

Hermeneutic Interventions

Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd December 2019

Co-sponsored by CBH, OCHJS and the Faculty of Theology

Conference Organizers: Hindy Najman (Oriël); Daniel Weidner (ZFL); Adriana X. Jacobs (St. Cross); Yael Fisch (Oriël); Rebekah Van Sant-Clark (Oriël)

Is a common reading possible across languages, cultures, and disciplines? Under what terms may texts be compared and shared while acknowledging their differences? Revisiting Hartman and Budick's 1986 volume *Midrash and Literature*, this conference will examine the continued relevance of the hermeneutical vocabulary by which we bring texts together, but also consider the possibility of new models and approaches. Bringing together scholars whose work and reading practices move between the ancient and modern, we will address the philological, compositional, and literary implications of a common reading.

Sunday, 1 December

Session 1: 11:30—13:30

Chair: Tobias Reinhardt (Corpus Christi)

11:30-12:30 Hindy Najman (Oriël): 'Hermeneutics as Philology: Reading Practices in Ancient Judaism'

12:30-13:30 Yelena Baraz (Princeton): 'Fragmenting the Tradition, Rethinking intertextuality'

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

Session 2: 14:30—16:30

Chair: Felix Budelmann (Magdalen)

14:30-15:30 Constanze Güthenke (Corpus) and Colin King (Providence College, Rhode Island/University of Basel): 'Why Read Boeckh's Encyclopaedia Now? Revisiting a 19th Century Programme on Philology'

15:30-16:30 Nathan MacDonald (Cambridge): 'Reading Backwards and Forwards: Revising intertextuality in the Pentateuch and Beyond'

16:30-17:00 Break

Session 3: 17:00—19:00

Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriël)

17:00-18:00 Yael Fisch (Oriël): 'The Pleasure of the Text: Midrash and Playfulness'

18:00-19:00 Adriana X. Jacobs, (St. Cross): 'Poetry as Afterlife'

Monday 2 December

Session 4: 9:00–10:30

Chair: Adriana X. Jacobs (St. Cross)

9:00-09:30 Rebekah Van Sant-Clark (Theology): 'Making the Desert Bloom: Between Isaiah and Yehuda Amichai's 'Jews in the Land of Israel''

09:30-10:00 Alexander McCarron (Oriental Studies): 'Enoch at Sinai and the Interpretation of Scripture in the Book of the Watchers 1:3b-5'

10:00-10:30 Olga Fabrikant-Burke (Cambridge): 'Historical Nemeses or Exegetical Friends?: Scribal Hermeneutics and the Invention of False Prophecy of Peace'

10:30-10:45 Break

Session 5: 10:45—13:00

Chair: Scott Scullion (Worcester)

10:45-11:15 Elizabeth Stell (Theology): 'Interpretations Sought or Received: Dream, Prayer, and Understanding in Early Jewish Texts'

11:15-11:45 Hans Decker (Theology): 'Retelling Proverbs: Narrative as a New Hermeneutical Model'

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-12:30 Annie Calderbank (Theology): 'Reading with the Temple Scroll: Prepositional Rhetoric Between Texts and Idiom'

12:30-13:00 Gal Sela (Haifa): 'Holy Tapestry: Rav Judah and the Cosmic Hunger'

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session 6: 14:00—17:30

Chair: Andrea Schatz (KCL)

14:00-15:00 Yosefa Raz (Haifa): 'Apostrophe, Prophetic Weakness, and the Myth of Primordial Orality: Julius Wellhausen on Ezekiel'

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-16:15 Kirk Wetters (Yale): 'The Law of the Series and the Crux of Causation: Paul Kammerer's Anomalies'

16:15-16:30 Break

16:30-17:30 Daniel Weidner (ZFL Berlin): 'Philological knowledge, Historical Experience, Material Hermeneutics. Redescribing Textual Cultures with Szondi'

Closing Remarks and Discussion: 17:30-18:30

Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriël)

17:30-18:30 Sanford Budick (Hebrew University Jerusalem, Emeritus)

18:30-19:30 Reception