

HEBREW BIBLE / OLD TESTAMENT SEMINAR

2020 Michaelmas Term

New Monographs in Biblical Studies

Conveners: Dr James Aitken (Cambridge) and Prof Hindy Najman (Oriental Institute)

(Monday OR Wednesday 2:30–4.00 p.m)

Online Seminar

We will circulate details to join the sessions and a Dropbox link to access materials to read in advance
Participants are encouraged to pre-circulate questions to the conveners in advance

Week 1:

Monday October 12

Induction for postgraduates in HB/OT in Oxford

Wednesday October 14

Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge) - *The Tiberian Pronunciation Tradition of Biblical Hebrew*

Week 2: Monday October 19

Molly Zahn (University of Kansas) - *Genres of Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism: Scribal Composition and Transmission*

Week 3: Wednesday October 28

Carol Newsom (Emory University) - *The Spirit within Me: Self and Agency in Ancient Israel and Second Temple Judaism*

Week 4: Monday November 2

Laura Carlson (Indiana University, Bloomington) - *Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity*

Week 5: Wednesday November 11

Ed Greenstein (Bar-Ilan University) - *Job: A New Translation*

Week 6: Monday November 16

Tom Perridge (Oxford University Press) - *How to Publish Your First or Second Monograph*

Week 7: Monday November 23

Aaron Koller (Yeshiva University) - *Unbinding Isaac: The Significance of the Akedah for Modern Jewish Thought*

Week 8: Wednesday December 2

Arjen Bakker (University of Groningen) - *The Secret of Time: Reconfiguring Wisdom in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

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2021 Hilary Term

Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriël College)

Mondays 2:30–4:00 pm(*)

Please consult the Dropbox folder for pre-circulated materials each week.

Participants are encouraged to pre-circulate questions in advance.

Week 1: Monday 18 January

Hugh Williamson (Christ Church) - *Playing with the Moabites: textual and linguistic reflections on Isaiah 15–16.*

Week 2: Monday 25 January

Professionalization session for postgraduates only: Reviewing abstract submission for SBL/AAR and other conferences. (2:30 – 4:00 pm)

Hindy Najman (Oriël College) - *Poesis, Vitality and Articulation: Practices of Reading in Judaism.*

[(*) Please note this session begins at 5:00 pm instead of 2:30 pm as it is a joint session with The Bible in Art, Music and Literature Seminar]

Week 3: Monday 1 February

Cat Quine (University of Nottingham) - *History, Story and Ritual: (Un)Creating Royalty in 1-2 Kings.*

Week 4: Monday 8 February

Arjen Bakker (University of Groningen) - *Raz Nihyeh and the Sectarian Question.*

Week 5: Monday 15 February

No seminar session due to Apocalyptic Thinking Conference (14th February from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and 15th February from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

Please follow the link below for programme and registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apocalyptic-thinking-tickets-129867155157>

Week 6: Monday 22 February

Tova Ganzel (Bar-Ilan University) - *What can we learn about Ezekiel's Visionary Temple from its Babylonian Context?*

Week 7: Monday 1 March

John Day (Lady Margaret Hall) - *The Covenant with Noah and the Noachic Commandments.*

Week 8: Monday 8 March

No seminar session due to Groningen-Leuven-Oxford Network Workshop on Hebrew Bible and Jewish Antiquity (8th and 9th March from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm).

Please follow the link below for registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/groningen-leuven-oxford-workshop-on-hebrew-bible-and-jewish-antiquity-tickets-132087273591>

For any questions please contact: **Stefania Beitia**, PA to Professor Hindy Najman and Administrator for the Centre for the Study of the Bible (stefania.beitia@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

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2021 Trinity Term

Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)

Mondays 2:30–4.00 pm (*) Online Seminar

We will circulate details to join the sessions and a Dropbox link to access materials to read in advance. Participants are encouraged to send questions in advance to Professor Najman

Week 1:

Monday 26 April [(*) Please note that this is a day-long workshop]

Day-long workshop *Created Male and Female. The Hebrew Bible, Gender and Sexuality.*

Organiser: Deborah Rooke (Regent's Park).

Speakers include: Deborah Rooke (Regent's Park), Ken Stone (Chicago), Janice De-Whyte (Loma Linda), Mercedes Garcia Bachmann (Buenos Aires), Rhiannon Graybill (Memphis), Sarah Nicholson (Glasgow), Brian Charles DiPalma (California).

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-hebrew-bible-gender-and-sexuality-day-long-seminar-tickets-137578072719>

Friday 30 April [(*) Please note that this is a day-long workshop]

Oxbridge Day

Co-organisers: Elizabeth Stell (Oriel) and Rebekah Van Sant (Oriel)

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxbridge-day-tickets-143069788589>

Week 2: Monday 3 May

Cian Power (Faculty of Theology & Religion/Oriel) - *People, nation and tongue: The significance of reference to linguistic diversity in the Hebrew Bible.*

Week 3: Monday 10 May

Benjamin Sommer (Jewish Theological Seminary) - *Writing a Commentary on Psalms: Goals and Methods.*

Week 4: Monday 17 May

No seminar session

Week 5: Monday 24 May

No seminar session

Week 6: Monday 31 May

Michael Avioz (Bar Ilan) - *The David-Bathsheba Affair: From the Bible to Josephus*.

Week 7: Monday 7 June

Hila Dayfani (Oriël) - *The Samaritan Pentateuch and affiliated texts: Literary Growth and Textual Criticism*.

Week 8:

Monday 14 June

[(*) Please note that this session will take place at 5:30 pm instead of 2:30 pm]

William Schniedewind (UCLA) - *The New Isaiah Bulla and the "Sons of the Prophets" as a Scribal Community*

Tuesday 15 June

[(*) Please note that this session will take place at 5:00 pm instead of 2:30 pm]

Prophets, Priests and Promises: Reflections and Responses to Gary Knoppers' posthumously published volume.

Speakers: Sara Japhet (Hebrew University), Louis Jonker (South Africa), Steven McKensie (Tennessee), Hindy Najman (Oriël), Konrad Schmid (Zurich), Hugh Williamson (Oriental Studies)

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prophets-priests-and-promises-tickets-148885068247>

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