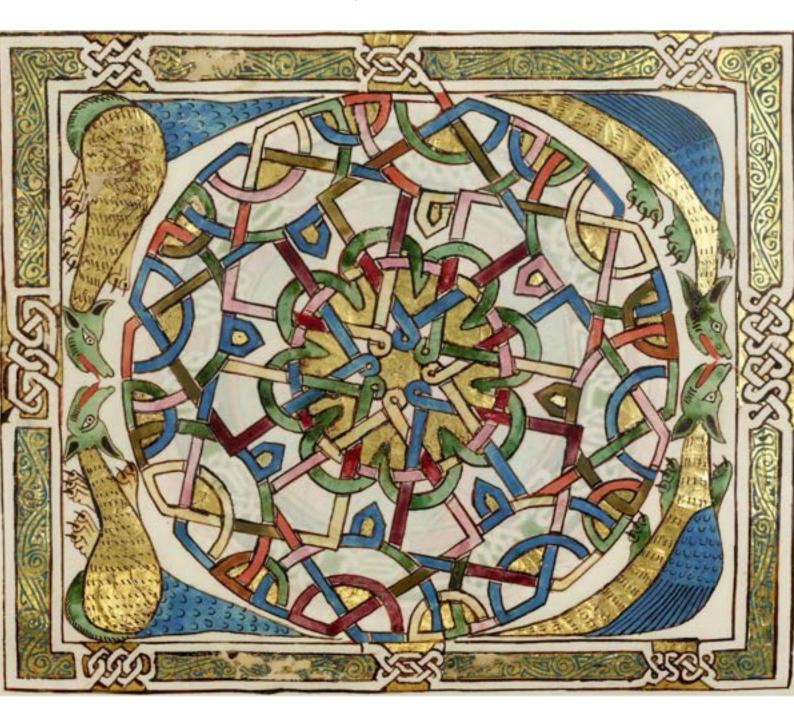


# Oriel Centre for the Study of the Bible

Programme of associated seminars, events, and reading groups

Hilary Term, 2024





Centre for the Study of the Bible Oriel College | UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Please direct any enquiries to **ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk.** 





Joint seminar between the *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament* seminar (Theology and Religion) and the seminar on *Middle Eastern Linguistics and Philology* (FAMES)



Convened by Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin, and Hindy Najman

### New Approaches to Hebrew Philology



Weeks 1-8, Hilary Term, Mondays 14:30-16:00

Week 1 (15 Jan.)Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7Opening marks by Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin, and Hindy Najman

Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge) **Remarks on the Biblical Hebrew Yiqtol Form** In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link: <u>https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod-qprjwrGdYH6yQBabiqFlNYgAyKJ7Qf</u>

Week 2 (22 Jan.)Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar RoomVladimir Olivero (Cambridge)The Importance of the Ancient Versions for the Description of Biblical Hebrew

Week 3 (29 Jan.)Online Only (Zoom Call hosted at Cambridge)Christian Locatel (Cambridge)Syntax and Hermeneutics: Relative Clauses and the Tiberian AccentsIn order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkfumprzIrGd16Pyl8ZGcc-D31YcIvYWR-

Week 4 (5 Feb.)Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar RoomHarald Samuel (Göttingen)Linguistic Variety in Qumran and the Quest for a Literary Standard Language

Week 5 (12 Feb.)Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7Ambjörn Sjörs (Cambridge)Notes on Tense Shifting in the PsalmsIn order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvc-GvpjIrG9D7QBgK3sm8Hm9T1IJgqnDX

Week 6 (19 Feb.)Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar RoomDorota Molin (Oxford)Word Order: Stylistic, Dialectal and Diachronic Variation

Week 7 (26 Feb.)Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7Ian Atkinson (Cambridge)Poetic Structures and Word Order in Biblical HebrewIn order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link:https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsd-ipqzkrE9eY4Ms\_jI-rrxRcO2gBYK6r

Week 8 (4 Mar.)Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar RoomRoundtable Discussion – chaired by Ben Kantor, Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin and Hindy Najman



