenburg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Re-evaluating "The Book of the Wars of YHWH" (Numbers 21:14) in Light of Citation Formulae* (via Zoom)  
Itai Kagan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:25 PM**

**Developing Exegetical Methods**

**Session 3.2.6.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal

*Introduction*

Thomas Wagner, University of Wuppertal (5 min)

*The Tradition-Critical Role of the Historical-Critical Exegesis* (via Zoom)  
Raik Heckl, University of Leipzig (20 min)

*Reception-Oriented Exegesis as Part of Critical Biblical Scholarship* (via Zoom)  
Detlef Dieckmann, Ruhr-University Bochum (20 min)

*Historical-Critical and Canonical Approaches in Light of New and Ancient Commentaries on the Book of Job* (via Zoom)  
Tobias Häner, Cologne University of Catholic Theology (20 min)

*Trends in Intertextuality of Job: The Past, the Present, and the Future*  
Yasir Saleem, University of Vienna (20 min)

Break (30 min)

*Legal Authorization at the Interfaces of Law and Narrative in Light of Textual History: Exodus 20:22 and Exodus 23:20–33 (via Zoom)*  
Amrei Koch, University of Halle (20 min)

*The Prophetic and the Mosaic Dimension of Genesis 6:1–4*  
Martin Nitsche, University of Frankfurt (20 min)

*Collocational Analysis and Distant Reading*  
Johan De Jood, KU Leuven (20 min)

Final Discussion (30 min)

Total 205 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Graeco-Roman Society and the New Testament (3) Session 3.2.7.**

**Session title: Jewish and Christian Communities: Cultural Intersections and Social Profiles (2)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Patrick Hommel, Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel

*Rescued from the Margins: Reversing the Exclusion of Paroikoi and Parepidemoi in Graeco-Roman Society and 1 Peter 2:11*  
Noel Cheong, University of Oxford (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Tracing Travellers through Their Discarded Items: A Gendered, Viewer-Centered Approach to Corinthian Small Finds*  
Jorunn Okland, Norwegian Institute at Athens (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Tracing Down Hybridity with the Help of Epigraphy: The Case of Roman Philippi*  
Ekaterini Tsalamponi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Human and the Divine: Images of Adam/Eve and Jesus/Mary on Early Christian Sarcophagi from an Intersectional Perspective*  
Sarah Hollaender, University of Graz (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Impact of Hellenistic Empires (2)**

**Session 3.2.8.**

**Session title: Law and Institutions**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Sylvie Honigman, Tel Aviv University

*Κληρουχία, a Greek Institution in the Hellenistic East: A Reappraisal of Practices of Land Distribution in Asia*

Lorenzo Paoletti, Università di Bologna (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Notaries in Hellenistic Babylonia*

Johannes Hackl, University of Jena (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Ethnic Politeumata: A Mutually Beneficial Arrangement for Kings and Subjects in the Legal Landscape of Second-Century BC Egypt*

Christelle Fischer-Bovet, University of South California (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Spot the Difference: The Sidonians in Shechem and the Antiochians in Jerusalem*

Benedikt Eckhardt, University of Edinburgh (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–5:00 PM**

**Israel in the Ancient Near East (3)**

**Session 3.2.9.**

**Session title: The Levant between East and West**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Amir Gilan, Tel Aviv University

*Ritual Laws in Leviticus and Recently Published Greek Inscriptions*  
Guy Darshan, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Pygmalion and His Statue: A Euhemeristic Myth in Greco-Phoenician Cyprus?*  
Carolina López-Ruiz, University of Chicago (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Vergil's Eclogue 4 as a Levantine Poem*  
Andrea Rotstein, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Phoenician Music between East and West: Patterns of Evidence*  
John Franklin, University of Vermont (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 120 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Lived Scriptures in Late Antiquity (2)**

**Session 3.2.10.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Hanna Tervanotko, MacMaster University

*Epistolary Leadership: Paul in Reception*  
Eve-Marie Becker, University of Münster (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Consuetudo and Comprehendenda: Jerome's Demands on the Biblical Text*  
Daniel Schmitz, University of Wuppertal (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Justin Martyr and the Epistle of Barnabas Negotiating Scriptural Authority*  
Katja Kujanpää, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Encountering Scripture Through Origen's Bookish Homilies (via Zoom)*  
Miriam De Cock, Dublin City University (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (10 min)

