

SBL INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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Opening Session

7/01/2019

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Room: C021 (Aula Magna) - Pontifical Gregorian University

Words of Welcome

Peter Dubovsky, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Welcome

John Kutsko, Society of Biblical Literature, Welcome

Nuno da Silva Gonçalves, Pontifical Gregorian University, Welcome

Michael Kolarcik, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Welcome

Discussion: The Importance of Biblical Studies

Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Jihad Youssef, Panelist

Ho Wan Julitta Hui, Panelist

Leonardo Pessoa, Panelist

Martina Korytiaková, Panelist

Michel Kamanzi, Panelist

Performance by the Choir of the Russian Orthodox Parish of Rome Saint Catherine

2-6

Paul and Pauline Literature

7/02/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: C214 - Central

Theme: *Rhetoric in the Exegesis of Paul's Letters*

The purpose of this session is to demonstrate the benefits of the rhetorical analysis for the Pauline exegesis. We also intend to discuss some misunderstandings that have emerged in using this scholarly approach.

Juan Manuel Granados Rojas, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Pasquale Basta, Pontifical Urban University

Facts, Principles and Scripture: Proofs in Paul's Letters (20 min)

Dolly Chayaa, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon

Rhetorical Unity and Scripture: 2 Corinthians as a Test Case (20 min)

Pablo Gadenz, Seton Hall University

Israel and the Nations: Romans 9–11 as a Test Case (20 min)

Andrzej Gieniusz, Pontifical Urban University

A Critical Review of the Rhetorical Approach (20 min)

2-16

Writings (including Psalms)

7/02/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: L309 - Lucchesi

Theme: *Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 1*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Gianguerrino Barbiero, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Marco Pavan, Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale

[*Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Status quaestionis and Prospects*](#) (25 min)

Friedhelm Hartenstein, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

[*Approaching God in the Psalm Group 15-24: Synchronic and Diachronic Aspects*](#) (25 min)

Bernd Janowski, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

[*From the Distance from the Nearness to God: On the Intention of the Tryptic Ps 22–24.*](#) (25 min)

2-32

Writings (including Psalms)

7/02/2019

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: L309 - Lucchesi

Theme: *Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 2*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Marco Pavan, Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale, Presiding

David Willgren, Academy of Leadership and Theology

[*A Consciously Redacted Unit? Reassessing Proposed Unifying Factors in the Sequence Transmitted as Pss 1–41 in the MT "Book" of Psalms in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls*](#) (25 min)

Gianguerrino Barbiero, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The Final Collection of the First Book: Pss 35–41*](#) (25 min)

2-38

Pentateuch (Torah)

7/02/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: Sala Miki D - Congress

This session will investigate Deuteronomy within its major historiographical contexts that evolved into the “Primary History” from Genesis to Kings. Part 1 of 2. Co-sponsored by the local committee.

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontifical Gregorian University

[*“Today” as the Touchstone of Deuteronomy’s Double Pertinence*](#) (30 min)

Simon Weyringer, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*The Rhetoric of Deut 9:1–10:11 and the Symbolism of Deuteronomistic Hope*](#) (30 min)

Victor-Lucian Georgescu, Universitatea din Bucuresti

[*Deuteronomy 4:1–40 within the Framework of the Primary History*](#) (30 min)

2-47

Writings (including Psalms)

7/02/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**Room:** L309 - LucchesiTheme: *Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 3*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

W. Dennis Tucker, Baylor University, Presiding

Friederike Neumann, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

[*"Yhwh shall be King forever!" \(Ps 146,10\): Theology and Fortschreibung within the Final Hallel*](#) (25 min)

Alma Brodersen, Universität Bern - Université de Berne

[*No Final Hallel: Material Sources for Psalms 146–150*](#) (25 min)

Johannes Schnocks, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

[*Moses, the Kingship of YHWH and a Short World History: The Fourth Book of Psalms \(Pss 90–106\) as a Composition*](#) (25 min)**2-58**

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Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontifical Gregorian University, Presiding

Biju Karukappallil, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*God as Agent of Forced Migration in Deuteronomy*](#) (25 min)

