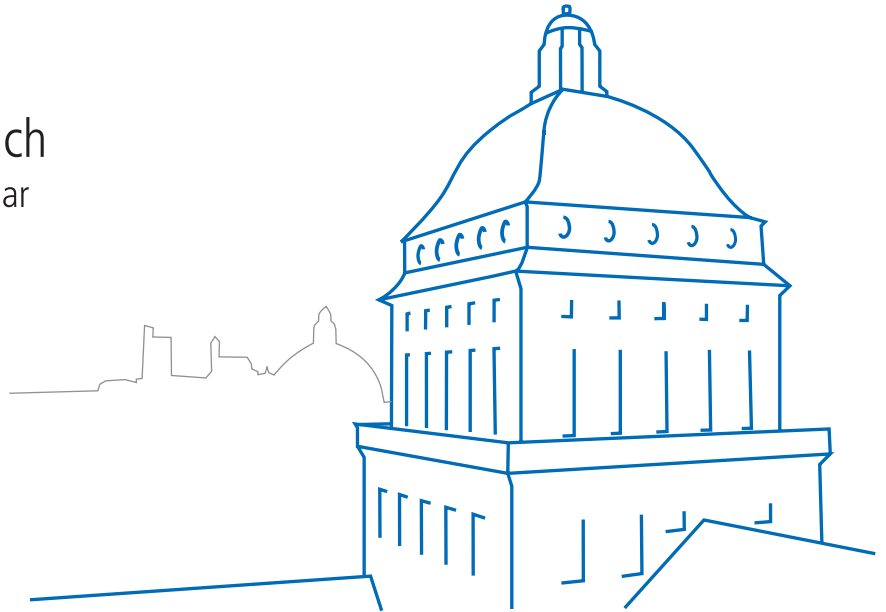




Universität Zürich
Theologisches Seminar



The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research

January 10, 2010 – January 12, 2010

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Kirchgasse 9, CH-8001 Zurich

Sunday 10.1.2010

Introduction

14:00 – 14:10

- 14:00 – 14:05 Konrad Schmid (Zurich):
Opening Address by the Dean of the Faculty
- 14:05 – 14:10 Susanne Bickel (Basel):
Opening Address by the President of the Swiss
Society for Oriental Studies (SGOA/SSPOA)
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General Issues of Dating and Methodology

14:15 – 17:45

- 14:15 – 14:45 David Carr (New York):
Is There Early Pre-Exilic Material in the Pentateuch
(10th–9th Century), and – if so – How Would We
Recognize It?
- 14:45 – 15:15 Thomas Dozeman (Dayton):
The Wilderness Itineraries and Their Function in
the Composition of the Pentateuch
- 15:15 – 15:45 Reinhard G. Kratz (Göttingen):
The Pentateuch in Current Research: Consensus
and Debatable Points
- 15:45 – 16:15 Break
- 16:15 – 16:45 Ben Sommer (New York):
Dating Pentateuchal Texts and the Perils of
Pseudo-Historicism
- 16:45 – 17:15 Jeffrey Stackert (Chicago):
Innerbiblical Exegesis or Redactional
Supplementation in the Pentateuch:
Is Differentiation Possible?
- 17:15 – 17:45 Jean-Louis Ska (Rome):
The Limits of Interpretation
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Reception by the City and Canton of Zurich

17:45 – 19:45

The Documentary Hypothesis in the Current Discussion

19:45 – 21:15

- 19:45 – 20:15 Joel Baden (Yale):
The Deuteronomistic Evidence for the Documentary
Model
- 20:15 – 20:45 Konrad Schmid (Zurich):
Has European Scholarship Abandoned the
Documentary Hypothesis?
Some Clarifications on its Current State
- 20:45 – 21:15 Baruch J. Schwartz (Jerusalem):
Does Scholarship's Critique of the Documentary
Hypothesis Constitute Grounds for its Rejection?
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Monday 11.1.2010

Genesis

09:00 – 12:00

- 09:00 – 09:30 Thomas Krüger (Zurich):
Genesis 1:1–2:4 and the Development of the
Pentateuch
- 09:30 – 10:00 Jan Christian Gertz (Heidelberg):
Source Criticism in the Primeval History of Genesis
– An Outdated Paradigm for the Study of the
Pentateuch?
- 10:00 – 10:30 Sarah Shectman (Binghamton):
Rachel, Leah, and the Composition of Genesis
- 10:30 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Michaela Bauks (Koblenz):
Nakedness and Shame as Pattern in the
Primordial History
- 11:30 – 12:00 Christoph Levin (Munich):
Righteousness in the Joseph Story
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Form, Function, and Reception of the Pentateuch