Centre for the Study of the Bible Oricl College | UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

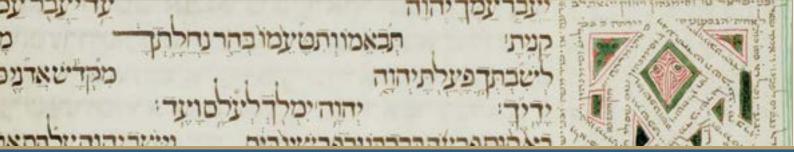




If you have any questions about the sessions running in **Cambridge**, please be in touch with **Paul Noorlander** (<u>pmn23@cam.ac.uk</u>).

\*For seminars held in **Oriel College**, please consult at the **Porter's lodge** to get the **4digit code** to access the area where the Harris Seminar Room/Harris Lecture Theatre is located.

If you have any questions about the sessions running in **Oxford**, please be in touch with <u>ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk</u>



### Hebrew Bible: Part II Special Events and Lectures in Hilary Term 2024

#### Week 2

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 16:00-17:00, Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College Julia Rhyder (Harvard) The Ark between Two Kingdoms: Memories of the Ark in the Pre-exilic Period Details Followed by tea and coffee in the Harris Seminar Room.

#### Week 4

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 16:30-18:30, Owen Walker Room, Oriel College Abstracts Workshop: Preparing Abstracts for Conferences Submit abstracts to be workshopped to OCSB@oriel.ox.ac.uk by 12:00pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### Week 6

**Grinfield Lectures on the Septuagint 2022-24** Sébastien Morlet (Professor of Greek language and literature, Sorbonne Université)

#### "The plurality of the biblical text - past and present" (Second Series)

#### Tuesday, February 20th 14:00-15:30

1. Textual plurality and manuscripts: the views of ancient commentators

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Walton Street, Lecture Theatre (The Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Greco-Roman Period, followed by tea in the Common Room) In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclfu-vqzgsEtEQtcpA3Emb12Eqojf-FXz2</u>

#### Wednesday, February 21st, 17:00–18:30

#### 2. The plurality inside the text: ancient views on the coherence or incoherence of the Biblical text

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Walton Street, Lecture Theatre, followed by a reception In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcodeigqT8iHtU3JluJoAuQs2131awSMbip

#### Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 16:00–18:00

- 3. The Bible inside the plurality of texts: its relation to other texts according to ancient commentators
- Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College (please consult at Porter's lodge to gain 4-digit code for access) (*Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar*)

In order to participate in this lecture via Zoom, please register at this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoce2rqzorH9wJL11B2ufd0r2ZLO99BXbB</u>

#### Week 8

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March British Museum Day Trip with Paul Collins (Keeper, later Mesopotamia at the British Museum) Lecture by Jan Dietrich (Bonn) and Hindy Najman (Oriel) Paradigms: Heavenly, Liminal and Earthly, a Comparative Study

Details and registration instructions tbd







Convened by Cian Power

# **Biblical Hebrew Reading Group**

# Weeks 1-8, Hilary Term Mondays, 11:30-12:30 Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

#### Week 1 (15 Jan.)

[No session]

Week 2 (22 Jan.) John Screnock (Wycliffe Hall) - *Psalm 96* 

Week 3 (29 Jan.) John Ritzema, *Psalm 18:7–16* 

Week 4 (5 Feb.) Harald Samuel (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), 1 Chr 14:8-17 (// 2 Sam 5:17-25)

Week 5 (12 Feb.) Ruthanne Brooks (St John's), *Proverbs 9:1–6, 13–18* 

Week 6 (19 Feb.) Dorota Molin (Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies), *TBD* 

Week 7 (26 Feb.) Wenyue Qiang (St Cross), *TBD* 

Week 8 (4 Mar.) Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Jan Dietrich (Universität Bonn), *TBD* 

Consult at the Oriel College porter's lodge for the 4-digit passcode to enter the Harris Seminar Room.







