

Special Sessions and Events

Plenary Sessions

MONDAY, 18 July

Plenary Session 1 (12:40 – 1:30 PM)
MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula)

Chair: Joseph Verheyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Christianity, Judaism and the Birth of Islam in Late Antique Arabia
Willy Clarysse, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

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WEDNESDAY, 20 July

Plenary Session 2 (12:40 – 1:30 PM)
MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula)

Chair: Florentino García Martínez, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven/ Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

The Transformation of the Self and Practices of Reading
Hindy Najman, University of Oxford

The present state of biblical studies invites us to pay attention to the traditional processes that encompass both textual formation and textual interpretation, as well as a variety of individual and communal practices involving texts. These past and fragmentary witnesses to the vitality of textual traditions can be studied in different ways. This plenary lecture goes back to Nietzsche and the Dead Sea Scrolls, discusses the transformative experience in the philological practice, and proposes ways of reading which focus on the reciprocal transformation of text and self.

EABS Business Meeting & Meeting for EABS Research Unit Chairs

TUESDAY, 19 July

EABS 2016 BUSINESS MEETING (12:40 – 2:10 PM)

MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula)

All EABS members are invited (sandwich lunch will be provided).
The agenda of the Business Meeting as well as other documents in preparation for the meeting have been posted online.

EABS 2016 RESEARCH UNITS CHAIRS' MEETING (6:45-7:30 PM)

COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal)

All the current chairs of EABS research groups and workshops as well as those planning to set up a new EABS research unit are invited.

Graduate Student Network Dinner

MONDAY, 18 July

Venue: Balls & Glory Restaurant (Tiensestraat 31, Leuven): ballsnglory.be

Meeting point: conference registration desk (8 PM)

All student members of the EABS are cordially invited to come along to the graduate network dinner. Please note that you need to register in advance via our online store.

Special exhibit at the Maurits Sabbe Library

The Maurits Sabbe Library, the library of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies has organized a special exhibit at the occasion of the EABS and IOQS meetings which focuses on its greatest artistic treasure, the Anjou Bible. This exhibit can be found in the foyer of the library, De Beriotstraat 26, 3000 Leuven (please follow the signs in the conference site in Maria Theresia College). The exhibit is open daily between 9 am and 6 pm.

Other special sessions

MONDAY, 18 July**Room: MTC 00.07****Digital Humanities Workshop: Mapping Digital Tools and Practices in Biblical Studies (2:15 – 4:30 PM)**

Peter Phillips, Durham University and Claire Clivaz, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

Biblical Scholarship in the Early Modern Era (4:45 – 6:20 PM)*Chair:* Wim François, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*Erasmus and Luther as Interpreters of the Scriptures*

Gergely Juhász, Liverpool Hope University (25 min)

Franciscus Toletus (1532-96) on John 17 and Humanity's Contribution in the Economy of Salvation and the Inspiration of Scripture

Luke Murray, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven /Ave Maria University (25 min)

Between Sanctity and Pantheism: Moses and Spinoza

Abraham Mounitz, Zefat Academic College (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

TUESDAY, 19 July**Room: COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal)****Book presentation (9-10 PM)**

Reimund Bieringer, Barbara Baert & Karlijn Demasure (eds.), *Noli me tangere in Interdisciplinary Perspective: Textual, Iconographic and Contemporary Interpretations* (Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium, 283), Leuven - Paris - Bristol, CT: Peeters, 2016

Followed by a reception.

THURSDAY, 21 July

Antwerp and the Bible (9:30-11 AM)

Special Session organised by the Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp

Please note that this session is part of the post-conference trip to Antwerp, for which you need to register separately. The venue is: Elzenveld, Lange Gasthuisstraat 45, 2000 Antwerp. For more details, see the EABS website. (If you would like to attend the session, but have not registered for the trip, please inquire at the conference registration desk.)

Session programme

Welcome

Vivian Liska, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp

Venice-Istanbul-Antwerp-Leiden-London: A Tale of Two Polyglot Bibles

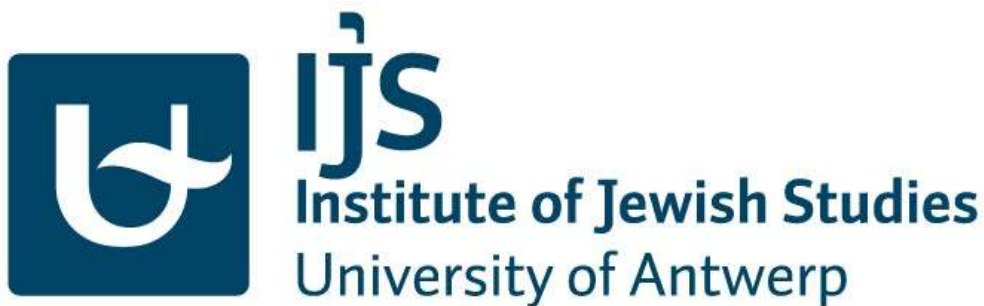
Theodor Dunkelgrün, University of Cambridge

Paratexts from the Earliest Mikra'ot Gedolot

Hans van Nes, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp

At Home in Biblical and Antwerp City Poems

Karolien Vermeulen, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp



Conference Programme

Sunday, 17 July, Opening Session and Reception: 6-9 PM

Venue: Promotion Hall (Session) and Jubilee Hall (Reception), University Hall

Welcome by the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies:
Mathijs Lamberigts, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Welcome by the chair of the local organising team:
Reimund Bieringer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, EABS Past President

Welcome on behalf of EABS:
Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Liverpool Hope University, EABS Acting Executive Officer

Welcome on behalf of IOQS:
Eibert Tigchelaar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, IOQS Secretary

EABS Opening Address:
Joshua as a Case Study for Constraints, Preferences, Balances and Flexibility within the Memory System of the Literati of the Late Persian Period
Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, EABS President

IOQS Opening Address:
'It's the Economy, Stupid' - Reflections on the Qumran Knowledge Economy
Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham

Presentation of the 2016 EABS Student Prizes

Presentation of the 2016 EABS Research Grants

Reception sponsored by Peeters Publishers

All EABS & IOQS members registered for the conference, together with their accompanying persons, are welcome to attend the reception.

Monday, 18 July, Morning Sessions: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 10:15 to 11:15 AM

Room MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

IOQS Halakha and Halakhic Texts 1

Session 1.1.1

Chair: Eibert Tigchelaar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Second Temple Jewish Law in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Widening the Paradigm
Lawrence Schiffman, New York University (60 min)

Politics and Halakhah: The Red Heifer Controversy Reconsidered
Vered Noam, Tel Aviv University (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Common Samaritan and Qumran Rules a Plausible Guideline of Circumstances in Pre-70 Judah
Paul Heger, University of Toronto (30 min)

Rethinking the Relationship Between Chronicles and the Temple Scroll
Molly Zahn, University of Kansas (30 min)

A Comparative Study of Legal and Magical Texts from Qumran and Maresha
Esther Eshel, Bar-Ilan University (30 min)

Room MTC 01.03:

9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Qumran, Its Hellenistic Context, and the Jewish-Greek Literature of Its Time
Workshop 1

Session 1.1.2

Chair: Brad Embry, Regent University (5 min)

Hellenism and the Qumran Calendars: Factoring in Cultural Theory of Transmission
Helen R. Jacobus, University College London (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Does the Hebrew Word Maskîl Stand Behind the Use of Epistatês in Luke?: Short Reflections on Hebrew-Greek Linguistic Relationship around the Beginning of the Roman Imperial Period.

Patrick Pouchelle, Centres Sèvres, Paris (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

The Literary Growth of Canticles in the Hasmonean Period

Torleif Elgvin, NLA University College, Oslo (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

A Hellenistic and Philosophical Context for 4QInstruction

Hindy Najman, University of Oxford (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula):

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Digital Humanities in Biblical Studies, Early Jewish and Christian Studies

Session 1.1.3

Chair: Claire Clivaz, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

The Power of Visual Culture and The Fragility of the Text

Peter Phillips, Durham University (23 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Ancient Jew Review: Traversing Boundaries in the Digital Age

Krista Dalton, Columbia University (23 min)

Discussion (7 min)

The Accentuation of יָ: Towards a Better Understanding of the Biblical Accentual System

David H. Van Acker, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (23 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Break (60 min!! – due to a recent cancellation)

Two B Scribes in Codex Sinaiticus?

Dan Batovici, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (23 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Project TARSIAN: Using an Open Source Visualization Tool to Edit a 1000 Years Old Arabic NT Manuscript

Sara Schulthess, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics/Université de Lausanne (23 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Room MTC 00.07:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Europe Contested: Contemporary Bible Readings Performed by ‘Ordinary’ Readers in a European Context **Session 1.1.4**

Session topic: Taking an “ethnographic turn” in developing “ordinary” European contextual interpretations of the Bible.

Chair: Tiffany Webster, University of Sheffield / Liverpool John Moores University

Sociological Method and Qualitative Research on Bible Encounters: Mobile Texts, Resonating Texts, Litmus Texts and the Continuity of Purpose with Biblical Studies

David Chalcraft, Liverpool John Moores University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Nonreligious Men Reading the Bible: The Influence of Social Location and Selective Attention

David George Ford, Durham University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

“I Stopped Listening to any Teaching”: Disability Theology and ‘Ordinary’ Disabled Readers of the Bible in the UK

Naomi Lawson Jacobs, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Peter-Ben Smit, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam / Universiteit Utrecht

The Folk Bible: The Flood Saga (Noah and his Offspring)
Florentina Badalanova Geller, Freie Universität Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

More Equal than Others: An Intersectional Engagement with the So-Called 'Ordinary Reader'

Charlene van der Walt, Stellenbosch University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Living and Working at the Coalface: Exploring the Harm and Trauma a Researcher May Experience When "Reading With" Members of Their Own Community

Tiffany Webster, University of Sheffield / Liverpool John Moores University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

9:00 AM - 12:10 PM

Deconstructive Poetics 1

Session 1.1.5

Session topic: **Experiments in Biblical Poetics, in honour of J.P. Fokkelman**

Chairs: Francis Landy, University of Alberta and Hannah M. Strømmen, University of Chichester

Unlikely Bedfellows: Fokkelman, Cixous and the Dream of Interpretation

Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Space in the Crack: Reading Psalm 137 with Jan Fokkelman

Karolien Vermeulen, Universiteit Antwerpen (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Jonah and the Sense of an Ending

Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

“Who do you say that I am?” Deconstructing a Religious Question via the Iconographic Tradition and a Post-Secular Transfiguration
Andrew P. Wilson, Mount Allison University (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Diachronic Poetology of the Hebrew Bible and Related Ancient Near Eastern and Ancient Jewish Literature 1 **Session 1.1.6**

Session topic: **The Poetological Reconstruction of Psalm 2**

Chair: Urmas Nõmmik, University of Tartu (5 min)

The Poetic Structure of Psalm 2 and the Redactional Layers of the Psalter – An Attempt

Johannes Schnocks, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (30 min)

Nations, Peoples, Kings, and Rulers: All the Voices in Psalm 2 from a Text World Perspective

Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (30 min)

The Structure of Psalm 2

Viktor Golinets, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Considerations on the Form and Formation of the Psalm 2

Reettakaisa Sofia Salo, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (30 min)

General discussion (55 min)

Room MTC 00.59:

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Early Judaism and Rabbinics 1 **Session 1.1.7.1**

Session topic: **Content, Composition and Biblical Interpretation in Late Homiletic Midrash I**

Chair: Adiel Kadari, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Introduction: "The Art of Composition" Revisited
Moshe Lavee, University of Haifa (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Rotten Fish in Homiletical and Exegetical Midrashim: The Journey of a Tannaitic Mashal

Lieve Teugels, Universiteit Utrecht (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Redactor's Invisible Hand in Pesikta de-Rav Kahana

Arnon Atzmon, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Early Judaism and Rabbinics 2

Session 1.1.7.2

Session topic: **Content, Composition and Biblical Interpretation in Late Homiletic Midrash II: Seder Eliyahu**

Chair: Lieve Teugels, Universiteit Utrecht

"Words differently arranged have a different meaning..." (Blaise Pascal): Aspects of Composition and Contextualization in a 'Late Midrash'

Ulrich Berzbach, Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium, Bergisch Gladbach (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

On the Conception of Exegesis in Seder Eliyahu: Ideology, Composition, and Exegetical Technique

Adiel Kadari, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Moral Exegesis? – Hermeneutic and Exegetical Strategies in Seder Eliyahu

Lennart Lehmhaus, Freie Universität Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Developing Exegetical Methods

Session 1.1.8

Session topic: **Between Form Criticism and Tradition History**

Chair: Thomas Wagner, Bergische Universität Wuppertal

From the 'Sitz im Leben' towards the Conventions of the Communication Process

Raik Heckl, Universität Leipzig (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Psalm 55 and New Form-Criticism

Erhard S. Gerstenberger, Philipps-Universität Marburg (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Performance as a Form Critical Category?

