

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
**WRITING AND REWRITING HISTORY
IN ANCIENT ISRAEL AND NEAR EASTERN CULTURES**

JUNE 17 - 20, 2018
ERBACHER HOF - AKADEMIE MAINZ



SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

WELCOME WORDS AND KEYNOTE LECTURE

17:30 Welcome Words

Chair: Isaac Kalimi, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Thomas Hieke, Direktor GFK, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Ruben Zimmermann, Dean, Evan.-Theologische Fakultät, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

18:00 Keynote Lecture: Alexander Rofé, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Allegedly Anachronistic Notes in the Books of Joshua and Samuel – Evidence from the Septuagint and a Qumran Manuscript vis-à-vis the Masoretic Text

19:00 Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

**ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN PARALLELS
AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

Chair: Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA

09:00 K. Lawson Younger, Jr., Trinity University, Chicago, USA

Reflections on Hazael's Empire in Light of Recent Study in the Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Texts

10:00 Herbert Niehr, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany

Royal Inscriptions as Sources for the Historiography of Syria in the First Half of the 1st Mill. B.C.E.

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Wolfgang Zwickel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

History of Israel 2.0

12:30 Lunch

Chair: Thomas Hieke, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

13:30 Gary Rendsburg, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA

The Epic Tradition in Ancient Israel – and What Happened to It?

14:30 Jan Retsö, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

How Traditional Literature is Created: A Comparative View on the Question of Source Analysis in the Hebrew Bible

15:30 Abraham Winitzer, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

The Legacy of the Gilgamesh Epic in Ezekiel 16

16:45 Tour regarding Jews and Judaism in Mainz

Guided by **Ms. Rosemary Spars**

19:15 Dinner

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018

**REWRITTEN HISTORY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL
AND THE HEBREW BIBLE**

Chair: Wolfgang Zwickel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

09:00 Ken Brown, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

Writing and Rewriting the Pre-History of Israel: The Case of the Water from the Rock

10:00 Klaas Spronk, Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Rewriting History according to the Book of Judges

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Yigal Levin, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

The Chronicler's Re-Writing of the History of Israel: Why and How?

12:30 Lunch

Chair: Herbert Niehr, Universität Tübingen, Germany

14:00 William M. Schniedewind, University of California - Los Angeles, California, USA

Writing and Rewriting Solomon

15:00 Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

King Solomon in Josephus' Rewritings

16:00 Coffee break

Chair: Sebastian Grätz, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

16:30 Gary N. Knoppers, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

The First Judahite Exile in Chronicles: Theology or History?

17:30 Manfred Oeming, Ruprecht Karls University of Heidelberg, Germany

Cyrus in Chronicles. The King as a Protector of the Cult in the Bible and in Ancient Near Eastern Patterns of Rewriting History

19:00 Dinner

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

WRITING AND REWRITING HISTORY

Chair: Isaac Kalimi, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany

09:00 Sebastian Grätz, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany
Between 'Biblical' and Political Claims: The Sources of Ezra 1–6 Revisited

10:00 Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA
Writing and Rewriting History: Ancient Israel and Near Eastern Cultures – Synthesis and Response

11:00 Coffee break

General Discussion: Writing and Rewriting History: Ancient Israel and Near Eastern Cultures

11:30 Chair: Alexander Rofé, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

12:30 Lunch

End of the Conference

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Go in peace! / Gehe in Frieden!



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