TRINITY TERM 2022
EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR
Thursdays 10 AM – 12 PM* | Weeks 1–3,5,8
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College
Convener: Prof. Hindy Najman (Oriel)

WEEK 1 – TWO SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL (5 PM – 7 PM)*
Research seminar – Konrad Schmid (Zürich)
Reading Genesis 22 in the Context of the Torah
THURSDAY 28 APRIL (10 AM – 12 PM)
Public lecture – Konrad Schmid
One Creation or Two Creations? The Compositional and Hermeneutical Logic of Genesis 1-3

WEEK 2 – TWO SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY (5 PM – 7 PM)*
Research seminar – Konrad Schmid
Self-Similarity in the Torah: Reading Exodus 2:1-10, Exodus 1:9-22, and Genesis 6-9 as Concentric Circles
THURSDAY 5 MAY (10 AM – 12 PM)
Hindy Najman (Oriel) and Konrad Schmid
Early Readings of the Torah and Their Hermeneutics: Jubilees and 4QReworked Pentateuch

WEEK 3
THURSDAY 12 MAY (10 AM – 12 PM)
Menahem Kister (Hebrew University)
Methodological Reflections on the Integrative Reading of Ancient Jewish Texts

WEEK 5 – THREE SESSIONS
TUESDAY 24 MAY (5 PM – 6.30 PM)*
Tsuzuki Theatre, St Anne’s College*
Knapp Family Foundation Lecture for the Centre for the Study of the Bible – Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge)
The Transmission of the Hebrew Bible from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages (reception to follow)
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY (10 AM – 12 PM)*
Menahem Kister (Hebrew University)
Divine Abstract Qualities and God’s Attributes in Second Temple and Rabbinic Literature: Philology and Theology
THURSDAY 26 MAY (10 AM – 12 PM)
Lawrence Schiffman (New York)
The Temple Scroll: New Torah or Interpretation of the Old

WEEK 8
THURSDAY 16 JUNE (10 AM – 12 PM)
Phillip Lasater (Worcester) and Harald Samuel (Oriental Studies)
Reflections on Current Trends in Pentateuchal Scholarship

Consult at the Oriel College porter’s lodge for the 4-digit passcode to enter the Harris Seminar Room.
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