

EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

Michaelmas Term 2019

Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College (**except week 3**)

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Weeks 1, 2, 3*, 5, 7, 8** (no meetings weeks 4, 6)

Week 1 – October 17

10:00am – 1:00pm Induction for Old Testament subject group

Week 2 – October 24

Guest speaker: Philip Alexander (Manchester) – *The History of the Aramaic Targums: Is the consensus breaking down?*

Week 3 – October 31*

Weston library (please note location change)

Guest speaker: Martha Himmelfarb (Princeton) – *The Reception of Sefer Zerubbabel in Western Europe: Sefer Hazikbronot and the Other Bodleian Manuscripts.*

Week 4 – November 7

No session

Week 5 – November 14

Guest speaker: Daniel Waller (Groningen) – *Illocutionary Acts and the Inscription of Demons: Writing and Performativity in the Aramaic Incantation Bowls.*

Week 6 – November 21

No session

Week 7 – November 28

Yael Fisch (Oriel) – Postgraduate Session in preparation for the Hermeneutic Interventions workshop (readings will be pre-circulated)

Week 8 – December 5**

In lieu of our weekly seminar, we will be running a two day workshop entitled “Hermeneutic Interventions and Practices of Reading: Between Modernity and Antiquity” on December 1st and 2nd in Oriel College. [Click here](#) for the programme.

For any questions please contact: **Stefania Beitia**, Assistant to Professor Hindy Najman (stefania.beitia@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

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Hilary Term 2020

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Week 1: January 23

Hallel Baitner (Christ Church) and Yael Fisch (Oriel) – *The Textual Temple: Mishnah Middot, Context and Methodology*

Week 2: January 30

Vered Noam (Tel Aviv) – *Sectarian and Rabbinic Interpretations of Biblical Law*

Week 3: February 6

Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv) – *Prayers to Angels in Jewish Late Antiquity*

Week 4: February 13

AnneMarie Luijendijk (Princeton) – *Where are the Women in Papyrus Documents? Finding Early Christian Women from Oxyrhynchus*

Week 5: February 20*

No seminar this week, on the occasion of [Martyrdom on the Margins](#) workshop.

Week 6: February 27

David Carr (Union Theological Seminary) – *The First Primeval Histories and the Formation of the Book of Genesis*.

Week 6: February 27, 2.30-4.00 p.m.**

Special session: David Carr (Union Theological Seminary) and John Day (Oxford) – *Writing a Commentary on Genesis 1-11*

Week 7: March 5

No seminar this week

Week 8: March 12

Martin Goodman (Wolfson) – *The Presentation of the Past in the Mishnah*

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EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

2020 Trinity Term

Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)

THURSDAY at 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

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Weeks 1, 2, 3*, 4, 5**, 8 (no meetings weeks 6, 7)

Week 1: April 30

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

Sacha Stern (UCL) – *Rabbanite and Qaraite New Moon Sighting in the 9th-10th Centuries: Sectarianism, Local Traditions, and Political Rivalry*

Week 2: May 7

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

Ra'anana Boustani (Princeton) – *Scenes in Stone: Newly Discovered Biblical Mosaics from the North Aisle in the Huqoq Synagogue*

Week 3: May 14

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Menahem Kister (Jerusalem)

Readings for the seminar have been pre-circulated, please email Edward.Maza@jesus.ox.ac.uk for access to material

Week 3: May 14*

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

5.00-6.30pm followed by a reception, Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College

The Annual Bible in the Humanities Lecture

Speaker: Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge)

Week 4: 21 May

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

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Week 5: May 28**

No seminar this week, cancelled due to Covid19

9.00-11.00am

Catherine Hezser (SOAS) – *Health and Hellenism: The Significance of Physical Wellbeing in the Writings of Philo of Alexandria and the Stoics*

Week 6: June 4

No seminar this week

Week 7: June 11

No seminar this week

Week 8: June 18

No seminar this week

Note

Conference cancelled due to Covid19

Liturgical Space and Practices of Reading in Antiquity: Philo of Alexandria and his World

Conveners: Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Sarah Pearce (Southampton)
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 June, Oriel College

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