EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR
Convener: Prof Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Thursday at 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Location: Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Michaelmas Term 2017

Week 2: 19 October
Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
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 (Oriel)
Speaker: Hindy Najman (Oriel) – 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 (Oriel) 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 (Oriel) – *The Praise of the Luminaries: Reading Isaiah in the Parables of Enoch and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

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**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 (Oriel) – *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* *

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

**Week 7: 7 June**

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