Total 210 min

**5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Medicine, Sciences and Knowledge in Biblical and Talmudic Traditions (5)**

**Session 3.2.11.**

**Medical Terminology, Semantics and Concepts in and between Ancient Texts and Cultures**

**Room:**

*Chair:* TBC

*Between the Sacred and the Profane: "Epilepsy" in the Babylonian Talmud and the Greco-Roman Medical System*  
Eleonora Serra, University of Lausanne (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Deity, Doctors, and Divination in the Greek Pentateuch: Lexicography and Semantics*  
Jose Alberto Paredes, Reformed Theological Seminary (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*New Light on Some Mandaean Medical Concepts*  
Matthew Morgenstern, Tel Aviv University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**3:00 PM–4:20 PM**

**Minority and Postcolonialism Criticism (3)**

**Session 3.2.12.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Daniel Lam, University of Edinburgh

*Criticism in Times of Global Transition*

Fernando Segovia, Vanderbilt University (40 min)

Response (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Total 80 min

**5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Slavonic Apocrypha (6)**

**Session 3.2.13.**

**Session title: Old Polish Apocrypha (Project of the Department of Polish and Classic Philology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Ljubica Jovanovic, American Public University System

*Apocrypha: A Tool for the Study of Medieval Polish Biblical Apocryphal Narratives*

Dorota Rojszczak Robinska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Letter of Lentulus: One Text, Various Editions (via Zoom)*

Olga Ziolkowska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Discussion (10 min)

*Conversations between Jesus and Mary in Przemyśl Meditation, the Biggest Polish Apocrypha: Naive Folklore or Theological Content?*

Zofia Brylka, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 90 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Miracles and Paradoxography in Biblical Reception from Late Antiquity**

**Session 3.2.14.**

**Session title: Paradoxography, Ethnography, and Heresiography**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Monika Amsler, University of Bern

*The Ethnography of Deviance in Socrates of Constantinople's Ecclesiastical History*

Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, Amherst College (30 min)

*"The Most Ridiculous of All": John of Damascus on the Ishmaelites and the Co-production of Heresy and Orthodoxy*

Katharina Heyden, University of Bern (30 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Paradoxography, Gospels, and Acts**

*Chair:* Maureen Attali, University of Bern

*The "Miracle-Mongers": The Gospels at the Edges of Empire (via Zoom)*

Robyn Faith Walsh, University of Miami (30 min)

*Peter's Thaumaturgic Development from Observer to Performer (via Zoom)*

Carl Johan Berglund, Åbo Akademi University (30 min)

*Context and Purpose of Dog-Headed People in Late-Antique Apostle Acts*

Monika Amsler, University of Bern (30 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Open Forum for New Testament and Early Christian Studies (4)**

**Session 3.2.15.**

**Session title: Community and Family**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Karin Berber Neutel, Umeå University

*"Have but Have Not": 1 Corinthians 7 and Ethical Paradox*

Annalisa Phillips Wilson, University of Cambridge (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*A Temporal Frame for God's Fatherhood and the Giving of the Spirit*  
Jonas Müller, University of Munich (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Orphans are Dying! A Rhetorical Investigation of the Gendered and Economic Construction of Orphans Intersecting in Epistle of James*  
Jacobie M Helena Visser, University of Stellenbosch/Free University of Amsterdam (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*Marriage, Age, and Sexuality in Babrius's Fables and in Early Christian and Rabbinic Parables*  
Albertina Oegema, University of Mainz (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Earthly Paternity of Zechariah and Joseph in the Service of the Narrative and Theological Plan of Lukan Work: Characterization of Two Characters from Luke 1–2*  
Krzysztof Wojciech Mielcarek, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Perceptions and Receptions of Persia (PERSIAS) (2)** **Session 3.2.16.**

**Session title: Ancient Jewish Memories of Achaemenid Persia (2)**

**Room:**

*Chairs:* Jason Mokhtarian, Cornell University and Kristin Joachimsen MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

*Jerusalem's Second Temple Officials within their Persian Setting*  
Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Remembering the Achaemenids in the Character of Nehemiah (via Zoom)*  
Deirdre Noelle Fulton, Baylor University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Imagining Power and Kingship in 1 Esdras*

Maximilian Häberlein, University of Würzburg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Presence and Absence: The Case of Nehemiah in the Second Temple Period*

Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

Total 180 min

**3:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Textual Criticism of the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Qur'an (4)**

**Session 3.2.17.**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Alba Fedeli, University of Hamburg

*Interconnections between 2 Thessalonians and the Other New Testament Books*

Theodora Panella, KU Leuven (20 min)

*New Insights on the History of Catenaes on Acts: The Contribution of Parisinus gr. 237*

Emanuele Scieri, University of Birmingham (20 min)

*The Text of 1 Corinthians in the Anti-Arian Works of Augustine of Hippo*

Michal Jan Marszalek, KU Leuven (20 min)

*Reading Ezra 22:16a and Psalm 82:8b in Light of One Another*

Giorgio Paolo Campi, University of Bologna (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

*The Hidden Text within the St-Germain Psalter*

Oliver Norris, University of Birmingham (20 min)

*Recentiora non semper deteriora: Ms Ra 460 as Witness of the Antiochene Text*

Pablo Torijano, Complutense University of Madrid (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Total 150 min

**3:00 PM–5:05 PM**

**The Bible in Ukraine: History, Language and Topicality (2)** **Session 3.2.18.**

**Session title:**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Jerzy Ostapczuk, Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw

*The Biblical Pericopes in the Didactic Gospel of Trankvilion-Stavrovec'kyj*

Thomas Karl Daiber, University of Giessen (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Early Printed Books with the Gospel Text Issued in the Lands of Contemporary Ukraine*

Jerzy Ostapczuk, Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Slavia Unita: Interpreting the Decalogue in the Basilian Moral Theologies*

Joanna Getka, University of Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Church Slavonic and Old Ukrainian Biblical Literature at the Kyiv Theological Academy (19<sup>th</sup> Early 20th Century): Textual "Presence" and the Research Problem*

Serhii Holovashchenko, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Hebrew Studies and the Bible in Ukraine: A Historical Overview and Development Prospects*

Dmytro Tsolin, Ukrainian Catholic University (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 125 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Dead Sea Scrolls (2–3)** **Session 3.2.19.**

**Session title: Archaeology of Qumran and Other Judean Desert Sites**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Jessi Orpana, University of Copenhagen

*The Numismatic Corpus from Qumran*

Bruno Callegher, University of Trieste (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*A Query Over the Dating of Some Jewish Legal Documents from the Caves of Refuge in the Judean Desert*

Helen R. Jacobus, University of Manchester (25 min)

Discussion (5 min) with Fiona Brock, Cranfield University ([via Zoom](#))

*Microhistory in Murabba'at*

Joshua Gene Parker, University of Cambridge (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*Cult Practice at Qumran: The Reinterpretation of the Archaeological Findings and Its Consequences*

Florian Oepping, Osnabrück University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Dead Sea Scrolls**

*Chair:* Amanda Davis Bledsoe, University of Munich

*A King in Qumran: 4Q448 and Hasmonean Court Literature*

Rotem Avneri Meir, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

*The Daniel Court Tales in Their Qumran Aramaic Context*

Robert E. Jones, Penn State University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Total 210 min

**3:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**The Book of Jeremiah (3–4)**

**Session 3.2.20.**

**Session title: Papers on Jeremiah 7 and Text Formation**

**Room:**

*Chair:* Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute

*Why Does Jeremiah Bring Up Shiloh?*  
Yigal Levin, Bar-Ilan University (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Jeremiah 7:1–15: Another Look at the History of Its Composition*  
Ronnie Goldstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Deuteronomy 28 and Jeremiah: Examining Their Relationship in Light of the LXX and Other Ancient Witnesses* (via Zoom)  
Jean Maurais, Faculty of Evangelical Theology (Montréal) (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Text of Jeremiah: Jeremiah 40–43 MT/G in the Light of 2 Kings 25:22–26* (via Zoom)  
Henk de Waard, Theological University of Apeldoorn (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Final discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

**Session title: Jeremiah's intertexts**

*Chair:* Cyprien Comte, Catholic Institute of Toulouse

*Praying with the Torah: Leviticus 26:40–45 in Jeremiah 14:19–22*  
Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*"A Vision of Their Own Mind": Visionary Experience and Prophetic Authenticity in Jeremiah 23*  
John Ritzema, King's College London (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*The Book of Jeremiah as Meta-text*

Georg Fischer, University of Innsbruck (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Final discussion (30 min)

Total 210 min