Matthias Hopf, Augustana-Hochschule Neuendettelsau (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Raik Heckl, Universität Leipzig

Long-Distance Relationships: A Methodological Problem

Anna Elise Zerneck, Universität Bern (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Ezekiel's Call Narrative as Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel: Observations on the Development of Genre Criticism

Friedrich-Emanuel Focken, Universität Heidelberg (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

How a Form Forms a Form

Thomas Wagner, Bergische Universität Wuppertal (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Book of Proverbs

Session 1.1.9

Session topic: **The Proverbs 'Collection': Unity and Diversity**

Chairs: Katharine Dell, University of Cambridge and Tova Forti, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (5 min)

The Collections within Proverbs: An Inter-Curricular Unity?
Christopher Ansberry, Oakhill College, London (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Metaphors in Proverbs: A Bridge among the Collections
Sergio Rotasperti, Herz-Jesu-Kloster, Freiburg (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

A Didactic Introduction for Theological Presuppositions: References to the Lord in Proverbs 1-9 and 10:1-22:16

Arthur Keefer, University of Cambridge (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Listen with (and to) Mother: Relational Wisdom in Proverbs?
Peter Hatton, Bristol Baptist College (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Collection Coherence in Proverbs and Lexicographical Classification
Bálint Károly Zabán, Hungarian Reformed Church (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

9:00 - 10:30 AM

The Biblical World and Its Reception

Session 1.1.10.1

Session topic: **The Bible and WWI**

Chair: Matthew A. Collins, University of Chester

Idolaters, Barbarians, and Baby-killers: Reading the Imprecatory Psalms and the Great War

Andrew Mein, Westcott House, Cambridge (30 min)

Half the Seed of Europe One by One: Recontextualizing an Old Parable

Emmanuel Nathan, Australian Catholic University (30 min)

Martyr: Concept, Title and First World War Context

Jan Willem van Henten, Universiteit van Amsterdam (30 min)

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Emotions and the Biblical World

Session 1.1.10.2

Session topic: **Emotions and Gender**

Chair: Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Liverpool Hope University

"S/he heals the broken hearted ..." (Ps. 147:3): Emotions and Gender in the Images of God in Psalm 147

Sigrid Eder, Katholische Privat-Universität Linz (30 min)

When a Female Emotion or Trait Becomes a Collective Ideal: Anxieties and Strategies

Françoise Mirguet, Arizona State University (30 min)

Fear and Gender in the Gospel of Mark

Nils Neumann, Universität Bern (30 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

9:00 AM - 12:20 PM

Orality and Literacy in Early Christianity

Session 1.1.11

Chair: Simon Buttica, Université de Lausanne

Writing and Orality in the Dead Sea Scrolls

George John Brooke, University of Manchester (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Orality in a World of Books and Readers

Loveday Constance Anne Alexander, University of Sheffield (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Ma. Marilou Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Bart Ehrman "Jesus Before the Gospels": A Review of Assumptions and Methods

Thomas Goud, University of New Brunswick (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Reading the Scriptures – or Hearing the Word? The Musical Concept of ‘Reading a Score’ as Approach to the Orality of the Gospels

Christine Oefele, Universität Basel (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business meeting (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.74:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Bible in Arabic in Judaism, Christianity, Islam 1

Session 1.1.12

Session topic: **The Art and Practice of Bible Translation and Exegesis: Medieval Crossroads**

Chair: Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University (5 min)

The Deliberate Literary Character of Sa'adia's Biblical Tafsīr

Yosef Yuval Tobi, University of Haifa (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Study of Language in the Service of Theology: Linguistic Justifications of Theological Conundrums in Medieval Karaite Bible Commentaries

Marzena Zawanowska, University of Warsaw & Jewish Historical Institute (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Marciana Gr. Z. 11 (379), a Unique Greek-Latin-Arabic Manuscript of the New Testament

Sara Schulthess, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics/Université de Lausanne (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Early Judeo-Arabic Texts of Biblical Questions and Answers

David Sklare, Tel Aviv University / Hebrew University of Jerusalem (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

"Bending Bronze and Changing Characters" - David between Medieval Jewish and Islamic Exegesis

Sivan Nir, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.85:

9:00 - 12:00 PM

Prophets and Prophecy 1

Session 1.1.13

Chair: Donatella Scaiola, Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Figures of Exile in Isaiah 1-39

Frederik Poulsen, University of Copenhagen (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Mizpah and Bethel in Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel: Arguments from Silence

Cat Quine, University of Nottingham (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

The Stone of Isaiah, Its Greek Translator, Paul, and 1 Peter: Isa 8:14 and 28:16 in Rom 9:33 and 1 Pet 2:6-8

Katja Kujanpää, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

The 'Prophetical Tenor' of Pseudo-Philo's Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum

Tavis Asaph Bohlinger, Durham University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Developing Theories of Daniel: Reassessing the Place of Papyrus 967
Peter Joshua Atkins, University of Chester (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room HOGM 01.74:

9:00 - 11:50 AM

Concepts of Nudity in the Hebrew Bible Workshop **Session 1.1.14**

Session topic: **Nudity**

Chair: Christoph Berner, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Concepts and Contexts of Nudity in the Iconography of the Southern Levant
Katharina Pyschny, Université de Lausanne (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Naked King in 2 Sam 6
Sarah Schulz, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Session topic: **Clothing**

Chair: Manuel Schäfer, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Fine Feathers make Fine Birds - Clothing Symbolism as Innovative Metaphor in the Narratives Gen 27 and Gen 38
Martina Weingärtner, Universität Augsburg (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The End of Prophecy in Zech 13: How the Prophet's Robe Became a Robe of Shame
Martin Schott, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 01.85:

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Canonical Approaches to the Bible Session 1

Session 1.1.15

Session topic: **The Openings of Biblical Books as a Hermeneutical Key 1**

Chair: Matthias Millard, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal / Universität Paderborn

Gen 1:1 as Opening of the Book of Genesis

Julius Steinberg, Theologische Hochschule Ewersbach (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Taking Forty Years for an Eleven Days' Journey

Johannes Taschner, FUTP Brussels (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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Willy Clarysse, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

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Monday, 18 July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 - 6:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 4:15 to 5:15 PM

Room MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

3:00 - 6:00 PM

IOQS Halakha and Halakhic Texts 2

Session 1.2.1

Chair: Marty Abegg, Trinity Western University, Canada

Legal Thought and Legal Interpretation in the Temple Scroll: The Day of Atonement Laws as a Test-Case

Jonathan Vroom, University of Toronto (25 min)

Does Qumran Help Us Decide Whether the Rabbinic Movement Continues Pharisaic Judaism Or Not?

Harry Fox, University of Toronto (25 min)

Text, Language, and Legal Interpretation: The Case of Exod 12:9 According to 4QpaleoGen-Exod-I (4Q11)

Noam Mizrahi, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

More than Men: Exploring the Possibility of Female Gentile Converts to Judaism within Qumran Halakhic Material

Carmen Palmer, University of St. Michael's College (25 min)

Break (30 min)

The Character of the City in New Jerusalem (2Q24, 4Q554, 4Q554a, 4Q555, 5Q15 and 11Q18) and Halakha Rules in 4Q264a (4QHalakha B)

Hugo Antonissen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (25 min)

Ezekiel's Temple Vision: Influence on Qumranic Halakha and Eschatological Thought

Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Room MTC 01.03:

3:00 - 5:35 PM

Qumran, Its Hellenistic Context, and the Jewish-Greek Literature of Its Time

Workshop 2

Session 1.2.2

Chair: Patrick Pouchelle, Centres Sèvres, Paris (5 min)

Did the Habakkuk Pesherist Know Greek?

Timothy H. Lim, University of Edinburgh (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Gift of Wisdom in the Hodayot and the Wisdom of Solomon

Arjen Bakker, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven / University of Haifa (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Greek Scriptures Between Egypt and Palestine

Pieter B. Hartog, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula):

3:00 - 6:30 PM

Editorial Techniques in the Hebrew Bible in Light of Empirical Evidence 1

Session 1.2.3

Session topic: **Transpositions of Words, Sentences and Passages in the Transmission of the Hebrew Bible**

Chair: Christoph Levin, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (5 min)

Transposition as an Editorial Technique: What Is It Good For?

Mika Pajunen, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Transposition in the Transmission of the Pentateuch: The Case of the Incense Altar

Christophe L. Nihan, Université de Lausanne (30 min)

Displaced, Misplaced, Transposed or Augmented? A Categorical Investigation of Disjunctions in the Arrangement of Biblical Law Collections

Cynthia Edenburg, The Open University of Israel (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Insights into Transposition as an Editorial Technique from Joshua 8:30–35

Ville Mäkipelto, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Response

Reinhard Müller, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster and Juha Pakkala, University of Helsinki (15 min)

General discussion (40 min)

Room MTC 00.07:

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Biblical Scholarship in the Early Modern Era **Special Session 2**

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Discussion (20 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

3:00 - 6:30 PM

Metaphor in the Bible 1 **Session 1.2.4**

Session topic: **Metaphors in the (Old and) New Testament**

Chair: Reimund Bieringer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Harvesting and Threshing as Metaphors of Judgment
Stefan Wälchli, Universität Bern (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Use of παροιμία and παρρησία in the Gospel of John and Its Implications for the Understanding of Its Use of Metaphor

Thomas Tops, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Blending and Elaboration in the Pauline Member Metaphors

Joost Swarts, Universiteit Utrecht (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

The Mirror Metaphor: In Search of the Target Domain within the Context of 1 Cor 13:8-12

Soeng Yu Li, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

“For he hath made him to be sin” (2Co 5:21): The Philosophical-Theological Understanding of Metaphora as Ontological Basis for Embodiment and Conceptual Metaphors

Steffi Fabricius, TU Dortmund (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

3:00 - 5:45 PM

The Greek of Jews and Christians through the Pax Romana Session 1.2.5

Chair: Peter Spitaler, Villanova University

The Interpretation of ἐργασίαν δίδωμι in Luke 12:58

Paul Danove, Villanova University (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Relative Salience of Post-Nuclear Adverbial Participles in the Synoptics

Stephen H. Levinsohn, SIL International, Dallas (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Hapax Legomena in Disputed Pauline Letters: A Reassessment

Jermo van Nes, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.59:

3:00 - 6:30 PM

Bodies of Communication

Session 1.2.6

Session topic: **Gendered Bodies – Embodied Genders**

Chair: Karin Neutel, University of Oslo

Neither Male nor Female, neither Circumcision nor Uncircumcision: Gendered Bodies and Embodied Genders in Second Temple Judaism

Rebecca Harrocks, King's College London (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Unbecoming Man, Becoming-Woman: In Search of Biblical Nomadic Subjects

Anne-Mareike Wetter, Netherlands Bible Society (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Embodied Assemblies in Early Christianity: Judith Butler in Corinth

Peter-Ben Smit, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam / Universiteit Utrecht (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Embodiment against Provocation: Detecting Emotional Gender Language in the Hodayot and Biblical Psalms

Mathias Coeckelbergs, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (25 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

3:00 - 6:25 PM

Historical Approaches to the Bible and the Biblical World 1 **Session 1.2.7**

Session topic: **On Recent Scholarship: Christian Frevel's "Geschichte Israels"**

Chair: Łukasz Niesiołowski-Spano, University of Warsaw

Archaeology and History: An Uneasy Relationship
Margreet Steiner, Independent Scholar (25 min)

Historical Approaches and the History of Israel: Characterizing Methodologies
Florian Lippke, Université de Fribourg / Bible+Orient Museum Freiburg (25 min)

The Use of Extra-Biblical Sources in Writing a History of Israel
Reettakaisa Sofia Salo, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (25 min)

A New Geschichte Israels and the Shift of Historiographic Paradigms
Emanuel Pfoh, CONICET/National University of La Plata (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Flaws in Frevel's Exposition of the Exile
Bob Becking, Universiteit Utrecht (25 min)

Sanctuaries, Temples and Cults: On the Religious Historical Implications of Christian Frevel's "Geschichte Israels"
Katharina Pyschny, Université de Lausanne (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

3:00 - 4:40 PM

Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions 1 **Session 1.2.8**

Session topic: **Enochic Traditions**

Chair: Markham J. Geller, Freie Universität Berlin / University College London

Myths of Ascent and Descent in the Aramaic Enochic Tradition
Ida Kinga Fröhlich, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Enoch at the Edge of the Heavens

Florentina Badalanova Geller, Freie Universität Berlin (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

3:00 - 6:30 PM

Fan Fiction and Ancient Scribal Cultures

Session 1.2.9

Session topic: **Gender Identities and Female Authorship**

Chair: Christopher Meredith, University of Winchester

David and Jonathan, the OTP? Biblical Texts as Slash Fiction

Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield (30 min)

The Power of Love: Fan Materiality and Early Christian Women

Monika Amsler, Universität Zürich (30 min)

General discussion (20 min)

Break (30 min)

Session topic: **Comparing Fan Fiction and Ancient Texts: Methodology**

Chair: Sonja Ammann, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The Untold Stories of Fannish Exegesis: Fan Fiction and Midrash Aggadah as Two Facets of Biblical Interpretation

Kalia Vogelmann-Natan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (30 min)

Authorship and Anonymity in Fanfiction and Classical Islamic Writing

Barbara Oudová Holcátová, Charles University of Prague (30 min)

General discussion (20 min)

Business meeting (20 min): All those interested in the work of this research unit are invited to attend the Business Meeting to network and to discuss the future of the unit.

