



# The Political Power of Sacred Texts

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**Thursday 19 October 2017**

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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