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THE LANGUAGES OF PALESTINE AT THE TIME OF JESUS

**International Conference
May 9th-10th, 2018**

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May 9th, 2018

OPENING LECTURE

18:00 Welcome: **Rev. Michael Kolarcik, SJ**, *Rector of the PBI*

Chair: **Agustinus Gianto** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)

Steven Fassberg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hebrew and Aramaic: Mutual Influences in Palestine

May 10th, 2018 – a.m.

08:30-10:00 HISTORICAL OVERVIEW AND LITERACY

Jonathan Price (Tel Aviv University)

*The Languages of the Jews in Iudaea/Palaestina:
The Evidence of Inscriptions*

Catherine Hezser (SOAS University of London)

Jewish Literacy and Languages in Roman Palestine

10:00-10:30 *Break*

10:30-12:30 HEBREW

Willem Smelik (University College London)

When Hebrew Went Numinous

Agustinus Gianto (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)

Lukan Semitisms – A Puzzling Mystery?

Riccardo Contini (Università di Napoli L'Orientale)

*The Arabian Element in the Language History
of Ancient Palestine*

May 10th, 2018 – p.m.

14:00-15:30 ARAMAIC

Christian Stadel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

השומרונים הטוב – שמרה טבה – ó καλός Σαμαρείτης
Language Shift and Language Use in the Samaritan Community

Holger Gzella (Leiden University)

*The Aramaic Dialects of Early Roman Palestine:
Origin, Variation, Use*

15:30-16:00 *Break*

16:00-18:00 ARAMAIC AND GREEK

Geoffrey Khan (Cambridge University)

*Would Jesus Have Understood the Modern Spoken
Aramaic Dialects?*

Marco Mancini (Università di Roma «La Sapienza»)

Greek as a Contact Language in Jewish Palestine

Craig Morrison (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)

When Jesus Speaks Aramaic in the Greek Gospels

18:00 *Conclusion*