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Early Christianity 1

Session 1.2.10

Chair: Michael Labahn, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (5 min)

Violence in a Gospel of Love

Jacobus (Kobus) Kok, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven / Universiteit van Pretoria (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Where Did the Anger Go? The Avoidance of Anger and the Promotion of Non-retaliation as Responses to Unjust Persecution in 1 Peter

Katherine Hockey, University of Exeter (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

The Violence of the Lamb: Christology and Judgement in the Apocalypse

Paul Middleton, University of Chester (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Violence and Stereotyping "Others" in the Book of Revelation

Jan Willem van Henten, Universiteit van Amsterdam (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (5 min)

Room HOGM 00.74:

3:00 - 4:50 PM

Bible in Arabic in Judaism, Christianity, Islam 2

Session 1.2.11

Session topic: **Pentateuchal and Prophetic Themes in the Bible's Reception and Translation History**

Chair: Camilla Adang, Tel Aviv University (5 min)

The 'Ten Commandments' of the Pentateuch as Reflected in Early and Classical Muslim Sources

Iqbal Abd El-Raziq, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Destruction of Jerusalem in Early and Classical Islamic Thought
Yolanda Yavor, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

When Translation Becomes a Sign of the Last Days
Joshua Sabih, University of Copenhagen (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.85:

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Prophets and Prophecy 2

Session 1.2.12

Chair: Frederik Poulsen, University of Copenhagen

Ezekiel 44,6-14 in Light of the Whole Book of Ezekiel
Benjamin Kilchör, Staatsunabhängige Theologische Hochschule Basel (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Equating the ger and the Israelite and the Redaction of the Book of Ezekiel
Itamar Kislev, University of Haifa (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Israelite Prophetic Books in 7th Century Judean Exile
Wolfgang Schütte, Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

A Prophetic Menorah: Structure and Rhetoric in Isaiah 2,1-12,6
Guido Benzi, Salesian Pontifical University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Is Nahum 3 a Politically Correct Text?
Donatella Scaiola, Pontificia Università Urbaniana (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room HOGM 01.74:

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Intersections: A Forum for Research on Ancient Israel, Hebrew Bible, and Cognate Topics 1 **Session 1.2.13**

Chair: Diana Edelman, University of Oslo

Retrospection as an Exegetical Device in Rashbam's Torah Commentary
Jonathan Jacobs, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Scrutinizing the Sabbath Commandments in the Pentateuch and Ezekiel 20
Ottilia Lukacs, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Does Memory Destroy Time? Past and Present in the Memory of David in the Psalms
Kåre Berge, NLA University College, Bergen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Strategies of Self-Preservation in Deuteronomy and West Semitic Inscriptural Texts
Mark Andrew Lester, Yale University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room HOGM 01.85:

3:00 - 5:45 PM

Canonical Approaches to the Bible Session 2 **Session 1.2.14**

Session topic: **The Openings of Biblical Books as a Hermeneutical Key 2**

Chair: Johannes Taschner, FUTP Brussels

Presentation of a Prophet: The Opening of the Book of Isaiah
Matthias Millard, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal / Universität Paderborn (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Headings in the Twelve: Links, Delimiters, and Hermeneutical Keys
Oliver Dyma, Katholische Stiftungshochschule Benediktbeuern (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

"Jonah," Both Prophet and Book: A Unique Case?! Considerations about the Opening of the Book within the Context of the Bible
Beat Weber, Theologisches Seminar Bienenberg, Liestal / Universiteit van Pretoria (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Tuesday, 19 July, Morning Sessions: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 10:15 to 11:15 AM

MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

IOQS Rules and Rules Texts 1

Session 2.1.1

Chair: Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham

Rule Texts from Qumran on the Spectrum of Jewish Legal Development
Sarianna Metso, University of Toronto (30 min)

Revealed Wisdom in the Rules Texts from Qumran
John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio (30 min)

Were Scrolls Susceptible to Impurity? A Possible Halakhic Justification for a Cave 'Library' at Qumran
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta (30 min)

Break (30 min)

The Treatise of the Two Spirits (1QS III:13-IV:26) - A "Non-Sectarian" Sectarian Text
Peter Porzig, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (30 min)

The Literary Development of the 'Treatise of the Two Spirits' Dependent on 4QInstruction and the Hodayot

Meike Christian, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (30 min)

The Doctrine of the Two Spirits and Its (Implied) Readers: Reflections on an Elusive Text

Corrado Martone, University of Turin (30 min)

Room MTC 01.03:

9:00 - 11:00 AM

IOQS Dead Sea Scrolls and Digitization

Session 2.1.2

Chair: Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra, École Pratique des Hautes Études

The Leon Levy Dead Sea Scrolls Digital Library

Orit Rosengarten, Israel Antiquities Authority (30 min)

Digitizing and Cataloging the Dead Sea Scrolls

Oren Ableman, Israel Antiquities Authority (30 min)

Scripta Qumranica Electronica: Dead Sea Scrolls Aggregated Database and Virtual Research Environment

Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa (30 min)

Discovering Topics in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Caveats and Possibilities

Mathias Coeckelbergs, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (30 min)

Room MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula):

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Editorial Techniques in the Hebrew Bible in Light of Empirical Evidence 2

Session 2.1.3

Session topic: **Testing Methodology: Reconstructing Jer 25:1-14 MT/LXX**

Chair: Ville Mäkipelto, University of Helsinki (5 min)

The Summary of the Burned Scroll

Christoph Levin, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (30 min)

What Happened to the Text in Jer 25:1-7?

Anneli Aejmelaesus, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Jeremiah 25, the Pre-Masoretic Idiolect, and the Babelschweigen

Hermann-Josef Stipp, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Nabuchodonosor My Servant: Some Remarks on the Abbreviations in Jer 25:1-14-LXX

Andreas Vonach, Universität Innsbruck (30 min)

Discussion (55 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Metaphor in the Bible 2

Session 2.1.4

Session topic: **Metaphors in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Septuagint**

Chair: Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal

'Robed in Majesty': Clothing as a Metaphor for the Hebrew Semantic Domain of כבוד

Marilyn Burton, University of Warsaw (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Solomon the Wise? Conceptual Metaphors in 1 Kings 4.29-34 (OT) and 1 Kings 5.9-14 (LXX)

Miruna Belea, University of Manchester (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Almighty as an Archer: A Divergent Wisdom Metaphor in Job 6:4

Bálint Károly Zabán, Hungarian Reformed Church (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

The Belligerent Woman in Song 1:9

Danilo Verde, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Metaphors of Exile in the Psalm of Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:9-20)

Frederik Poulsen, University of Copenhagen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Metaphors in the First Confession of Jeremiah (Jer 11:18-12:6)

Sze Wing (Catherine) So, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Ecological Hermeneutics Workshop 1

Session 2.1.5

Chair: Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Approaches to Ecological Hermeneutics: Mapping the Terrain

David George Horrell, University of Exeter (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

How to Read Apocalyptic Texts from an Ecological Perspective? A Proposal

Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Greening Texts: Ecological Hermeneutics in Inter-disciplinary Perspective

Hilary Marlow, University of Cambridge (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Biblical Ecological Economics: Combining Approaches and Methodologies for Ecological Hermeneutics

Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Plenary discussion (20 min)

Room MTC 00.59:

9:00 AM - 12:25 PM

Deconstructive Poetics 2

Session 2.1.6

Chair: Karolien Vermeulen, Universiteit Antwerpen

Horses, Wombs, and Raging Gods: Tracing Violent Images in Oresteia and the Ark Narrative

Maria Metzler, Harvard University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Imaginary Gardens with Real Toads in Them: The Animal Poetry of Marianne Moore, Ted Hughes and the Song of Songs

Hannah M. Strømmen, University of Chichester (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

An Unlovely Song of Songs: The Deconstructive Poetics of Food and Sex

Christopher Meredith, University of Winchester (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Towards a Metapoetics of the Bible

Francis Landy, University of Alberta (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Utopia in Deuteronomy: No Sense of Place?

Kåre Berge, NLA University College, Bergen (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

9:00 - 11:50 AM

Textual Criticism of the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Qur'an 1

Session 2.1.7

Session topic: **Do Margins Matter?**

Chair: Alba Fedeli, Center for Religious Studies, CEU (5 min)

Does Sentence Delimitation in LXX Manuscripts Challenge Text Criticism?
Wolfgang Schütte, Evangelische Kirche im Rheinland (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Frequently Corrected Verses In Early Qur'an Manuscripts
Daniel Brubaker, Rice University (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Special Pronunciation of the Letter Pe in Three Words in the Book of Daniel
Yosef Ofer, Bar Ilan University (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions 2

Session 2.1.8

Session topic: **Apocalyptic Discourse in Slavonic Parabiblical Traditions**

Chair: Florentina Badalanova Geller, Freie Universität Berlin

Apocryphal Tradition and Slavonic Pilgrimage Literature
Marcello Garzaniti, University of Florence (40 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Princes as Prophets, Veterotestamentary Kings, Saints, and Christological Figures in Early Rus'
Alexandra Vukovich, University of Cambridge (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Folk Tradition and Apocryphal Literature in Romanian
Daria Coscodan, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Meanders of History According to The Chronicle of Manasses;
- Or the 14th Century Translation of Divine Space into Local Discourse*
Ekaterina Nikolova Dimitrova, Independent Scholar (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Israel and the Production and Reception of Authoritative Books in the Persian and Hellenistic Period 1 Session 2.1.9

Session topic: **Tolerance or Intolerance for Ambiguity in Authoritative Texts**

Chair: Maria Häusl, TU Dresden

Ambiguous Meanings in Gen 6:1-4
Ida Kinga Fröhlich, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Mal'ak of the Exodus and the Pursuit of Unambiguity
Michaela Geiger, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Pentateuch's Use of Enthymemic Ambiguity in the Political Context of the Persian Period
James W. Watts, Syracuse University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Uta Schmidt, Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg

King David - An Ambivalent Character in the Hebrew Bible
Ilse Müllner, Universität Kassel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Here and There, Now and Then: The Motif of "God's Kingdom" (מלכות/βασιλεια) as a Test Case of Productive Ambiguity in the Second Temple Period

Nancy Rahn, Universität Bern (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

9:00 - 11:55 AM

Early Christianity 2

Session 2.1.10

Chair: Outi Lehtipuu, University of Helsinki (5 min)

Christian Identity and the Question of Violence: Patristic Solutions and Non-Solutions

Martin Meiser, Universität des Saarlandes (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Does Allegorization Incite Violence? Origen's Interpretation of Exod 1:15-22

Agnethe Siquans, Universität Wien (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Sexualized Violence in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles

Vilja Alanko, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Christ-Believers in Pagan Households

Rainer Gugl, Universität Wien (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.74:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session topic: **Concepts of Leadership in the Pentateuch**

Chair: Katharina Pyschny, Université de Lausanne

Introduction

Sarah Schulz, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (10 min)

Moses vs. Aaron: The Clash of Prophetic and Priestly Concepts of Leadership in the Pentateuch

Christoph Berner, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (25 min)

Aaron's Vestments in Exodus 28 and Priestly Leadership

Christophe L. Nihan, Université de Lausanne and Julia Rhyder, Université de Lausanne (40 min)

Leadership and Conflict: Modelling the Charisma of Numbers

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (25 min)

Break (30 min)

"... and the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel" (Num 25:3):

Who's in Charge and Who's to Blame? Punishment, Intercession, and Atonement in Num 25

Kirsten Schäfers, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (25 min)

Competing Competencies: Light on Deut 17:8–13 from LBA Syria and Qumran

Harald Samuel, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (25 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room HOGM 00.85:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

This research unit/ panel is generously sponsored by the **Collaborative Research Center - SFB 980 "Episteme in Motion", Freie Universität Berlin** and the **German Research Foundation/ Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**.

