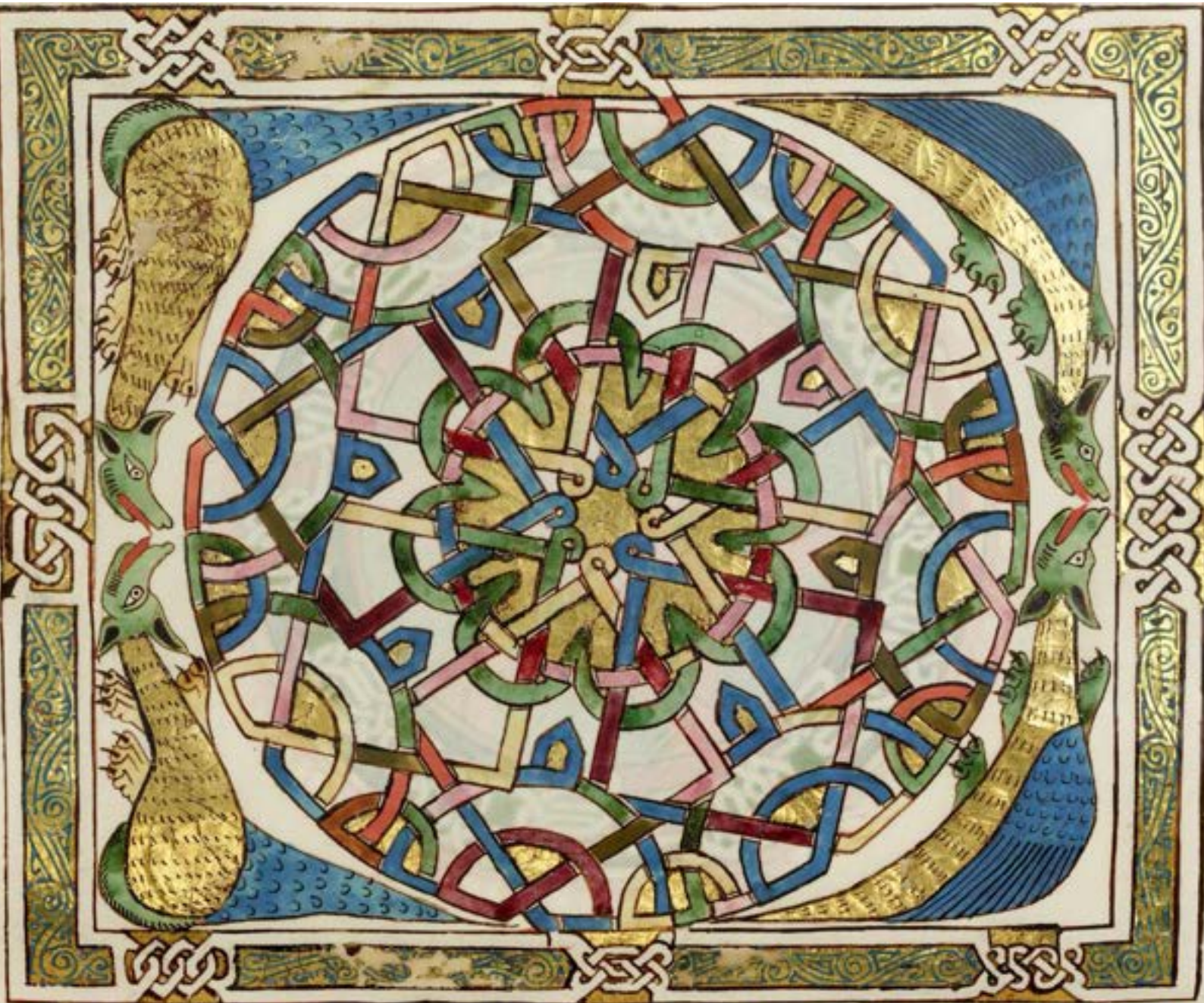




Oriel Centre for the Study of the Bible

Programme of associated seminars, events, and reading groups

Hilary Term, 2024





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 7
Opening 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:

<https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod-qprjwrGdYH6yQBabiqF1NYgAyKJ7Qf>

Week 2 (22 Jan.) Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room
Vladimir 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 Locatell (Cambridge)

Syntax and Hermeneutics: Relative Clauses and the Tiberian Accents

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

Week 5 (12 Feb.) Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7
Ambjörn Sjörs (Cambridge)

Notes on Tense Shifting in the Psalms

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Week 6 (19 Feb.) Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room
Dorota Molin (Oxford)

Word Order: Stylistic, Dialectal and Diachronic Variation

Week 7 (26 Feb.) Cambridge, FAMES, Room 7
Ian Atkinson (Cambridge)

