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 Hazikhrnot 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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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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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’anan Boustan (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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