This one-day seminar provides a forum for various expertise in Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern studies to discuss the rise and development of kingship in Syria-Palestine 1500-500 BCE.

09:00-09:05 OPENING

09:05-10:30 SESSION 1 – Chair: Craig Morrison (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Agustinus Giano (Pontifical Biblical Institute)
*The Amarna Age – A Fertile Soil for Kingship in Syria-Palestine?*

Stefano De Martino (University of Turin)
*Political and Cultural Relations between the Kingdom of Mittani and its Subordinated Polities in Syria and South-Eastern Anatolia*

Coffee break

11:00-12:30 SESSION 2 – Chair: Phyllis Bird (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary)

Herbert Niehr (University of Tubingen)
*Kingship in Sam’al – Continuity and Change from Gabbar to Bar-Rakkab (10th-8th century BC)*

Ida Oggiano (Consiglio Nazionale di Ricerche)
*At the Courts of Omri of Samaria and Eshmunazor II of Sidon – The Symbol Systems of Israel and Southern Phoenicia between the 9th Century and the Persian Period*

LUNCH BREAK

14:30-16:00 SESSION 3 – Chair: Ivan Hruša (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Vincent Laisney (Pontifical Biblical Institute)
*Kingship – A View from Egypt*

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)
*The Changing Faces of Kingship in Judah under Assyrian and Babylonian Rule*

Coffee break

16:30-18:15 SESSION 4 – Chair: Henry Pattarumadathil (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Stephen Pisano (Pontifical Biblical Institute)
*Of Kingship in the Books of Samuel*

Peter Dubovský (Pontifical Biblical Institute)
*Royal Speeches in the Books of Kings – A New Rhetoric of Kingship*

18:15-18:30 CONCLUSION

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*This seminar is free and open to the public*

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