

## EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriël)

Thursday at 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriël College

### Michaelmas Term 2017

#### Week 2: 19 October

Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriël)

Speaker: John Screnock (Oriental Studies) – *Two Scribal Readings of Psalm 104*

#### Week 3: 26 October

Chair: Olivia Stewart Lester (Theology and Religion)

Speaker: James Nati (Yale) – *Prophetic Authority and Scribal Craft in Second Temple Literature*

#### Week 5: 9 November – Visit to Oxford's Ashmolean Museum\*

\*Meet at entrance of the Ashmolean at 10:00 a.m.

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. viewing exhibition *Imagining the Divine*

See the website: <https://empiresoffaith.com/exhibition/>

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. presentation in the Headley Lecture Theatre, followed by discussion

Speaker: Jaś Elsner (Corpus Christi)

#### Week 6: 16 November

Chair: Arjen Bakker (Oriël)

Speaker: Hindy Najman (Oriël) – *Authenticating the Profane*

### Hilary Term 2018

#### Week 1: 18 January\*

\*No session this week

#### Week 2: 25 January

Judith Newman (University of Toronto) – *Are the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice Mystical Texts?*

#### Week 3: 1 February

Joshua Billings (Yale) – *Debating Sophia: Outlines of a Greek theology?*

#### Week 4: 8 February

Hallel Baitner (Hebrew University) – *Behind Midrash: The Biblical Exegesis of the Rabbis*

8 February, 5:00–7:00pm — Graduate Professionalization Session

Arjen Bakker (Oriël) and Olivia Stewart Lester (Theology and Religion) – *How to Write Conference Abstracts?*

**Week 5: 15 February\***

\*Please note that there will be no session this week, due to the evening professionalization session on 8 Feb.

**Week 6: 22 February**

Ishay Rosen Zvi (Tel Aviv University) – *Midrashic Hermeneutics*

**Week 7: 1 March**

Olivia Stewart Lester (Theology and Religion) – *The Sibyl as Inspired Interpreter: Prophecy, Pseudepigraphy, and Reworked Traditions in the Sibylline Oracles*

**Week 8: 8 March**

Arjen Bakker (Oriël) – *The Praise of the Luminaries: Reading Isaiah in the Parables of Enoch and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

**Trinity Term 2018****Week 1: 26 April**

Helen Van Noorden (Cambridge) – *Apocalyptic Literature between Greece and Rome: The Sibylline Oracles*

**Week 3: 10 May**

Christina Kraus (Yale) and Hindy Najman (Oriël) – *What Is Commentary?*

**Week 4: 17 May**

Christina Kraus (Yale) – *Manuscripts and Commentaries\**

\*We meet at 9.00 a.m. at the side entrance of the Weston Library on Parks Road

**Week 6: 31 May**

Benjamin Wright (Lehigh University) – *The Book of Ben Sira in Medieval Judaism: Ms B from the Cairo Genizah\**

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**Week 7: 7 June**

Moulie Vidas (Princeton) – *Between Midrash and Talmud*