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**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

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14:00-15:30 **ARAMAIC**

Christian Stadel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
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