

Protestant Bible Scholarship: Antisemitism, Philosemitism, and Anti-Judaism

26–27 May, 2019

Oriel College, University of Oxford

Conveners: Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Arjen Bakker (Oriel)

Sunday 26 May

9:30–10:00 Coffee

10:00–10:15 **Opening remarks:** Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Arjen Bakker (Oriel)

Session 1 — Chair: Yaacov Yadgar (St Anne's)

10:15–11:00 Anna Sapir Abulafia (Lady Margaret Hall) – *Jacob and Esau and the Interplay of Jewish and Christian Identities in the Middle Ages*

11:00–11:45 James Aitken (University of Cambridge) – *Language and Cultural Identity of Hellenistic Jews: Legacies of the 19th Century*

11:45–12:00 **Break**

Session 2 — Chair: Tessa Rajak (Somerville)

12:00–12:45 Nathan MacDonald (University of Cambridge) – *Isaac Watts' Imitation of the Psalms and the Challenge of Judaism for English Reformed Theology*

12:45–13:30 Bernard Levinson (University of Minnesota) – *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's "Zwo wichtige ... biblische Fragen ...": His Reconstruction of the "Original" Version of the Decalogue and the Myth of Jewish Particularism and German Universalism*

13:30–14:30 **Lunch**

Session 3 — Chair: Martin Goodman (Wolfson)

14:30–15:15 Paul Kurtz (University of Cambridge) – *The Spirit of Jewish Poetry: Duhm's Commentary on the Psalms*

15:15–16:00 René Bloch (University of Bern) – *Antisemitism and the Study of Ancient Antisemitism*

16:00–16:15 **Break**

Session 4 — Chair: Zuleika Rodgers (Trinity College Dublin)

16:15–16:20 **Welcome:** Neil Mendoza, Provost (Oriel)

16:20–17:05 Hermann Lichtenberger (Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen) – *Karl Georg Kuhn – a Tübingen career in the Dritte Reich*

17:05–17:50 Loren Stuckenbruck (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich) – *Unreflected Anti-Semitism: Time and Eschatology in Protestant Scholarship on the Historical Jesus and Paul*

17:50–18:00 **Break**

Keynote Lecture — Chair: Arjen Bakker (Oriel)

18:00–19:15 Irene Zwiep (University of Amsterdam) – *But the Jews survive still... The Hebrew Bible between Hebraica Veritas and Academic Study*

19:15 **Reception**

Monday 27 May

- 9:00–9:45** **Coffee**
Session 5 — Chair: Paul Joyce (King’s College London)
- 9:45–10:30** Steven Weitzman (University of Pennsylvania) – *Biblical Archaeology and the Post-War Battle Against Antisemitism*
- 10:30–11:15** Katherine Southwood (St. Johns) – *Challenging Material in the Hebrew Bible: The Difficulties Involved in Communicating with a Non-specialist Audience*
- 11:15–11:20** **Welcome:** Graham Ward, Chair of the Faculty of Theology and Religion (Christ Church)
- 11:20–13:00** **Weston Library visit**
César Merchan-Hamann (Bodleian Library, Curator of Hebraica, Judaica and Semitic Manuscripts) – *Censorship of Hebrew prints in the Bodleian*
- 13:00–13:45** **Lunch**
Session 6 — Chair: Jennifer Strawbridge (Mansfield)
- 13:45–14:30** Matthew Novenson (University of Edinburgh) – *Anti-Judaism and Philo-Judaism in Pauline Studies, Then and Now*
- 14:30–15:15** Jörg Frey (University of Zürich) – *Anti-Judaism and Philosemitism in New Testament Studies on the Background of the History of Protestantism: Perspectives and Questions*
- 15:15–16:00** Olivia Stewart Lester (Loyola University Chicago) – *Judaism and Anti-Judaism in the Sibylline Oracles*
- 16:00–16:15** **Break**
Session 7 — Chair: Scott Scullion (Worcester)
- 16:15–17:00** Paula Fredriksen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) – *‘And Peace Upon the Israel of God’: A Non-Reformation Reading of the Letters of Paul*
- 17:00–17:45** John Barton (Campion Hall and Oriel) – *Reflections on Jon Levenson’s Article “Why Jews are Not Interested in Biblical Theology”*
- 17:45–18:00** **Break**
- 18:00–19:20** **Responses and general discussion** — Chair: Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Panel:
- 18:00–18:10** Markus Bockmuehl (Keble)
- 18:10–18:20** Jan Joosten (Christ Church)
- 18:20–18:30** Simon Gathercole (University of Cambridge)
- 18:30–18:40** Sarah Pearce (University of Southampton)
- 18:40–18:50** George Brooke (University of Manchester and University of Chester)
- 18:50–19:20** General discussion
- 19:20–19:30** **Closing remarks** — Hindy Najman (Oriel)
- 19:30–20:00** **Reception**