Seung Ae Kim, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*The "Great Sin" and the Golden Calves of Aaron and Jeroboam*](#) (25 min)

Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

[*Deuteronomy between the Pentateuch and the Deuteronomistic History*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

2-63

Writings (including Psalms)

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Bernd Janowski, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Presiding

William Yarchin, Azusa Pacific University

[*Why the Future of Canonical Hebrew Psalter Exegesis Lies in Abandoning Its Premise*](#) (25)

W. Dennis Tucker, Baylor University

[*"Let Israel Now Say": Psalms 107-45 as an Anthology Devoted to Communal Identity*](#) (25)

Egbert Ballhorn, Universitaet Osnabrueck

[*Researching Sense at the End of the Psalter: The Final Hallel and Its Canonical Shapes*](#) (25)

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Conversation with Israel Finkelstein and Thomas Römer

7/02/2019

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**Room:** Aula Magna - Pontifical Biblical Institute

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Josef Briffa, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University, Panelist

Thomas Römer, Collège de France - University of Lausanne, Panelist

3-10

Prophets

7/03/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**Room:** C012 - CentralTheme: *Promises and Challenges of the "Unity" Movement for Isaiah Studies - Part 1*

Cosponsored by the local planning committee.

Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Ulrich Berges, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

[*"Unity movement" in the Exegesis of the Book of Isaiah: Quo vadis?*](#) (25 min)

H. G. M. Williamson, University of Oxford

[*Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Methodological Reflections on Reading Isaiah as a Unity*](#) (25 min)

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

[*E Pluribus Unum: Finding Intertextual Threads That Unite the Book of Isaiah*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

3-15

Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism)

7/03/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**Room:** L107 - LucchesiTheme: *Textual Complexity in 1–2 Samuel, Part 1*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Stephen Pisano, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Craig Morrison, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The Transmission of 2 Sam 13:39–14:1 in 4QSam^a, the LXX, the Peshitta, the Targum, and the Vulgate*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Luigi Castangia, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*The Relationship between the Peshitta and the LXX: A Case Study*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Domenico Lo Sardo, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*Tent of Meeting and Women's Mirrors in 1 Sam 2:22 and Exod 38:8: An Enigmatic Issue between MT, LXX, Qumran, and Other Textual Witnesses*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

3-29

Prophets

7/03/2019

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: C012 - Central

Theme: *Promises and Challenges of the "Unity" Movement for Isaiah Studies - Part 2*

Cosponsored by the local planning committee.

Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Georg Fischer, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck

[*Can Jeremiah quote "Deutero-" or "Trito-" Isaiah?*](#) (25 min)

Gina Hens-Piazza, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley

[*Zion's Destiny as Theological Disclosure: A Feminist Mapping of a Metaphor Across Isaiah*](#) (25 min)

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria

[*The Isaianic "Unity Movement" from a Perspective of Trauma Studies: With a Special Focus on Isaiah 1–12*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism)

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Theme: *Textual Complexity in 1–2 Samuel, Part 2*

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Stephen Pisano, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Leonardo Pessoa da Silva Pinto, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The Relevance of the Lucianic Text and the Old Latin in David's Reaction to Nathan's Parable*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago

[*Reassessing the Translation Technique of LXX 1 Samuel*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Daniela De Panfilis, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*The Function of Two Pluses in the Septuagint in the Accounts of the Rejection of Saul*](#) (20)

Discussion (10 min)

3-42

Plutarch and Religion

7/03/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: C109 - Central

Theme: *Honoring Frederick E. Brenk on His 90th Birthday*

Part 1 of 2. Sponsored by the local planning committee, organized by Lautaro Lanzillotta and Dominik Markl.

Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Universität Bern - Université de Berne, Presiding

Michael Kolarcik, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Introduction (5 min)

Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen

[*Plato's and Plutarch's Myths of the Afterlife*](#) (25 min)

Zlatko Pleše, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

[*Gnostic Themes in Plutarch Re-revisited*](#) (25 min)

Aurelio Pérez Jiménez, University of Málaga

[*Ὀλιγορία πρὸς τὸ δαιμόνιον. Plutarch and Men's Irreverence towards the Gods*](#) (25 min)

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Prophets

7/03/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: C012 - Central

Cosponsored by the local planning committee.

Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Dominic S. Irudayaraj, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*"Desolate" Depictions in Isaiah: Approaching the Unity Question, Anew!*](#) (20 min)

Joseph Riordan, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The One and the Many: The Canonical Integrity of Isaiah*](#) (20 min)

Boris Lazzaro, Independent Scholar

[*When Knowing Is Seeing and Hearing: Two Cognitive Megametaphors and Their Linguistic Concretion in Isa 42:7,16,18–20; 43:8*](#) (20 min)

Attila Bodor, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*Reading the Book of Isaiah as a Whole: The Peshitta Translation*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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Ancient Near East

7/03/2019

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Room: Sala Pro E - Congress

Theme: *Violence in the Ancient Near East and the Bible*

Sponsored by the Pontifical Biblical Institute

Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Laura Battini, Collège de France

[*Violence on All Forms: Agents and Subjugates in Assyria \(1 mill. BCE\)*](#) (20 min)

Davide Nadali, Sapienza Università di Roma

[*Seeing Violence, Feeling Fear: On the Meaning and Function of Violent Scenes in the Ancient Near Eastern Pictures*](#) (20 min)

Martin Lang, Universität Innsbruck

[*Bārtu/bārta epēšu—"rebellion, to make a rebellion"—and the Quest for Legitimate Violence in the Ancient Near East and Its Possible Resonance in the Hebrew Bible*](#) (20 min)

Anthony P. SooHoo, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*Cursed You Will Be: Divine Imprecation in Dt 28 and Ashurbanipal's Royal Historiography*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Presiding
Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Universität Bern - Université de Berne[*The New Testament and Religious Platonism*](#) (30 min)

Paola Volpe, Università degli Studi di Salerno

[*Pater kai poiotes: La teologia di Plutarco nella traduzione e interpretazione di Ludovico Nogarola*](#) (30 min)

Frederick Brenk, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*Juggling with Space: The Isaeum Campense Between Rome and Egypt*](#) (30 min)**3-66**

Local Cultural Event: Concert at Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima

7/03/2019

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**Room:** Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima – OffsiteJoin us for a concert at the Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima church, near Piazza Navona. Space is limited, so plan to arrive early. The location of the church is available at <https://goo.gl/maps/H8n64w7TXMoqEnns5>.**4-1**

Ancient Near East

7/04/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**Room:** L301 - LucchesiTheme: *Phoenicia and Israel, Session 1*

Sponsored by the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University, Presiding
Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross[*Pursuing the "Sea Peoples"*](#) (25 min) Discussion (5 min)

Paul G. Mosca, University of British Columbia

[*The Phoenician Inscription from Nebi Yunis \(RÉS 367\) Revisited*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico and Paul Bechter, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*Was Solomon a Phoenician Vassal?*](#) (25 min) Discussion (5 min)

4-5

Pentateuch (Torah)

7/04/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Room: Sala Pro E - Congress

Theme: *Jean Louis Ska's Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch Twenty Years after Retrospective and Prospective*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Presiding

Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

[*The Integration of Deuteronomy into the Pentateuch and Jean-Louis Ska's Perspective for a Post-priestly Pentateuch*](#) (15 min)

Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

[*"What Happened to the 'Elohists' and the 'Yahwists' in Post-exilic Scribal Erudition?" On the Transformation of Exegetical Perspectives after Jean Louis Ska's Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch*](#) (15 min)

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum

[*The Unique Complexity of the Book of Numbers: Old and New Issues*](#) (15 min)

Francesco Cocco, Pontificia Università Urbaniana

[*The Book of Numbers as the "Quintessence of the Torah": Reflections on the Structure of the Fourth Book of Moses*](#) (15 min)

Jean Louis Ska, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*Twenty Years After: Retrospective and Prospective*](#) (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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Ancient Near East