Session topic: **Jewish Concepts of Health, Illness and the Human Body**

Chair: Markham J. Geller, Freie Universität Berlin / University College London

Conceptualizations of the Human: The First Domino in Medicine?

Belinda E. Samari, University College London (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

Charms against Diseases and Bodily Injury in the Aramaic Bowl Spells from Sasanian Mesopotamia

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

On Fevers The Third Discourse on Consumption by Isaac Israeli (850 - c. 932)

Regis Nessim Sachs, École Pratique des Hautes Études (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

General discussion

Break (30 min)

Session topic: **Talmudic Approaches to Therapy**

Chair: Lennart Lehmann, Freie Universität Berlin

The Whole of the Sugya is More than the Sum of its Parts: Git 67b-70b and its Diverse Medical Backgrounds

Monika Amsler, Universität Zürich (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

"Bugs used as drugs": Insects in Rabbinic Medical Treatment

Tanja Hidde, Freie Universität Berlin (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

"Place it Under the Stars Overnight": Exposing Rabbinic Attitudes toward Exposed Water

Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University Texas/ Harvard University (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

General discussion

Room HOGM 01.74:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Intersections: A Forum for Research on Ancient Israel, Hebrew Bible, and Cognate Topics 2 **Session 2.1.13**

Chair: Mary Mills, University of Manchester

Views on the Outsider as (In)hospitality
Karin Tillberg, University of Uppsala (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Motif of Violence in Levitic Narratives
Yosefa Wruble, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Gen 39:8-9 in the Light of Inner- and Extra-Biblical Exegesis
Franziska Ede, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Deciphering Chronicles' Formulae
Patricia R. Jelbert, University of Gloucestershire (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room HOGM 01.85:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Canonical Approaches to the Bible 3 **Session 2.1.14**

Session topic: **The Openings of Biblical Books as a Hermeneutical Key 3**

Chair: Matthias Millard, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal / Universität Paderborn

„There was a man in the land of Uz“: The Opening of the Book of Job
Tobias Niklaus Häner, ITL Basel (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Job 1:6-12 as a Guideline for Reading the Book of Job

Heiko Wenzel, Freie Theologische Hochschule Giessen (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Biblos Geneseos Revisited: The Beginning of the Gospel of Matthew

Thomas Hieke, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Biblos geneseōs: The Opening of Matthew's Gospel and Ethnic Ambiguity

Tobias Hägerland, Lund University (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Tuesday, 19 July, EABS Business Meeting: 12:40 – 2:10 PM

MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula)

All EABS members are invited (sandwich lunch will be provided).

Tuesday, 19 July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 - 6:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 4:15 to 5:15 PM

Room MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

3:00 – 6:25 PM

IOQS Rules and Rules Texts 2

Session 2.2.1

Session topic: **Rules and Rule Texts 2**

Chair: George Brooke, University of Manchester

Reconsidering 4Q256 frg. 5a-b (4QSerekh ha-Yahad^b): A New Reading and Its Implications for Understanding the Literary Growth of 1QS

James M. Tucker, University of Toronto (25 min)

Reading col.V-VII of the Community Rule through the Eyes of a Legal Scholar

Insa Agena, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (25 min)

The Formation of the Community Council ('azat hayaḥad) as Portrayed in the Community Rule and its Function within the Community at Large: A Narrative Analysis of 1QS 8-9 and Parallels

Paul D. Mandel, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Does the Serek Distinguish between Two Kinds of Members within the Yahad?
Arjen Bakker, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven / University of Haifa (25 min)

Yahad, Maskil, Priests and Angels: Their Relation in 1QS and 1QSB
Michael Reno Jost, Universität Zürich (25 min)

The "Remnant" in the Light of Anthropology: A Study of the Concept of "Remnant" in CD 1.1-8 and 2. 3b-12a

Hanne Irene Kirchheiner, University of Birmingham (25 min)

A Newly-Reconstructed Copy of Serekh haEdah from Cave 4 in Cryptic A Script
Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa; Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra, École Pratique des Hautes Études; Asaf Gayer, University of Haifa (25 min)

Room MTC 01.03:

3:00 – 4:15 PM

IOQS Book Panel Session: Gleanings from the Caves – News from The Schøyen Collection Session 2.2.2

Chair: Hanna Tervanotko, University of Helsinki / Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Introduction

Torleif Elgvin, NLA University College, Oslo (5 min)

Respondents

Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta (15 min)

Molly Zahn, University of Kansas (15 min)

Daniel Falk, Pennsylvania State University (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula):

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Chair: Karolien Vermeulen, Universiteit Antwerpen

The Significance of the Parallel Structure: Gen 27:18–27 as a Test Case
Sarah Schwartz, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Numbers as a Literary Device: The Case of the Armies of the Kings of Judah in the Book of Chronicles
Neria Klein, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Analogy and its Meaning: A Study of the "Fiery Furnace" Narrative (Daniel 3:1-30)
Naama Golan, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary

The Superlative Case in Iudlul bēl nēmeqi and Babylonian Theodicy
Michela Piccin, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Hittite Historiography: Fact or Fiction?
Marta Pallavidini, University of Pavia (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

"For Man Goes to His Eternal Home" (Qoh 12:5): A Cognitive Poetic Analysis of Qoheleth's Final Poem and Its Reception in Jorge Luis Borges' Contemporary Poetry
Laura Giancarlo, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room MTC 00.07:

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Chair: Michaela Bauks, Universität Koblenz-Landau

What to Do with Daughters? Jephthah and His Daughter in the Light of Zelophehad's Daughters

Brad Embry, Regent University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Sacrifice or Murder: Just a Question of Perspective?

Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Katholische Privat-Universität Linz (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Death and the Maiden

Dolores Kamrada, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (20min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Dolores Kamrada, Pázmány Péter Catholic University

Three Rituals and One Sacrifice: Judg. 11:29-40 in Literary, Tradition, and Reception History Aspects

Michaela Bauks, Universität Koblenz-Landau (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Judges 11:30-40 within Its Present Context

Klaas Spronk, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Contextualisation of Child Sacrifice in Genesis 22 and Judges 11

Mary Mills, University of Manchester (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

3:00 – 4:45 PM

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

Session 2.2.5.1

Chair: Theodora Panella, ITSEE, University of Birmingham

On the Verge of Textual, Literary, and Redaction Criticism: The Case of 2 Kings 17:7
Timo Tekoniemi, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

“Your name is perfume emptied out” (LXX Cant 1:3): Olfactory Identification of the “King” and the Old Greek Version of the Opening Verses of the Song of Songs
Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, Liverpool Hope University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Manuscript Basis of the Orthodox Patriarchal Edition of the Greek New Testament: A New Insight into the Basis of the Only Approved Orthodox Edition of The Greek New Testament
Jovan Stanojevic, ITSEE, University of Birmingham / Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Israel in the Ancient Near East 2

Session 2.2.5.2

Chair: Anna Elise Zerneck, Universität Bern

Alterity at Nippur: Ethnicity and Empire in the NB Period
Adrienne Spunaugle, University of Michigan (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Neo-Babylonian Background of the Early Jewish Liturgy Asking for the Fear of God
Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Language of the Babylonian Exiles in Light of the Book of Ezekiel
Tova Ganzel, Bar-Ilan University and Kathleen Abraham, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

3:00 – 4:45 PM

Ecological Hermeneutics Workshop 2

Session 2.2.6

Chair: Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Israel as Vassal, Israel as Flock: An Ecological Reading of Israel's Return to YHWH in Mic 6:1-8 and Mic 7:14-17

Ma. Maricel S. Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University / St. Vincent School of Theology (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Non-Human Agency in Eden: A Material Ecocritical Exploration of Gen. 2:4b–3:24

Robin Hamon, University of Sheffield (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Crying Cows, a Consulting Serpent and a Wise Donkey: The Voice of the Animals in the Old Testament

Yvonne Sophie Thöne, Universität Kassel (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 00.59:

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Israel in the Ancient Near East 1

Session 2.2.7.1

Chair: Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University

"To be or not to be" – Recovering the Empire: Sargon's Campaign to the West in 720/19 BCE

Mordechai Cogan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Religious Culture in Persian Times Samaria: An "Israelite", Non-Judean Form of Post-Exilic Yahwism

Benedikt Hensel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

4:40 – 6:30 PM

Iconography and Biblical Studies

Session 2.2.7.2

Session topic: **Approaches to Visuality in Antiquity**

Chair: Philippe Guillaume, Universität Bern

Introduction (5 min)

Different Perspectives on Aspective Rendering

Florian Lippke, Université de Fribourg / Bible+Orient Museum Freiburg (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Malformed Bes: A Deity with Disabilities

Edgar Kellenberger, Independent Scholar (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ezekiel's Images: Pervasive and Abhorrent, yet Effective

Justin J. White, Yale University (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

3:00 - 6:10 PM

Hellenistic Judaism

Session 2.2.8

Chair: Françoise Mirguet, Arizona State University

Alexander and the Judeans in the Alexander Romance (epsilon)

Ory Amitay, University of Haifa (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Various Forms of Ancient Judaism According to Their Attitude towards Hellenism

Michał Wojciechowski, University of Warmia and Mazury (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Josephus and the Loss of the Temple of Jerusalem

Joabson Pena, University of Aberdeen (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Life Management in 4 Maccabees: A Practical Guide to Reason and Emotions
Elisa Uusimäki and Anna-Liisa Tolonen, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Slavonic Apocrypha Workshop 1

Session 2.2.9

Session topic: **New Research on Slavonic Apocrypha in Action**

Chair: Anissava Miltenova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

The Dream of King Jehoash: Textual Structure and Intertextuality
Keiko Mitani, University of Tokyo (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Slavonic Translation of the Apocryphal Questions of Bartholomew
Martina Chromá, Institute of Slavonic Studies, Czech Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Sladana Mirkovic, Vanderbilt University

The Infancy Gospel of James and Its Reception in the Caucasus: Status Quaestionis
Cornelia Horn, Freie Universität Berlin (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Slavonic Apocrypha: The Main Problems with Their Textual History (A Philological Perspective)
Liudmila Navtanovich, Autonomous University of Barcelona (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

3:00 – 6:00 PM

The Biblical World and its Reception 2

Session 2.2.10

Chair: Christopher Meredith, University of Winchester (5 min)

καινή κτίσις and Dada: Disillusioning Receptions of a Biblical Concept in Richard Huelsenbeck's The New Man (1917)

Steffi Fabricius, TU Dortmund (35 min)

Elijah and Elisha Reviving the Dead – As Reflected in a Story by S.Y. Agnon

Rachel Ofer, Efarata College, Jerusalem/Herzog College, Alon Shvut (35 min)

Break (30 min)

The Redaction and Reception of the Waters of Meribah

Ken Brown, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (35 min)

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch's Approach to Modernity as Reflected in His Pentateuch Commentary

Meir Seidler, Ariel University / Bar-Ilan University (35 min)

Chair's Summary (5 min)

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

3:00 – 6:30 PM

The Roman Forum: New Testament, Early Christianity, and Rabbinic Studies

Session 2.2.11

Chair: Katja Kujanpää, University of Helsinki

The Metaphor of Sacrificial Animals: Jews and Christians Transforming Ritual into Identity

Andor Kelenhegyi, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien / Central European University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Dreaming of Empire: Postcolonialism, Poverty, and Palestinian Rabbinic Midrash

Krista Dalton, Columbia University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Mapping Identities through Ideologies: New Testament Translation and the Case of Ἰουδαῖοι and Ἑβραῖος

Paraskevi Arapoglou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Reading the Double Love Commandment of Matt. 22:34-40 as a Streitgespräch
François Viljoen, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

'Fulfilment' in Matthew Revisited

Bradley Trout, North-West University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

"Can You Be Baptized with the Baptism I Am Being Baptized With?" A Narrative Approach to Baptism as a Metaphor in Mark 10:38-39

Bim O'Reilly, Uppsala University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.74:

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Concepts of Leadership in the Hebrew Bible 2

Session 2.2.12

Session topic: **Concepts of Leadership in the Former Prophets**

Chair: Sarah Schulz, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Introduction

Katharina Pyschny, Université de Lausanne (5 min)

Between Moses and Samuel: Gideon as Liminal Leader

Manuel Schäfer, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (25 min)

War Hero – Judge – Scribe: Jephthah's Offices and Functions in the Context of the Book of Judges

Friedrich-Emanuel Focken, Universität Heidelberg (25 min)

Samuel's Political Career

Hannes Bezzel, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Saul, the Charismatic King: Concepts of Political Leadership in 1 Sam 11:1–15

Reinhard Müller, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (25 min)

From David to Salomon, from Crisis to Leadership

Till Magnus Steiner, Benno-Jacob-Edition-Project, Jerusalem (25 min)

The Unique Status of Jehu's Dynasty

Jonathan Miles Robker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (25 min)

General discussion (25 min)

Room HOGM 00.85:

3:00 – 6:15 PM

Medicine in Bible and Talmud 2

Session 2.2.13

This research unit/ panel is generously sponsored by the **Collaborative Research Center - SFB 980 "Episteme in Motion", Freie Universität Berlin** and the **German Research Foundation/ Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**.

