

# The Society for Old Testament Study

## SUMMER MEETING 2015

University of Edinburgh

*under the presidency of Professor Hans Barstad; held jointly with the Oudtestamentisch Werkgezelschap*

### MONDAY 20th JULY

The venue for all sessions is South Hall, on the Pollock Halls campus.

Publishers are invited to display books for sale during the Meeting.

Members who have had books published recently are also invited to display copies.

- 2.00 pm *SOTS Committee Meeting*
- 4.30 pm Registration
- 6.00 pm Reception, sponsored by the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Koert van Bekkum (Kampen)  
“Geography in Numbers 33-34 and Recent Pentateuchal Theory”

### TUESDAY 21st JULY

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am William Johnstone (Aberdeen)  
“The Influence of the Decalogue on the Shape of Exodus”
- 10.00 am Pieter van der Lugt (Dokkum)  
“The People of Israel as a Worshipping Community and the Design of the Song of the Sea (Ex.15:1-18)”
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Anselm Hagedorn (Berlin)  
“The Biblical Laws of Asylum between Mediterraneanism and Postcolonial Critique”
- 12 noon Bob Becking (Utrecht)  
“Covenant, Agreement and Law: the Social Code underlying the Book of Nehemiah”
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.30 pm Jacques van Ruiten (Groningen)  
“Interpreting Torah: Strategies for Producing, Circulating, and Validating Authoritative Scriptures in Early Judaism”
- 3.15 pm Willem Smelik (London)  
“The Rabbinic use for and the Rabbinic use of Scriptural Translations”
- 4.00 pm Tea
- 4.30 pm Hedy Hung (Aberdeen)  
“The Kingship Motif in Isaiah 61:1-3”
- 6.00 pm Reception, sponsored by Brill Publishers
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Samuel Balentine (Richmond)  
“‘I am God and not a Human Being’; The Divine Dilemma in Hosea”

### WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Klaas Smelik (Gent)  
“The Inner Cohesion of Jeremiah 34:8-22, on the Liberation of Slaves during the Siege of Jerusalem, and its Relation to Deut. 15:12”
- 10.00 am Jaap Dekker (Apeldoorn)  
“The Concept of Torah in the Book of Isaiah”
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Graeme Auld (Edinburgh)  
“Samuel-Kings and ‘Deuteronomism’”
- 12 noon Business Meeting (SOTS Members only)
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 1.45 pm Visit to Edinburgh Castle (for 2.30 pm) followed by optional tour of New College
- 4.00 pm President’s Tea, New Club, 86 Princes Street (near New College)
- 5.30 pm Michaël van der Meer (Amsterdam)  
“The Greek Translation of the Pentateuch in the Light of Contemporary Hellenistic Philosophy”
- 6.45 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Deborah Rooke (Oxford)  
“Leviticus from a gendered perspective”

### THURSDAY 23rd July

- 8.00 am Breakfast and depart

## DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

The venue for the Meeting is Pollock Halls, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh EH16 5AY, and the telephone number for the Edinburgh First Conference Office is (+44) (0131) 6512007. Please refer to the enclosed maps for information on how to get to the College and possible parking locations. Parking is somewhat limited and available on a first come first served basis. Please use public transport if you are able. The charges for hospitality are shown on the enclosed Booking Form. Members are requested to pay their accounts in full when returning the form but, if necessary, a non-returnable booking fee of £30 will be accepted and the balance will be payable on arrival at the Meeting. **A discounted price is available to those whose bookings are received by Thursday 21st May 2015** (please see the details on the form). There is a subsidised price for those on low incomes or from economically disadvantaged countries. **All bookings must be received by Thursday 18th June 2015**; no bookings can be accepted after that date. Bookings can be made by email to [sotshospitality@gmail.com](mailto:sotshospitality@gmail.com) with cheques to follow by post, or payment by bank transfer. Please note that in making a booking, members render themselves liable for payment of the full cost of that booking, a liability that will be waived only in the light of extenuating circumstances and only when the final conference accounts permit a refund. You may wish to consider taking out insurance on your booking (or check that your annual travel insurance is applicable) to cover the possibility of you having to cancel your booking. You are advised to make a copy of your completed Booking Form for your own records.

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS and Call for Papers

*Winter Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Collingwood College, Durham*

*Summer Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Hulme Hall, Manchester*

Members wishing to read a paper or conduct a workshop or other session at a forthcoming Meeting should write to the Secretary, giving a title and brief summary of the proposed paper or session, by 30th June 2015 (for the Winter Meeting 2016) or 30th November 2015 (for the Summer Meeting 2016). The Programme Sub-Committee will respond by 31st July 2016 or by 31st January 2016 respectively to all proposals received. For academic papers, offers of shorter presentations (25 minutes) are particularly welcome, but longer presentations (50 minutes) may also be proposed.

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## SUMMER MEETING

Pollock Halls

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2015

President: Professor Hans Barstad

Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Hospitality Secretary*, Mr James Patrick, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TF (email: [sotshospitality@gmail.com](mailto:sotshospitality@gmail.com)) so as to arrive by **21<sup>st</sup> May 2015** (for the discount price) or at the latest by **18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**.

Correspondence concerning the affairs of the Society should be sent to the *Secretary*, Dr David Shepherd, School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, ISE/LI Building, Trinity College Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (tel. [00353] 1 8964796, email [shepherd@tcd.ie](mailto:shepherd@tcd.ie)). Applications for a Conference Grant to assist in meeting the costs of attending the Meeting must reach the Secretary by 21<sup>st</sup> May. Proposals for new members must reach him by 18<sup>th</sup> June. Application forms for grants and membership are available on the SOTS website, [www.sots.ac.uk](http://www.sots.ac.uk).

Changes of address should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Mrs Vivienne Rowett, 3, Newhouse Close, Wardle, Rochdale, OL12 9LW, email: [vivrowett@aol.com](mailto:vivrowett@aol.com)).