Poetic Structures and Word Order in Biblical Hebrew

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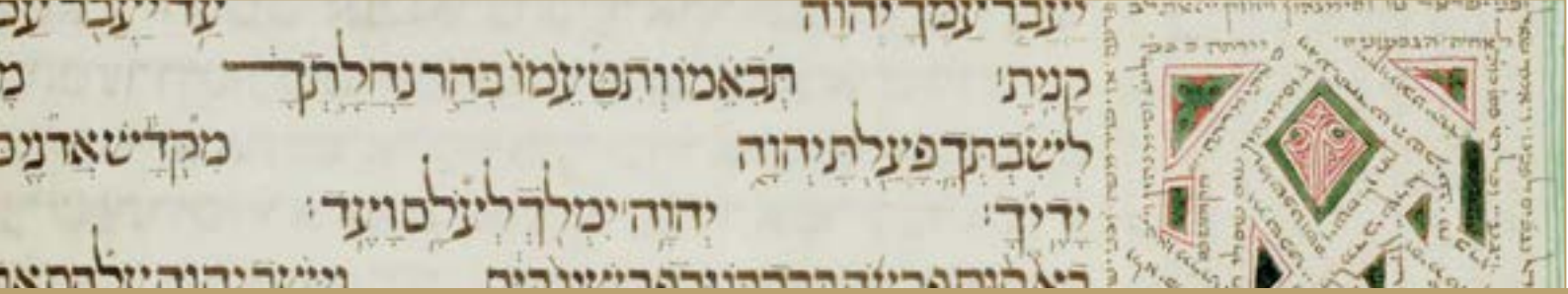
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Week 8 (4 Mar.) Oxford, Oriel College, Harris Seminar Room
Roundtable Discussion – chaired by Ben Kantor, Geoffrey Khan, Dorota Molin and Hindy Najman

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

*For seminars held in **Oriel College**, please consult at the **Porter's lodge** to get the **4-digit 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 ocsb@oriel.ox.ac.uk



Hebrew Bible: Part II

Special Events and Lectures in Hilary Term 2024

Week 2

Wednesday, January 24th 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, 7th 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 5th 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclfu-vqzgsEtEQtcpA3Emb12Eqojf-FXz2>

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, 22nd 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)

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Week 8

Tuesday, 5th 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*

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Convened by Hindy Najman, Constanze Güthenke, and Tristan Franklino

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 Franklino (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

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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

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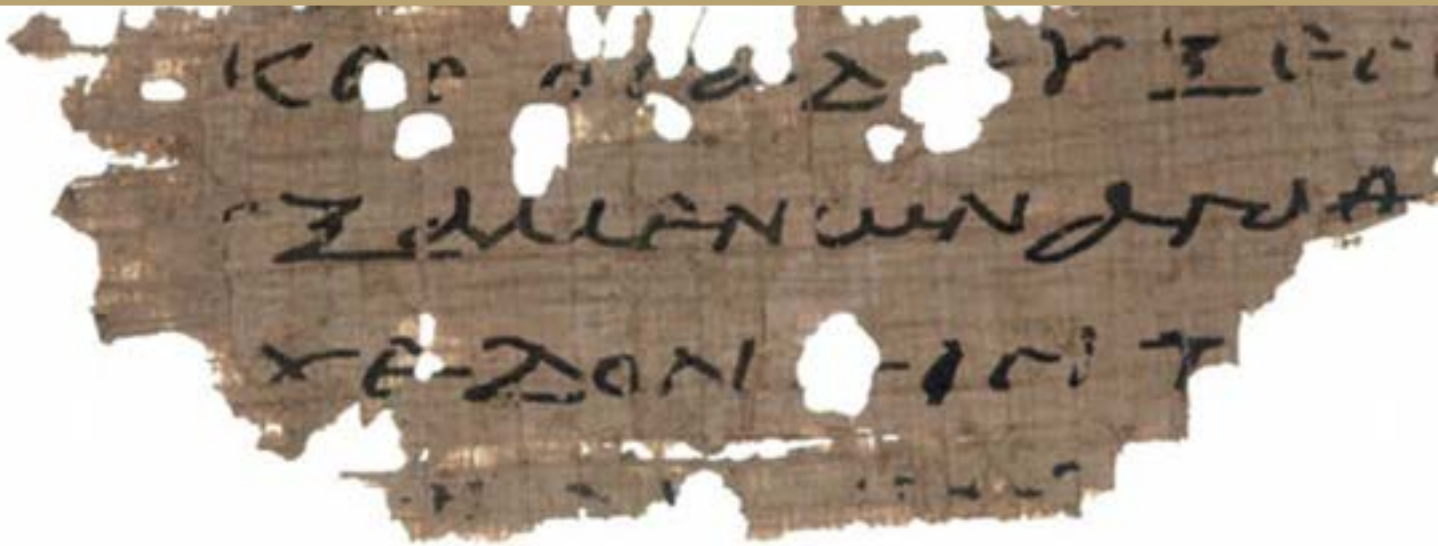


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