Session topic: **Jewish Images of the Physician and Healer**

Chair: Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University

Ben Sirach, Chronicles and the Legitimacy of the Physician

Isabel Craz, University of Pennsylvania (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

The Expert Physician and Embryotomy in Rabbinic Literature

Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Abaye as Medical Expert (1 min)

Markham J. Geller, Freie Universität Berlin / University College London (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

Rabbis and/as Doctors? Expert Knowledge, Medical Practitioners and the Division of Healing Professions in Talmudic Tradition

Lennart Lehmhaus, Freie Universität Berlin (20-25 min)

Discussion (5-10 min)

Response

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University (10-15 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Room HOGM 01.74:

3:00 – 6:15 PM

The Language of Colour in the Bible: From Word to Image Session 2.2.14

Chair: María Rodríguez de Velasco, CEU San Pablo University

The Use of Colour in the Hebrew Bible: Origins and Development of לָבַן

Carlos Santos, eTeacher Group (20 min)

"Tie this bond of scarlet cord": The Colour Red and Identity in the Stories of Rahab and Jezebel

Claudia Andreina D'Amico, Complutense University of Madrid (20 min)

Translating Colours in Antiquity: The Semantics of Kókkinos in the Greek Bible

Anna Angelini, Université de Lausanne (20 min)

Color in Josephus' Description of the Tabernacle and Priestly Garments

Andrew Messmer, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven (20 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Lourdes García Ureña, CEU San Pablo University

The Black Devil: Demonic World and Darkness

María José Brotons Merino, University of Valladolid (20 min)

Colour Symbolism in the Castilian Atlantic Bibles: Initials and Scenes in Miniatures of the Bible of Avila

María Rodríguez de Velasco, CEU San Pablo University (20 min)

Symbolism of the Colour and the Light in the Illuminated Medieval Manuscripts
María Jesús Aparicio Gonzalez, CEU San Pablo University (20 min)

General discussion (25 min)

Room HOGM 01.85:

3:00 – 6:30 PM

Canonical Approaches to the Bible Session 4

Session 2.2.15

Session topic: **The Openings of Biblical Books as a Hermeneutical Key 4**

Chair: Johannes Taschner, FUTP Brussels

How is the Gospel of Mark Actually a Gospel? A New Suggestion for the Meaning of Mark as a Gospel

Eckart David Schmidt, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

The Openings of Biblical Books as a Hermeneutical Key

Carola Krieg, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Panel: The Openings of Biblical Books – A Question of the Canon of the Jewish and Christian Bible? (45 min)

General Discussion and Business Meeting (45 min)

Meeting for EABS Research Unit Chairs: 6:45-7:30 PM

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal)

All the current chairs of EABS research groups and workshops, as well as those planning to set up a new EABS research unit, are invited.

Book Presentation: 9-10 PM

Room: COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal)

Reimund Bieringer, Barbara Baert & Karlijn Demasure (eds.), *Noli me tangere in Interdisciplinary Perspective: Textual, Iconographic and Contemporary Interpretations* (Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium, 283), Leuven - Paris - Bristol, CT: Peeters, 2016

Followed by a reception.

Wednesday, 20 July, Morning Sessions: 9:00 AM -12:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 10:15 to 11:15 AM

MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

IOQS Qumran Texts and Topics 1

Session 3.1.1

Chair: Shani Tzoref, Geiger College/ Universität Potsdam

New and Viable Readings in the Great Isaiah Scroll
Peter W. Flint, Trinity Western University (25 min)

Tours, Gates, and Structures: The Shape of the Earth in 1 Enoch
Eshbal Ratzon, Tel Aviv University (25 min)

Parties or Institutions: Who is Who in the Nahum Pesher (4Q169)?
Arie van der Kooij, Universiteit Leiden (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Priestly Concerns in 1 Kings/3 Kingdoms in light of "Rewritten Bible" Compositions from Qumran
Guy Darshan, Universiteit Leiden (25 min)

Does 4QChronicles (4Q118) Contain a Non-Canonical Psalm?
James Nati, Yale University (25 min)

Qumran and Vicinity: An Interpretation of the Scroll Caves, Their Contents and Functions
Claude Cohen-Matlofsky, Institut Universitaire d'Études Juives Élie Wiesel/ Séminaire

Qumrân de Paris EPHE-Sorbonne (25 min)

Business Meeting IOQS (30 min)

Room MTC 01.03:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Dead Sea Scrolls

Session 3.1.2

Session topic: **Prayer in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Late Second Temple Period Judaism**

Chair: Mika Pajunen, University of Helsinki

Text and Ritual in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Daniel Falk, Penn State University (45 min)

Discussion (15 min)

4Q334 in Context

Jeremy Penner, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Jeremy Penner, University of Helsinki

Creation Traditions in the Words of the Luminaries

Jessi Orpana, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Angelic Aspects of Ezekiel 1 and 10 in the Seventh Song of Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice 4Q403

Annette Henrietta Evans, University of the Free State (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Writing Apotropaic Prayers: Magic and Textuality in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Tupa Guerra, University of Birmingham (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room MTC 00.07:

9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Judaeans in the Persian Empire 1

Session 3.1.3

Session topic: **Judaeans in the Persian Empire 1**

Chair: Jason Silverman, University of Helsinki

Temple-Building and Destroying: A Dialectic of Loyalty in Persian-Period Judean Communities

Seth Allen Bledsoe, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Negotiating Legal Practices in Persian Period Egypt

Alexander Schütze, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Deuteronomy's Itinerant maqom as Model to Negotiate Empires

Philippe Guillaume, Universität Bern (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Feminist Approaches to the Bible Workshop

Session 3.1.4.1

Chair: Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University

Panelists:

Klaus-Peter Adam, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (20 min)

Hanna Tervanotko, University of Helsinki (20 min)

Karin Tillberg, University of Uppsala (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Bible in the Twenty-First Century: Politization of Bibles and Biblization of Politics **Session 3.1.4.2**

Session topic: **Roots: Further Reflections of Family Lines and Family Relations**

Chair: TBC

Back to "Our" Roots? Far Right Extremism and the Bible
Hannah M. Strømmen, University of Chichester (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

No Child's Play: Paul and Children
Jeremy Punt, Universiteit Stellenbosch (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Business meeting / Planning session (30 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Ancient Cosmology and New Testament Interpretation Workshop **Session 3.1.5**

Chair: Eric Covington, University of St Andrews

Epidrome of Cornutus and the New Testament
Michał Wojciechowski, University of Warmia and Mazury (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Enslaved Under the Elements of the Cosmos: Reading Gal 3–4 in Conversation with Greek Medical Philosophy
Ernest Clark, University of St Andrews (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Ernest Clark, University of St Andrews

Cosmology and Christology at Athens: The Creator's Judgment in Jesus in Acts 17:22–31

Kai Akagi, University of St Andrews (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Above Every Rule and Authority and Power and Dominion: The Auslegungsgeschichte of Eph 1:20–23 and the Ephesian Weltbild

Eric Covington, University of St Andrews (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Israel and the Production and Reception of Authoritative Books in the Persian and Hellenistic Period 2 **Session 3.1.6**

Session topic: **Tolerance or Intolerance for Ambiguity in Authoritative Texts**

Chair: Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Katholische Privat-Universität Linz

Searching Ambiguity in Ezra 1-6

Maria Häusl, TU Dresden (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ambiguity in Ezra 7-10: The Exodus Motif

Galia Polack, Bar Ilan University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Public Reading in Nehemiah 8: Authorizing an Oral-Written Text

Lisa Cleath, University of California (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Uta Schmidt, Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg

Intended Ambiguity in Ezra-Nehemiah and Their Reception of the Torah? The Question of Inter-marriage

Benedikt Hensel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ambiguities as Didactic Strategies in the Book of Ben Sira

Ursula Rapp, Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule Edith Stein (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Slavonic Apocrypha Workshop 2

Session 3.1.7

Session topic: **Current Status and the Future of the Scholarship of Slavonic Apocrypha**

Chair: Ljubica Jovanovic, APUS, Vanderbilt University

Slavonic Apocrypha: New Discoveries, New Perusals

Anissava Miltenova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Rewritten Bible in the "Museum": Slavonic Translation of the Song of Songs

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

State University of Aerospace Instrumentation, St. Petersburg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Basil Lourié, *Scrinium: Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography* /
State University of Aerospace Instrumentation, St. Petersburg

How to Study Slavonic Apocrypha in the 21st Century?

Sladana Mirkovic, Vanderbilt University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Reception of Biblical Literary Models in the Slavonic Traditions

Ljubica Jovanovic, APUS, Vanderbilt University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Parables in Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity: Towards a New Comparative Approach 1 **Session 3.1.8**

Session Topic: **Reality and Fiction in Parables**

Chair: Lieve Teugels, Universiteit Utrecht

Parables, Midrash, and Fiction: The Ten Maidens and the Bridegroom
Peter Tomson, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Parable of the Rich Fool (Lk 12.16-21): A Case Study on Fiction and Reality
James Panthalanickel, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Session Topic: **Jewish and Christian Meal Parables**

Chair: Annette Merz, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Groningen

Spatial Rhetoric in Rabbinic and Christian Meal Parables
Eric Ottenheim, Universiteit Utrecht (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The King at the Feast: Obscure Stories and Their Hidden Meaning
Reuven Kiperwasser, Freie Universität Berlin / Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, Universität Hamburg (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Pauline Literature

Session 3.1.9.1

Session topic: **The Figure of Paul and the Pauline Writings in the New Testament Apocrypha and Beyond**

Chair: Reimund Bieringer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Paul and the Debates over the Resurrection of the Dead in the Acts of Paul and Beyond

Outi Lehtipuu, University of Helsinki (35 min)

The Departing Paul: Some Reflections on the Meaning of Spondonai and its Patristic Reception

Korinna Zamfir, Babes-Bolyai University (35 min)

General discussion (20 min)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Graeco-Roman Society and the New Testament 1

Session 3.1.9.2

Chair: Birgit van der Lans, University of Bergen

Education in the New Testament: A Survey of Literature since H.-I. Marrou (1948)

Alex Lorne Damm, Wilfrid Laurier University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

If Heracleon Really Was a Follower of Valentinus, Why Are Their Exegetical Methods So Different?