7/04/2019

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Room: L301 - Lucchesi

Theme: *Phoenicia and Israel, session 2*

Sponsored by the Pontifical Biblical Institute

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University

[*Canaanites, Phoenicians, and Israelites: Cultural Dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Early Iron Age; Looking through a Terracotta Mask from Tel Rekhes*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Nathan Morello, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

[*A Frontier of Many Borders: Israel and the Phoenician Cities in the Assyrian Sources*](#) (25 min)

Break (5 min)

Daniel Prokop, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The Lotus-Flower Design on the Pillars of the First Temple \(1 Kgs 7:19,22\): Phoenician Adaptation of the Egyptian Motif?*](#) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

4-35a

Late Babylonian and Biblical Priestly Literature

7/04/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: C214 - Central

Sponsored by the local planning committee. At the conference Stones, Tablets and Scrolls (May 2017, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome), Michael Jursa presented his recent work on Late Babylonian priestly literature (forthcoming in the conference proceedings with Mohr Siebeck, edited by Peter Dubovský and Federico Giuntoli). In this session, Michael Jursa and Céline Debourse will first present their current work on this material. Biblical scholars will then respond in short statements on potential comparative studies with biblical priestly literature, which will be followed by discussion.

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Late Babylonian Priestly Literature from Babylon

Michael Jursa, University of Vienna, Panelist (15 min)

Céline Debourse, University of Vienna, Panelist (15 min)

Panel Discussion

Reinhard Müller, University of Göttingen, Panelist (5 min)

Thomas Römer, Collège de France - University of Lausanne, Panelist (5 min)

Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (5 min)

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum, Panelist (5 min)

Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Panelist (5 min)

Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Panelist (5 min)

Discussion (30 min)

4-37

Prophets

7/04/2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Room: L210 - Lucchesi

Theme: *The Book of Jeremiah*

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Benedetta Rossi, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Georg Fischer, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck

[*A Contest in Prophetic Mission: Ezekiel and Jeremiah*](#) (30 min)

Mariana Assaf, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*Broken Cisterns and a Broken Relationship: Water Imagery in Jeremiah 2*](#) (20 min)

Iryna Kladiy, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

[*The Personification of Jerusalem in Jeremiah 13*](#) (20 min)

Gregory Ezeokeke, Pontifical Gregorian University

[*Prophecy Versus Divination in Deuteronomy 18 and Jeremiah 27*](#) (20 min)

4-42a

Biblical and Oriental Studies in Rome

7/04/2019

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**Room:** L309 – LucchesiTheme: *From Lorenzo Valla to Augustin Bea SJ*

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome) - University of Goettingen, Presiding

John W. O'Malley, Georgetown University

[*From Valla to Lapidus: The Course of Biblical Scholarship in Catholic Hands*](#) (30 min)

Ludger Hiepel, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

[*Anton Deimel SJ \(1865–1954\): The First Professor for Assyriology at the Pontifical Biblical Institute*](#) (30 min)

Michael Pfister, University of Münster

[*The Exegetical Works and the Church Political Efforts of Augustin Bea SJ as Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute \(1930–1949\)*](#) (30 min)**4-52**

Conversation with Eileen Schuller

7/04/2019

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**Room:** Aula Magna - Pontifical Biblical Institute

Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Presiding

Eileen Schuller, McMaster University, Panelist

4-53

Conversation with Agustinus Gianto and Steven Fassberg

7/04/2019

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**Room:** Aula Magna - Pontifical Biblical Institute

Agustinus Gianto, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Panelist

Steven Fassberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Panelist

5-1a

Biblical Hebrew Syntax and Literature

7/05/2019

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**Room:** C211 - Central

Sponsored by the local planning committee.

Maria Maddalena Colasuonno, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg

[*Social Deixis in Women's Speech in Biblical Hebrew: Strategies of Politeness and Social Distance*](#) (20 min)

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*Empathy in Biblical Hebrew*](#) (20 min)

Luigi Santopaolo, Pontifical Biblical Institute

[*The "Visionary" we-hinnēh in Dan 8*](#) (20 min)

Jaroslav Mudron, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

[*Lamed Accusativi in Biblical Hebrew*](#) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)