



Convened by Hindy Najman

## Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar

Michaelmas Term, Weeks 1-6, 8

Mondays, 14:30-16:00 in the Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Unless otherwise specified

Week 1 (Oct 14)

### **Induction session**

14:00-16:00, Harris Lecture Theatre

*Followed by reception in Harris Seminar Room*

Week 2 (Oct 21)

Jacob Wöhrle (Tübingen)

### **“There was no Human to till the Ground”:**

**The Formation and the Religious Historical Background of the Non-Priestly Creation Account Genesis 2-3**

Week 3 (Oct 28)

Hugh Williamson (Christ Church)

### ***The Valley of Vision: A Speculative Reconsideration of Isaiah 22:1-8a***

This lecture will be held in the British Museum

Further details to be disseminated via email for the trip

Week 4 (Nov 4)

### ***The Making of the Tabernacle and the Construction of Priestly Hegemony***

#### **Book Launch for Nathan MacDonald (Cambridge)**

14:30-17:00, Harris Lecture Theatre

*Followed by reception in the Harris Seminar Room*

Week 5 (Nov 11)

Friedhelm Hartenstein (LMU)

**Exodus: Event, Memory, Expectation: On the Symbolic Potential of the Biblical Exodus Narrative**

Week 6 (Nov 18)

Katherine Southwood (St John's)

### **The Refusal to Recognize Job as a Reliable Witness**

**and the Significance of Epistemic and Hermeneutical Injustice for Wisdom and Law**

Week 8 (2 Dec)

### ***Ambiguities of Exile***

**Joint Workshop, University of Oxford and King's College London**

Convened by Andrea Schatz (KCL) and Rebekah Van Sant (Oriel)

*Further details will be circulated closer to event*



# Michaelmas Term, 2024

## Reading Groups, Seminars, Lectures, & Events

### Biblical Hebrew Reading Group

Convened by Cian Power  
Weeks 2, 4-7  
Mondays, 11:30-12:30  
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Week 2 (Oct 21)  
Jacob Wöhrle (Tübingen)  
**Genesis 2:4-9**

Week 4 (Nov 4)  
Nathan MacDonald (Cambridge)  
**Exod 38:1-8; 40:6-7, 29-32 (MT) // Exod 38:22-27; 40:6-7, 26-27 (LXX)**

Week 5 (Nov 11)  
Friedhelm Hartenstein (LMU)  
**Psalms 77:8-21**

Week 6 (Nov 18)  
Katherine Southwood (St John's)  
**Job 16:6-17**

Week 7 (Nov 25)  
Cian Power (Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford)  
**2 Chron 30:1, 5-13, 18-20**

### Varieties of Judaism Lectures (Undergraduate Lectures)

Weeks 1-8  
Tuesday, 10:00-11:00  
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

### Professionalisation Sessions:

**SBL Practice Presentations**  
Convened by Hindy Najman and Rebekah Van Sant  
Week 6  
Tuesday, November 19  
17:00-19:00, Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

**How to Ace Your Interview (open to all):**  
**A workshop with Susan Black (Oxford University Careers Service)**  
Week 8  
Friday, December 6  
14:30-16:00  
HB Allen Centre Lecture Theatre, Keble College  
*For more information about this session please contact [OxfordNTSeminar@gmail.com](mailto:OxfordNTSeminar@gmail.com).*

### Early Biblical Interpretation Seminar:

Convened by Hindy Najman  
Week 4 (Thursday, November 7)  
**Manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament**  
Hindy Najman (Oriel), Peter Toth (Bodleian Library) and César Merchán-Hamann (Bodleian Library)  
10:00-12:00  
Weston Library  
*Further details to be circulated via email closer to event*

Week 5 (Tuesday, November 12)  
**Biblical Hermeneutics and Philosophical Poetics**  
Friedhelm Hartenstein (LMU) and Hindy Najman (Oriel)  
11:30-13:00, Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

Week 8 (Thursday, December 5)  
**Methods for Tracking Hebrew through Time: Historical Linguistics, Periodization, the Nature of Language, and Dating Ancient Texts**  
John Screnock (Wycliffe)  
10:00-12:00, Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

### Postgraduate Set Texts Classes

Instructor: Cian Power  
Thursdays, 14:00-16:00  
*For further details please be in touch with Cian Power*

### Hanukkah Party

Week 8  
Tuesday, December 3  
17:00-18:30  
Provost's Lodgings, Oriel College  
*All are welcome – RVSP form to be circulated*