Carl Johan Berglund, Uppsala University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

“So That You Will Not Be Sad As Are Those Who Have No Hope”: Expressions of Emotions in Pagan, Jewish and Christian Funerary Inscriptions

Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room HOGM 00.74:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Anthropology and the Bible

Session 3.1.10

Chair: Emanuel Pfoh, CONICET / National University of La Plata (1 min)

At Death's Table: Women and Hospitality in the Hebrew Bible

Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Copenhagen (25 min)

Shamanism in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond

Flemming A.J. Nielsen, University of Greenland (25 min)

The Encounter between the Local and the Sojourner (גַּר) as a Form of Patron-Client Relationship in the Patriarchal Narratives: The Jacob-Cycle (Gen 27,1–35,29) as a Case Study

Peter Jenei, Debrecen Reformed Theological University (25 min)

Break (30 min)

"Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace": On Pre-wedding Conflicts in Biblical Literature

Jonathan Yogev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (25 min)

"You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" (Lev 19:2): Traces of Biblical Anthropology in Legal and Ethical Texts

Matthias Hopf, Augustana-Hochschule Neuendettelsau (25 min)

General Discussion (25 min)

Room HOGM 00.85:

9:00 AM - 12:20 PM

Prophecy and Foreign Nations

Session 3.1.11

Session Topic: **Foreign Nations in the Book of Isaiah**

Chair: Hannes Bezzel, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (10 min)

"To Defile the Pride of All Glory, to Shame All the Honored of the Earth" (Isa 23:9): The Oracles about the Nations in Isaiah 13–23

Willem A. M. Beuken, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Die Geburt der Fremdvölkersprüche im Jesajabuch
Uwe Becker, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Assyria is Everywhere
Matthijs de Jong, Nederlands Bijbelgenootschap (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Die kontextuelle Einbindung von Jes 63,1-6 und seine theologische Aussage in der
Komposition des Jesajabuches*
Burkard Maria Zapff, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General Discussion (20 min)

Room HOGM 01.74:

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Sociological and Anthropological Approaches to the Study of the Evidence of the
Mishnah Session 3.1.12**

Chair: Jack N. Lightstone, Brock University

*Mipnei Darkei Shalom: The Promotion of Harmonious Relationships in the Mishnah's
Social Order*
Simcha Fishbane, Touro College (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

*Age vs Signs as Markers of Legal Status in Tannaitic Literature: Conflicting Systems
and Legal Discordance*
Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Sociology of Signs: Tefillin and Tzitzit in Tannaitic Literature
Harry Fox, University of Toronto (25min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Simcha Fishbane, Touro College

In the Mishnah Are Women and Gentiles "Persons" (adam or ben adam)?
Shaye J.D. Cohen, Harvard University (25min)

Discussion (10 min)

The Bases for Social Cohesion and Group Identity of the Early Rabbinic Guild: What Does the Evidence of the Mishnah Show?
Jack N. Lightstone, Brock University (25min)

Discussion (10 min)

Concluding remarks and comment on next year (5 min)

Wednesday, 20 July, Plenary Session: 12:40 – 1:30 PM

MTC 00.10 (Grote Aula)

Chair: Florentino García Martínez, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven/ Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

The Transformation of the Self and Practices of Reading

Hindy Najman, University of Oxford

The present state of biblical studies invites us to pay attention to the traditional processes that encompass both textual formation and textual interpretation, as well as a variety of individual and communal practices involving texts. These past and fragmentary witnesses to the vitality of textual traditions can be studied in different ways. This plenary lecture goes back to Nietzsche and the Dead Sea Scrolls, discusses the transformative experience in the philological practice, and proposes ways of reading which focus on the reciprocal transformation of text and self.

Wednesday, 20 July, Afternoon Sessions: 3:00 - 6:30 PM
Coffee and refreshments available from 4:15 to 5:15 PM

Room MTC 00.15 (Kleine Aula):

3:00 - 6:00 PM

IOQS Qumran Texts and Topics 2

Session 3.2.1

Session topic: **Qumran Texts and Topics 2**

Chair: Pieter B. Hartog, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Registers of War: Lists and Their Function in the War Scroll

Shira Jane Golani, Hebrew University of Jerusalem/ Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
(25 min)

4Q216 and Jubilees in the First Century BCE

Matthew P. Monger, MF Norwegian School of Theology (25 min)

4Q365 and 4Q365a: Re-Examining 4QReworked Pentateuch in Light of Its State of Material Preservation and Its Physical Reconstruction

Mark Andrew Lester, Yale University (25 min)

Instruction in the Counsel of Truth: The Hodayot as 'Perfective' Trajectory

Christine Leroy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Sexuality and the Group behind the Dead Sea Scrolls

Clarisse Ferreira da Silva, University of São Paulo (25 min)

4QMMT: A Letter to (not from) the Yahad

Gareth James Wearne, Australian Catholic University (25 min)

Room MTC 00.07:

3:00 - 6:25 PM

Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Related to the Biblical World

Session 3.2.2

Chair: Robert Deutsch, Israel Numismatic Society

Can Egyptian Engraved Designs Contain an Ancient Hebrew Personal Name?

Meir Lubetski, The City University of New York (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Seize the Town or Grasp the Children? ׳הז – Its Meaning and Use in the Mesha Stele
KwangCheol Park, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Mythological Motives Adapted to the Hebrew Faith in Exodus 15
Marjo Korpel, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Groningen (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Some Notes on the Form and Function of the Gabriel Vision Stone
Amanda Davis Bledsoe, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Meir Lubetski, The City University of New York

Inscribed Bowls from the Iron Age and the Bible
Gabriel Barkay, Jerusalem Temple Mount Sifting Project (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

The Šem^ca ʿbd Yrb^cm Seal: A Fresh Look at Old Evidence
Pieter Gert van der Veen, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Reading the Hebrew Seals and Bullae from the City Of David
Robert Deutsch, Israel Numismatic Society (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Room MTC 00.12:

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Law and Narrative

Session 3.2.3

Chair: Christoph Berner, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Legal Issues Related to the Proto-MT Rewriting of Joshua's Circumcision
Ville Mäkipelto, University of Helsinki (25 min)

Chronicle's Reception of Deuteronomistic Legislation in the Jehoshaphat Narrative
Lars Maskow, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Break (30 min)

Chair: Harald Samuel, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Casting of Lots, Looking at Stars: Jewish Divination in the Second Temple Era
Hanna Tervanotko, University of Helsinki (25 min)

The Law of Levirate Marriage in Deuteronomy (Deut 25:5-10) and Its Relation to the Story of Judah and Tamar (Gen 38)
Ayelet Seidler, Bar-Ilan University (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Room MTC 00.16:

3:00 - 5:35 PM

Diachronic Poetology of the Hebrew Bible and Related Ancient Near Eastern and Ancient Jewish Literature 2 Session 3.2.4

Session topic: **Real and Apparent Tricola in Ancient Hebrew Poetry: Sigmund Mowinckel Revisited**

Chair: Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (5 min)

Real and Apparent Tricola in Hebrew Psalm Poetry: Sigmund Mowinckel's Study of 1957 Revisited
Reinhard Müller, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster and Urmas Nõmmik, University of Tartu (30 min)

Real and Apparent Tricola — Seen Through the Lense of Source Criticism ('Literarkritik')
Christoph Levin, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (30 min)

On the Inter-Dependence of Diachronic Analysis and Prosodic Theory: Mowinckel's Tricola as a Case Study
Simon Paul Stocks, St. Augustine's College of Theology (30 min)

Break (30 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Room MTC 01.15:

3:00 - 4:45 PM

Historical Approaches to the Bible and the Biblical World 2 Session 3.2.5

Chair: Philippe Guillaume, Universität Bern

The Historical Origins of the Bible

Rodger Roberts, Independent Scholar (25 min)

Necho, Josiah and Cyrus – Separating Fact From Fiction

Frank Clancy, Independent Scholar (25 min)

Corvée in the Kingdom of Israel: Archaeology and Cultural Memory

Walter John Houston, University of Manchester (25 min)

Judah and Kush: New Light on Sennacherib's Campaign of 701 BCE

Norma Jane Franklin, University of Haifa and Deborah Cantrell, Vanderbilt University (30 min)

Room MTC 02.11:

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Judaeans in the Persian Empire 2 Session 3.2.6

Session topic: **Judaeans in the Persian Empire 2**

Chair: Caroline Waerzeggers, Universiteit Leiden

Transactions of Power: Coinage and Social Borders

Lindsay Allen, King's College London (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Governors of Yehud and Samaria

Jason Silverman, University of Helsinki (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (30 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

Room MTC 02.13:

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Parables in Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity: Towards a New Comparative Approach 2 **Session 3.2.7.1**

Session Topic: **Parables and Method**

Chair: Eric Ottenheim, Universiteit Utrecht

Fictional Women in Early Christian and Early Rabbinic Parables

Martijn Stoutjesdijk, Tilburg University; Jonathan Pater, Tilburg University; Albertina Oegema, Universiteit Utrecht (30 min)

Realism and Method: The Parables of Jesus

Ernest van Eck, Universiteit van Pretoria (30 min)

Questions about the papers and general discussion about the methods of parable research (30 min)

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Early Judaism and Rabbinics 3 **Session 3.2.7.2**

Session topic: **Content, Composition and Biblical Interpretation in Late Homiletic Midrash III: Case Studies in Exodus**

Chair: Moshe Lavee, University of Haifa

Names of Redemption: The Interpretation of Ex 1 in the Midrash Tanhuma-Yelamdenu

Agnethe Siquans, Universität Wien (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Weaving the Strands of a Community: Midrashic Exegesis on Numbers 27

Mari Masha Yossiffon, University of Toronto (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Strategies for Finding Material on a Biblical Verse or Topic
Edith Lubetski, Yeshivah University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Room COVE 02.10 (Romerozaal):

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Graeco-Roman Society and the New Testament 2

Session 3.2.8

Chair: Ekaterini Tsalamponi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (90 min)

From Vox Dei to Lex hominum: The Oral Tradition of the Constitutiones Apostolorum as a Founding Principle of the Late-Antique Societas Christianorum

Nicola Luciani, Sapienza University of Rome and Simone Rosati, Pontifical Lateran University (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Diplomats and Documents in Second Century Christianity

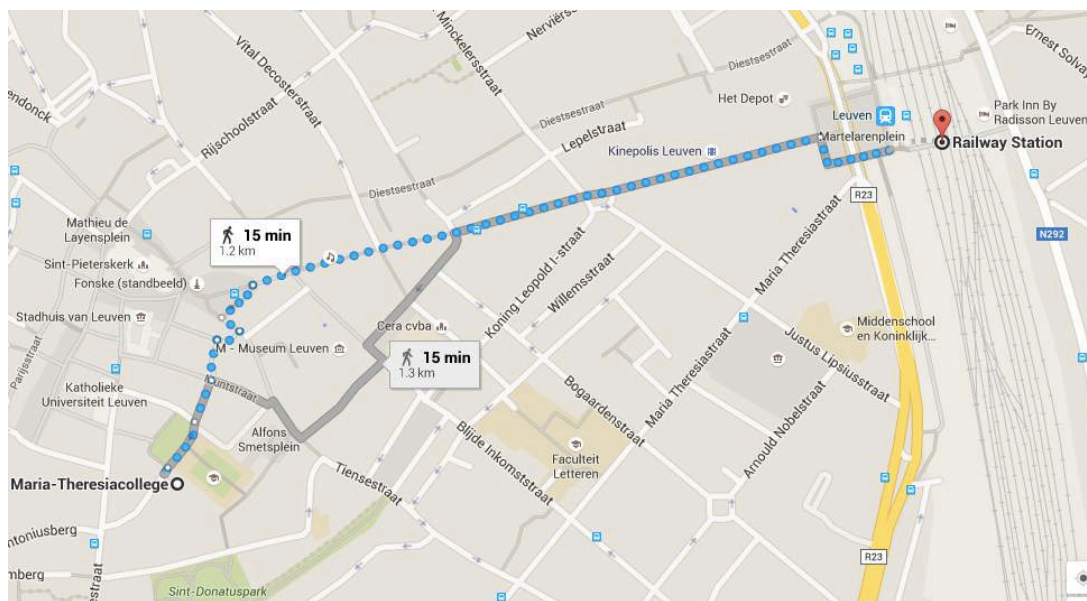
Birgit van der Lans, University of Bergen (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

General discussion (30 min)