Convened by Hindy Najman, Constanze Güthenke, and Tristan Franklinos In association with the *Early Biblical Interpretation seminar* and the *Ethical Reading seminar* 

# The Ethics of Textual Criticism

Weeks 1-8, Hilary Term Thursdays, 10:00–12:00 Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College unless otherwise specified.

Week 1 (18 Jan.) Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College Tristan Franklinos (Oxford) On whose authority? Editing ancient and medieval Latin texts – some examples

\*(19 Jan.) 14:00–15:30, Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles

Irene Peirano Garrison (Harvard) Latin grammar in the age of philology

Week 2 (25 Jan.) Alison Salvesen (Oxford) Hebrew authority, textual criticism, and translation technique: Symmachus and the Megillot

Week 3 (1 Feb.) Harald Samuel (Göttingen) Textual criticism of Hebrew texts in different textual cultures

Week 4 (8 Feb.) Colleen Curran (Galway) A new transmission of Aldhelm's *Carmen de uirginitate* 

Week 5 (15 Feb.) Chiara Meccariello (Exeter) Papyri and textual criticism: textual microhistories, materiality, and the prioritisation of text

Week 6 (22 Feb.) Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv) Editing nasty texts: *Gzar-dina de-Yeshu* ('The Sentencing of Jesus') as a test-case

Week 7 (29 Feb.) Daniel Wakelin (Oxford) Editing the Everyday in Middle English

Week 8 (7 Mar.) Carmen Cardelle de Hartmann (Zurich) Marginalized authors, anonymous texts: the problems of attribution

Consult at the Oriel College porter's lodge for the 4-digit passcode to enter the Harris Seminar Room (or Harris Lecture Theatre for Week 1). Note also the special session on 19<sup>th</sup> January in Ioannou Centre.



Centre for the Study of the Bible Oricl College | UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD







Convened by Hindy Najman, Meron Piotrkowski, and Alison Salvesen

## Varieties of Judaism Lecture Series

Weeks 1-8, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00 Robert Beddard Room, Oriel College

Week 1 (17 Jan.) Introduction: Diversity and Unity in the Study of Ancient Judaism Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Week 2 (24 Jan.) Israel in Egypt and the Torah in Greek Alison Salvesen (AMES)

Week 3 (31 Jan.) Crisis and Response in the World of the Maccabees Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)

Week 4 (7 Feb.) Renewed Scripture and Community in the Dead Sea Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Week 5 (14 Feb.) **The Jews and their Temples** Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)

Week 6 (21 Feb.) Philosophical Reading and the Practice of Law in Philo of Alexandria Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Week 7 (28 Feb.) Conceptions of the supernatural: between prayer, 'magic', and Scripture Dorota Molin (Wadham/Oriel/AMES)

Week 8 (6 Mar.) Between Exegesis and Materiality: Synagogues and Rabbis Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Meron Piotrkowski (AMES)









Convened by Hindy Najman and Scott Scullion

# **Philo Reading Group**

Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 Wednesdays, 10:30-12:00 Robert Beddard Room, Oriel College

For any enquiries, please write to ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk.

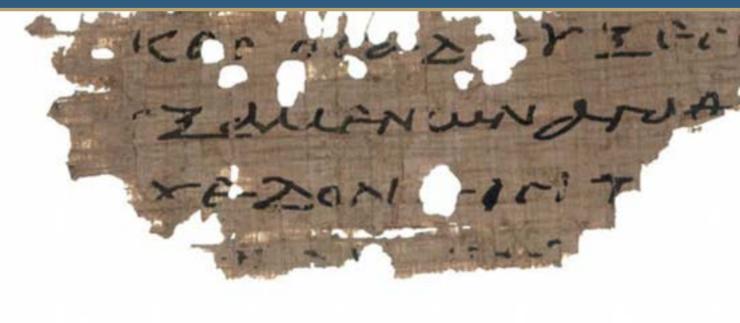






Photo from: Oxford Papyrology (2022). P.Oxy. XVIII 2158. Philo. University of Oxford. Online resource. https://doi.org/10.25446/oxford.21162961.v1

