OLD TESTAMENT/HEBREW BIBLE SEMINAR
2018 Trinity Term
Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Monday at 2:30–4.00 p.m. followed by tea
Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College
Consult the Oriel College Porter’s Lodge for the 4-digit passcode and enter by gate

Week 1: 23 April
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Hugh Williamson (Christ Church) – Decoding Isaiah 13

Week 2: 30 April
Chair: Jan Joosten (Christ Church)
Speaker: John Screnock (Oriental Studies) – Reading with the Scribes: Psalm 104 through the Lens of Textual Criticism

Week 3: 7 May
No session this week.

Week 4: 14 May
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: Hywel Clifford (Ripon College Cuddesdon) – The Shema in its Ancient Near Eastern Setting

Week 5: 21 May
Chair: Benjamin Johnson (Wycliffe Hall)
Speaker: John Day (Lady Margaret Hall) – “So God created humanity in his own image” (Genesis 1:27). What did the text originally mean and what have theologians and exegetes thought it meant?

Week 6: 28 May
Chair: Susan Gillingham (Worcester)
Speaker: Katherine Dell (Cambridge) – Wisdom in Exile in Babylon

Week 7: 4 June – Daylong workshop on Wisdom and Ethics*
* Begins at 9.00 a.m. and ends at 6.30 p.m. followed by drinks (see separate schedule)
Conveners: John Barton (Oriel) and Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speakers: John Barton (Oriel); Jan Joosten (Christ Church); Laura Quick (Princeton); Hywel Clifford (Ripon College Cuddesdon); Elisa Uusimäki (Helsinki); Hans Decker (Oriel); Arjen Bakker (Oriel); Mark Edwards (Christ Church); Konrad Schmid (Zurich)
Respondents: John Jarick (Regent’s Park); Benjamin Wright (Lehigh University); Martin Goodman (Wolfson); Judith Clark (Oriel); Rory Turnbull (Oriel); Markus Bockmuehl (Keble); Olivia Stewart Lester (Theology and Religion); Hindy Najman (Oriel); John Screnock (Oriental Studies)
Week 8: 11 June
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Speaker: David Lambert (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) – Beyond Scripture and Interpretation: The Torah as Quasi-Object, Quasi-Subject