Maps and plans

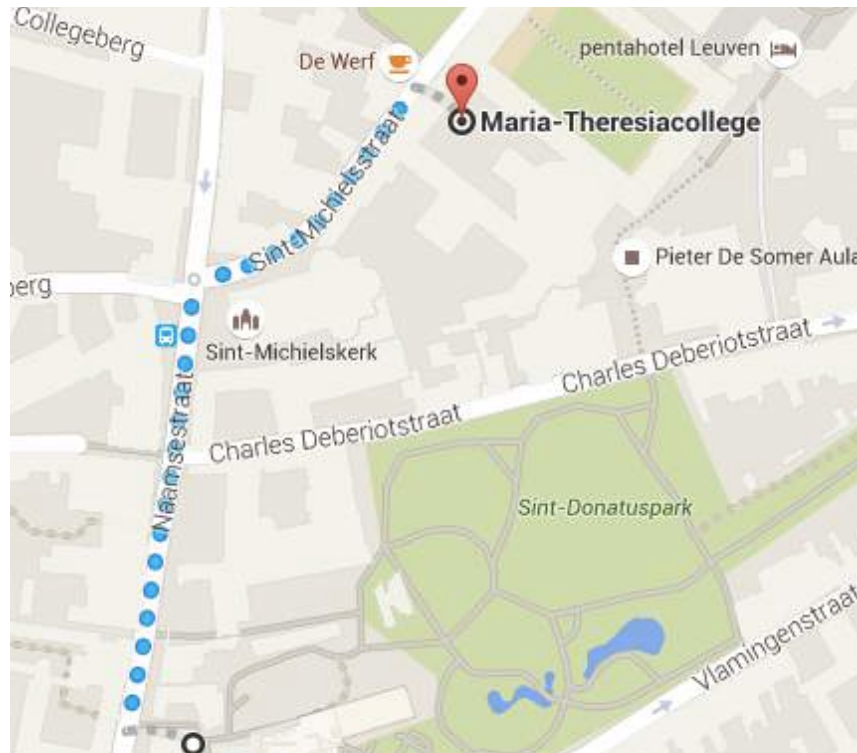
The majority of conference sessions have been scheduled to take place in one of the buildings belonging to the **Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Maria-Theresia College (MTC), Sint-Michielsstraat 6**. This is also where the registration desk and the book exhibit hall are located, and where refreshments will be available during morning and afternoon breaks (MTC 00.03). The Faculty can be reached easily from the Leuven train station, either by foot (a 15 minute walk) or by bus: take bus number 2 (De Lijn bus to Heverlee Campus) to St Michael's Church (Sint-Michielskerk).



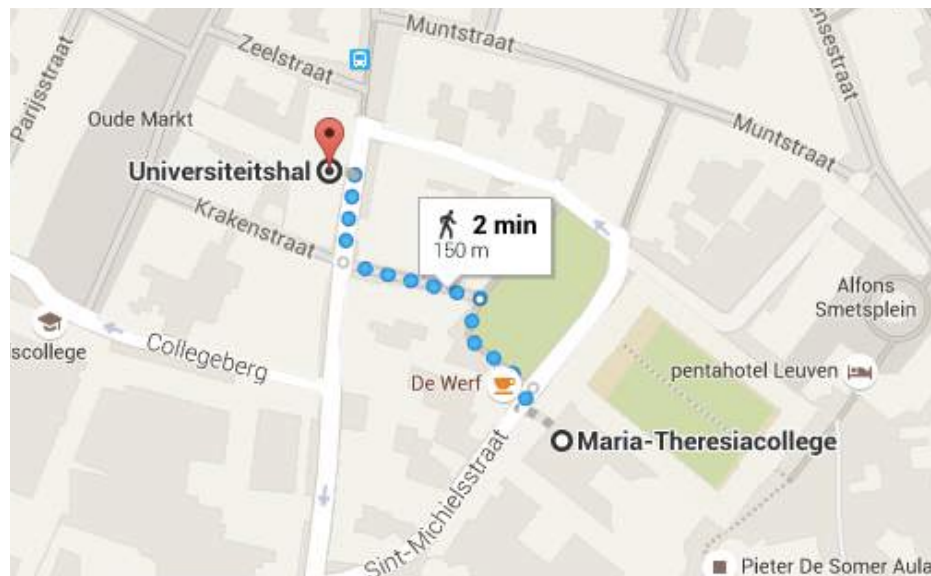
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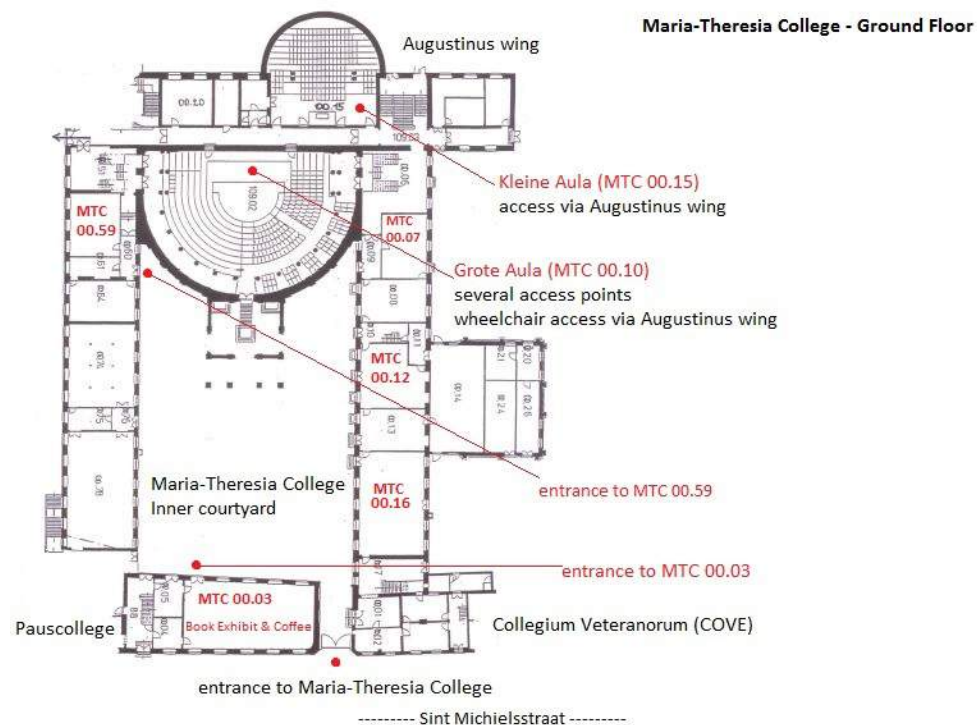
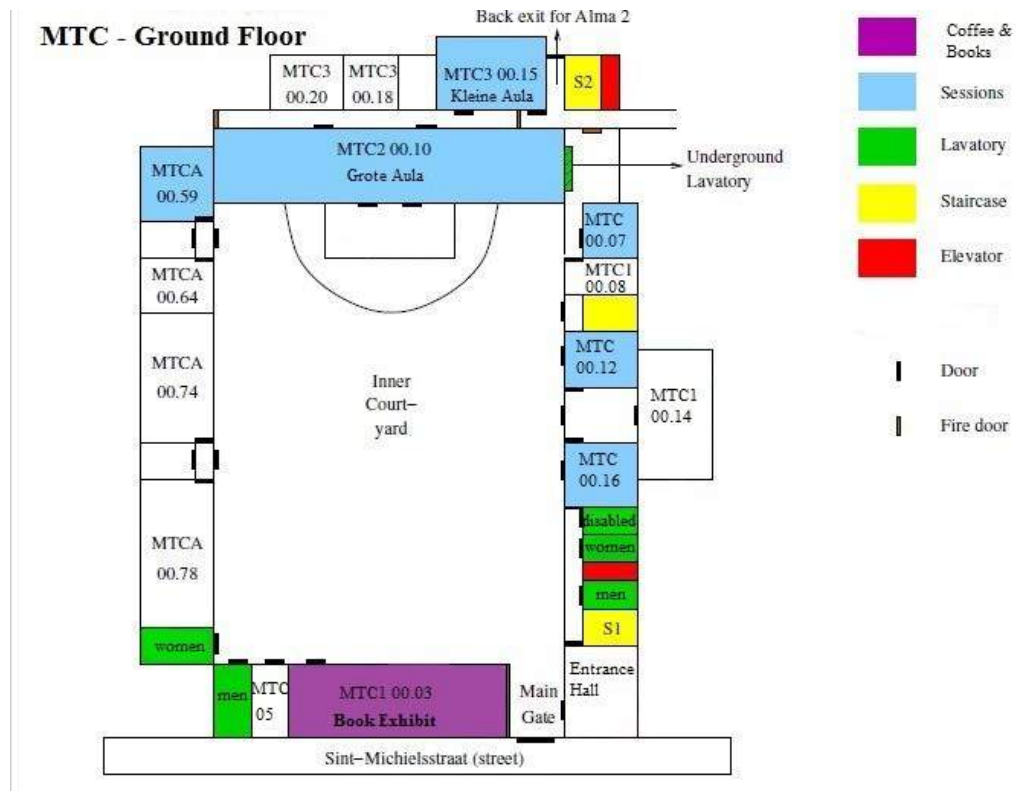
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The venue for the opening session and the opening reception is the **University Hall (Universiteitshal), Naamsestraat 22**, a 2 minute walk from MTC.

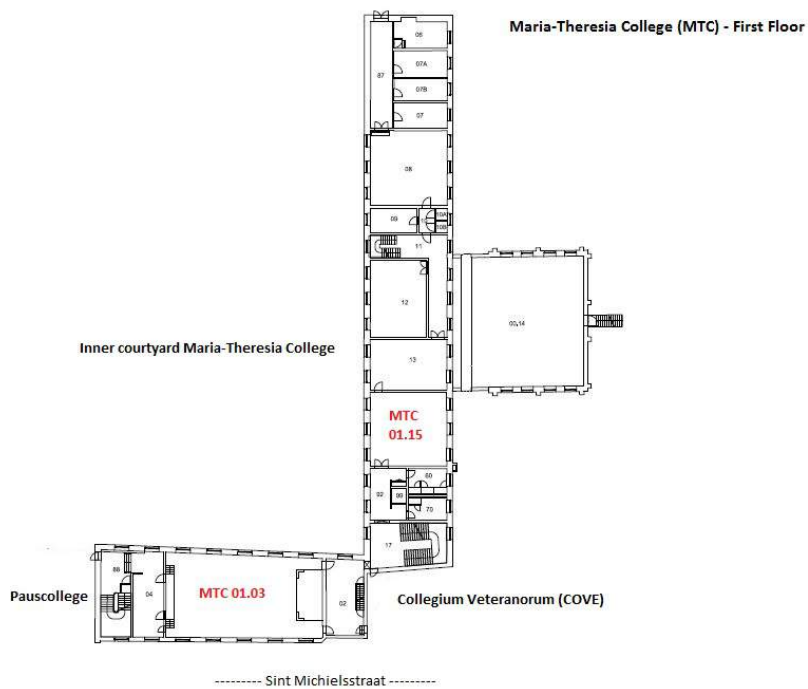
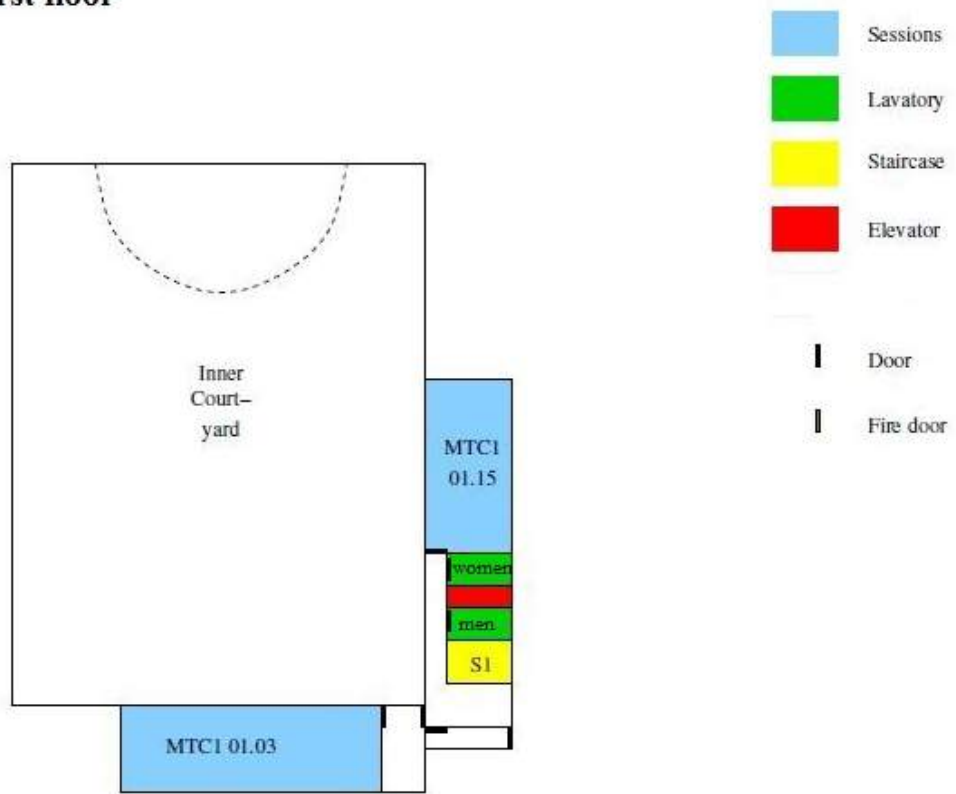