14:00 – 16:30

- 14:00 – 14:30 James W. Watts (Syracuse):
Using Ezra's Time as a Methodological Pivot for
Understanding the Rhetoric and Functions of the
Pentateuch
- 14:30 – 15:00 Christoph Uehlinger (Zurich):
The Pentateuch as a Foundation Charter?
Aspects of Mythology, Historiography, and Law in
Comparative Perspective
- 15:00 – 15:30 Break
- 15:30 – 16:00 Gary Knoppers (Pennsylvania):
Parallel Torahs and Inner-Biblical Interpretation:
The Jewish and Samaritan Pentateuchs in
Historical Perspective
- 16:00 – 16:30 Thomas Römer (Lausanne):
Extra-Pentateuchal, Biblical Evidence for the
Existence of a Pentateuch:
The Case of the «Historical Summaries»
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Exodus–Deuteronomy Part I

17:00 – 18:30

- 17:00 – 17:30 Rainer Albertz (Münster):
The Late Exilic Book of Exodus (Exod 1–34*):
A Contribution to the Pentateuchal Discussion
- 17:30 – 18:00 Bernard M. Levinson (Minnesota):
The Revelation of Redaction: Exodus 34:10–26
as a Challenge to the Standard Documentary
Hypothesis
- 18:00 – 18:30 Shimon Gesundheit (Jerusalem):
The Riddle of Exodus 13:1–16

Tuesday 12.1.2010

Exodus–Deuteronomy Part II

09:00 – 10:30

- 09:00 – 09:30 Christophe Nihan (Lausanne):
The Origins of the Book of Numbers and the Present State of the Discussion
- 09:30 – 10:00 Erhard Blum (Tübingen):
The Decalogue and the Composition History of the Pentateuch
- 10:00 – 10:30 Simeon Chavel (Chicago):
Religious Law and Society in the Layers of Deuteronomy 12
- 10:30 – 11:00 Break
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P, H, and D Part I

11:00 – 12:30

- 11:00 – 11:30 Albert de Pury (Basel):
What is the Priestly Writer's Project?
- 11:30 – 12:00 Itamar Kislev (Haifa):
Numbers 25 and its Significance for the Evaluation of P
- 12:00 – 12:30 Israel Knohl (Jerusalem):
The Holiness School and the Final Editing of the Torah
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P, H, and D Part II

14:30 – 15:30

- 14:30 – 15:00 Ron Hendel (Berkeley):
Mary Douglas and the Thought-Styles of D and P
- 15:00 – 15:30 Saul M. Olyan (Brown):
The Eternal Covenant Marked by Circumcision: How Useful a Criterion for Dating and Source Analysis?
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Pentateuch, Former and Latter Prophets

16:00 – 17:30

- 16:00 – 16:30 Graeme Auld (Edinburgh):
Kidnap and Seduction: The Re-use of Samuel in Genesis
- 16:30 – 17:00 Eckart Otto (Munich):
Pentateuch and Former Prophets: A Survey of their Independence on the One Hand and their Literary Connections on the Other from the Assyrian to the Hellenistic Period
- 17:00 – 17:30 Reinhard Achenbach (Münster):
The Pentateuch and the Latter Prophets

Pentateuchal research has undergone critical reevaluation in the past several decades. The Documentary Hypothesis formulated by Julius Wellhausen at the close of the nineteenth century continues to influence current research on the composition of the Pentateuch. At the same time, recent insights from archaeology and from the modern study of the history and religion of ancient Israel have called into question many aspects of the classical historical reconstruction. Along with these developments, the emergence of new methodological paradigms for literary research is also raising new questions about the history, composition and meaning of pentateuchal narrative and law. The result is that present scholarship is confronted with an unprecedented variety of approaches to the study of the Pentateuch. This situation in pentateuchal research is further accentuated by the distinct settings of international scholarship in Europe, Israel and North America.

The symposium is intended to bring together scholars of the Pentateuch from Europe, Israel, and North America to assess the international perspectives on the state of our discipline at the outset of the twenty-first century. The aim of the symposium is to create conversation among researchers – not to formulate a unified approach to the critical study of the Pentateuch or to its interpretation, but to foster a better understanding of different presuppositions and methodologies, especially as they influence researchers in different cultural contexts.

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