

Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar

Schedule for Trinity Term 2022

Week 1

Wednesday 27th April (5.00pm – 7.00pm)

Research seminar – Konrad Schmid (Zürich)
Reading Genesis 22 in the Context of the Torah

Thursday 28th April (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Public lecture – Konrad Schmid
One Creation or Two Creations? The Compositional and Hermeneutical Logic of Genesis 1-3

Week 2

Wednesday 4th May (5.00pm – 7.00pm)

Research seminar – Konrad Schmid
Self-Similarity in the Torah: Reading Exodus 2:1-10, Exodus 1:9-22, and Genesis 6-9 as Concentric Circles

Thursday 5th May (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Konrad Schmid
Early Readings of the Torah and Their Hermeneutics: Jubilees and 4QReworked Pentateuch

Week 3

Thursday 12th May (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Menahem Kister (Hebrew University)
Methodological Reflections on the Integrative Reading of Ancient Jewish Texts

Week 4

N/A

Week 5

Tuesday 24 May (5.00pm – 6.30pm)

**Location: Tsuzuki Theatre, St Anne's College*

Knapp Family Foundation Lecture for the Centre for the Study of the Bible – Geoffrey Khan
(Cambridge)

The Transmission of the Hebrew Bible from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages (reception to follow)

Wednesday 25th May (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Menahem Kister (Hebrew University)
Divine Abstract Qualities and God's Attributes in Second Temple and Rabbinic Literature: Philology and Theology

Thursday 26th May (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Lawrence Schiffman (New York)
The Temple Scroll: New Torah or Interpretation of the Old

Week 6

N/A

Week 7

N/A

Week 8

Thursday 16th June (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Phillip Lasater (Worcester) and Harald Samuel (Oriental Studies)

Reflections on Current Trends in Pentateuchal Scholarship