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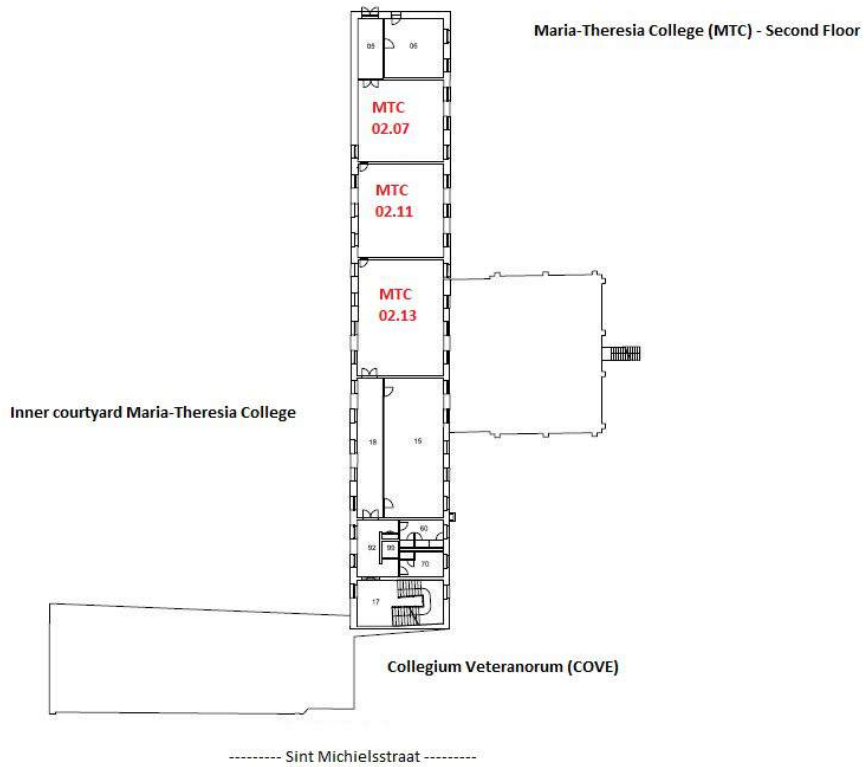
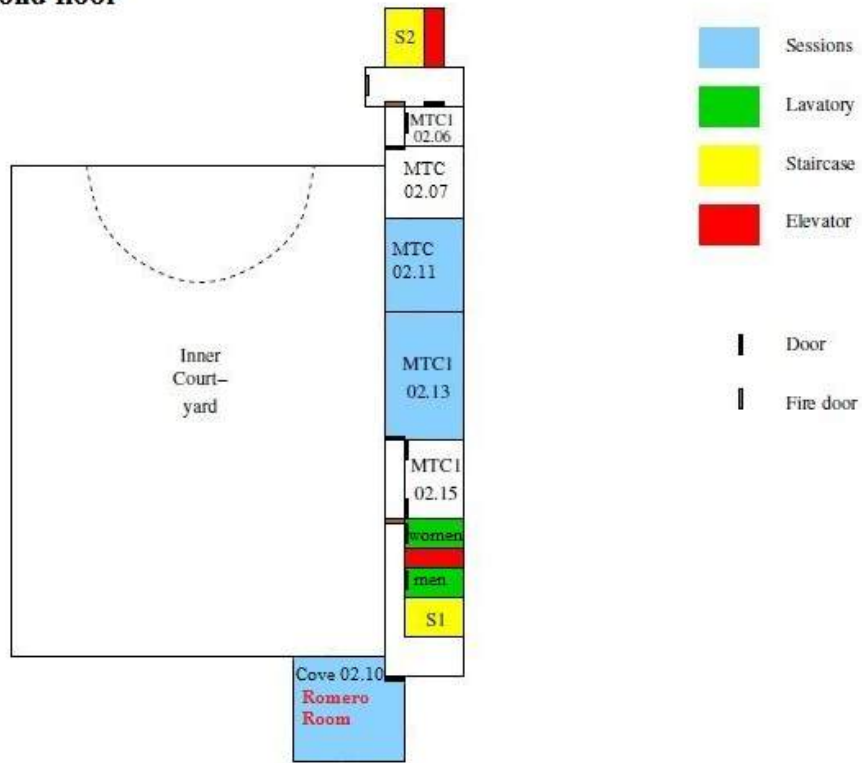
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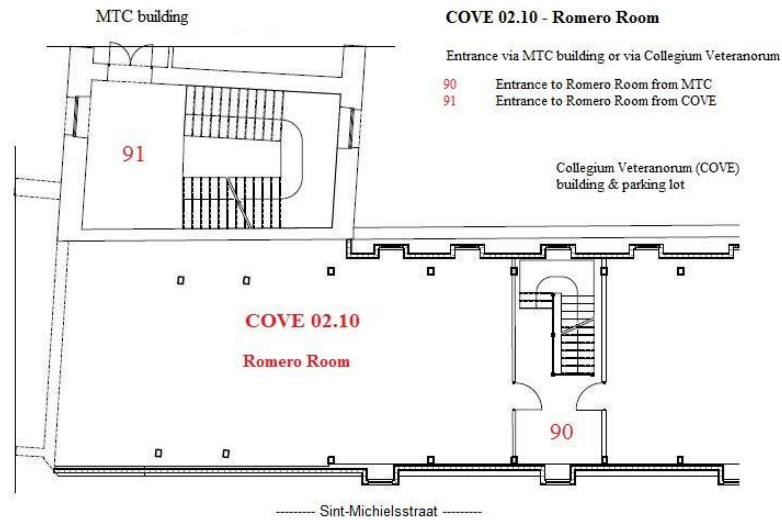


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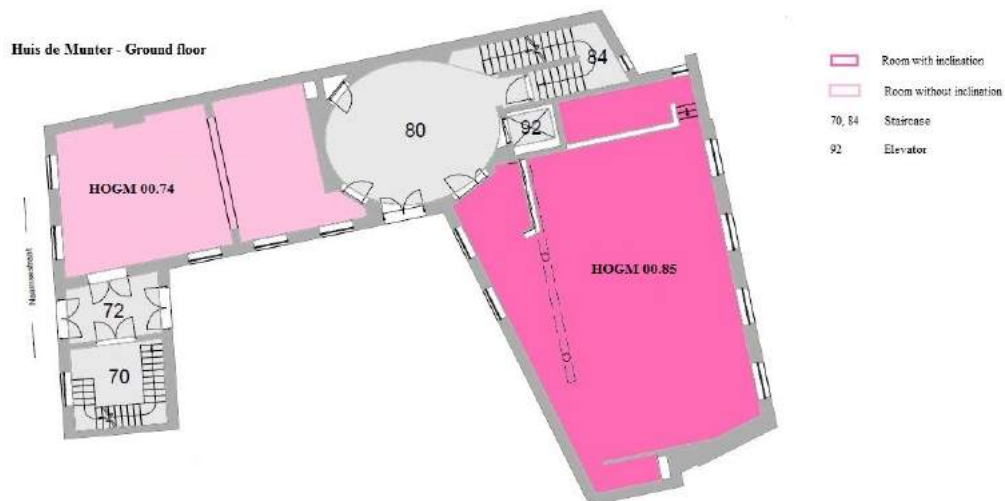
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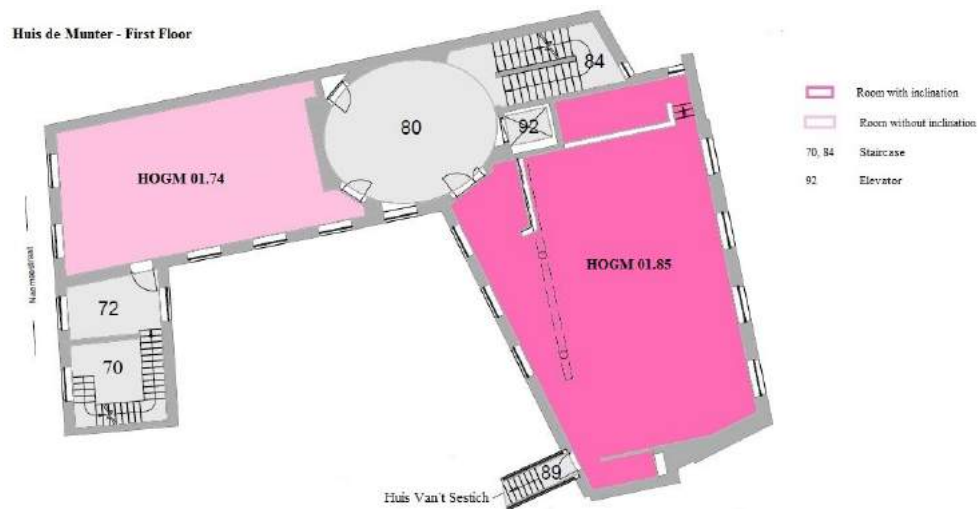
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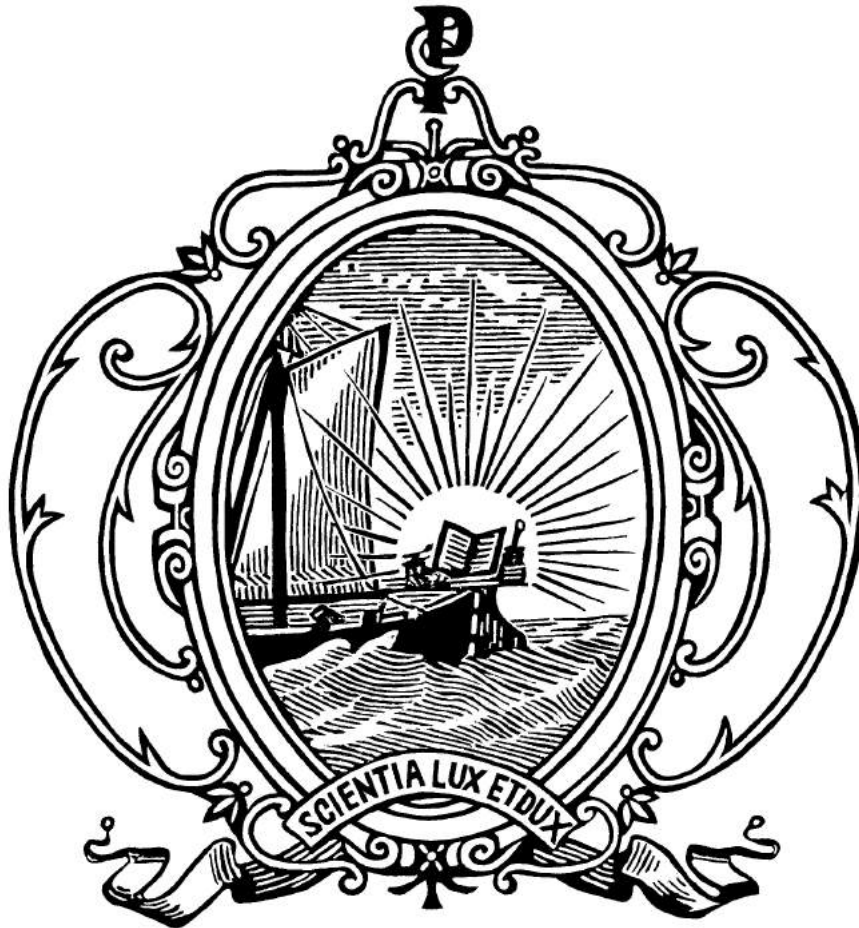
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