The Political Power of Sacred Texts
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9.00-9.05 AAR Welcome
9.05-9.20 Dominik Markl (Rome)
Do Sacred Texts Have Political Power?
9.20-10.00 Katell Berthelot (Aix en Provence)
The Political Power of the Biblical Texts Pertaining to the Conquest of the Promised Land, from the Hasmonean Period to the Present
10.00-10.40 Harold Attridge (New Haven)
What are the Political Implications of a Kingdom “not of this world”?
10.40-11.10 Break
11.10-11.50 Angelika Neuwirth (Berlin)
The Jerusalem Temple Disputed? A Momentous Qur’anic Verse, Q 17:1, and its Explosive Potential
11.50-12.30 Holger Zellentin (Cambridge)
Originalism and Traditionalism: Innovating Sacred Law in Late Antiquity and Beyond
12.30-14.30 Break
14.30-15.10 Gavin Flood (Oxford)
Hindu Political Theology and the Bhagavad Gita
15.10-15.50 Tiziana Lippiello (Venice)
The Political Power of the Four Books (sishu in 四書) China: Past and Present
15.50-16.30 Eckart Otto (Munich)
The Political Influence of the Bible in Max Weber, Hermann Cohen, and Ernst Troeltsch during World War I – the Urkatastrophe of the Twentieth Century
16.30-17.00 Break
17.00-17.40 Ron Hendel (Berkeley)
The Bible in the Modern Political Imagination: Politics and Violence
17.40-17.50 Final Round of Statements

Admission free.

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