

Newsletter “Beyond Canon” – June 2019

Dear Fellows and Friends,

In May and June, six Short Time Fellows have visited our *Centre for Advanced Studies* and delivered very inspiring lectures – and we are already looking forward to our “Extracanonical Traditions” conference from July 2-5 with many high-ranking papers and some guests who will join us afterwards for longer Fellowships of up to one year.

1. Review: Activities of our Group in May and June

Our Short Time Fellows from eight countries not only created a lively atmosphere in our truly international Centre, but also contributed with their work to our project’s goals a lot in May and June by showing us somewhat wider perspectives on the “Beyond Canon” topic:

- [Julia Snyder: "Proof texting from Other People’s Scriptures? The ‘Prophets’ in Acts of Philip 5-7" \(May 8\)](#)
- [International Conference “Dreams, Visions, Imaginations: Jewish, Christian and Gnostic Views of the World to Come” \(Barcelona, May 9-11\)](#)
- [Eric Beck: “Will the real Apocalypse of Peter please stand up?” \(May 15\)](#)
- [Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev: “Adam as the Giver of Names and as Proto-Noah: The Idea of Kingship in the Iconographic Programme of the Palatine Church at Aftamar \(915–921\)” \(May 22\)](#)
- [Meet and Greet with Christo Thesnaar, Universiteit Stellenbosch \(June 3\)](#)
- [Daniel Weiss: "Early Christian literature as a heterotopia for early rabbinic literature" \(June 5\)](#)
- [Magdalena Díaz Araujo: “Eve as the sole cause of mortality of the human race \(Greek Life of Adam and Eve 14.2\)” \(June 5\)](#)
- [Mariano Troiano: "We agree to differ: Irenaeus of Lyon and his reading of Valentinian Christology" \(June 5\)](#)
- [Lorena Miralles Maciá: "Biblische Frauen, rabbinische Bestimmungen" \(June 13\)](#)
- Maria Karyakina: „The Scene in Gethsemane in Canonical Gospels and in selected works of Russian artists of the second part of the XIX c."

Some of the papers are going to be published in the course of the year, among them a paper by our Fellow Isabella D’Auria (who paid us a visit from May 1-31) on Arator’s work. Of course we will keep you updated!

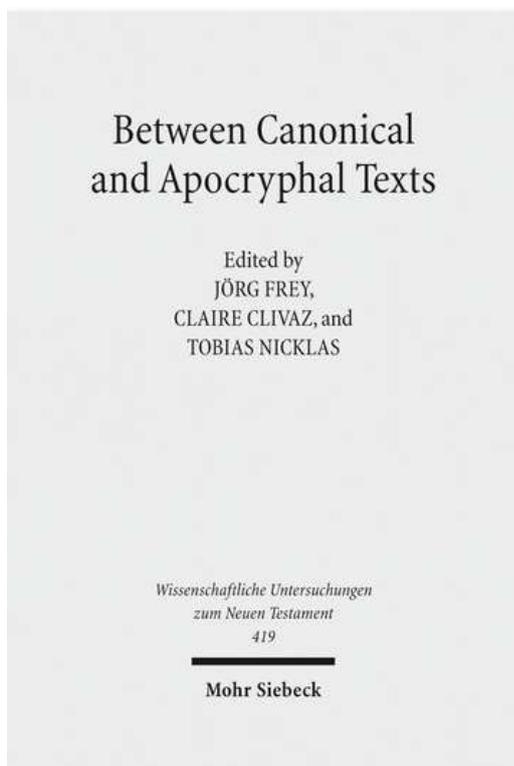
2. Preview: Activities in July

Before we are taking a short summer break in August, there are some very interesting activities scheduled for the next weeks:

- Cosmin Pricop: „Wie wohnt der Logos? Einige Antworten aus den Thomasakten“ (June 26, 12:30, SGLG 311)
- International Conference "Scripture and the Enemy in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam", co-organized by our Fellow Julia Snyder (July 1-3, Cambridge/UK)
- International Conference "Extracanonial Traditions and the Holy Land: Texts, Rituals, and Material Culture in Late Antique Palestine" (July 2-5, Regensburg, Andreasstadel)
- Yii-Jan Lin: Lecture on July 11, 12:00 (VG 0.14)
- Workshop "The Early History of the Byzantine Liturgy of the Hours and the Horologion", organized by Harald Buchinger (July 18-20, Universität Regensburg, PT 4.1.63)
- Haim Weiss: Lecture on Rabbinic Literature (July 23, 12:00, SGLG 319/314).

3. Forthcoming Publication in July

Jörg Frey, Claire Clivaz, and Tobias Nicklas, in collaboration with Jörg Röder (ed.s): *Between Canonical and Apocryphal Texts. Processes of Reception, Rewriting, and Interpretation in Early Judaism and Early Christianity* (= WUNT 419). Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck 2019



“The present volume aims at a comparative study of the processes of reception, rewriting and interpretation between canonical and apocryphal texts in early Jewish and early Christian literature. A closer look at the respective developments in both corpora of literature can open up new perspectives for understanding the developments and changes between texts that were already considered authoritative, and their reception in new, 'parabiblical' or 'apocryphal' compositions. The way of reception may also influence the perspective on canonical texts. The range of texts considered includes the LXX, Targumim and Pesharim, books such as Jubilees, the Genesis Apocryphon, the Gospel of Thomas, and Apocryphal Acts, traditions about Esther, Ezra, Manasseh, Peter and Paul, depictions of hell from Enoch to the Apocalypse of Paul, and the development of miracle stories.”

Read more: https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/between-canonical-and-apocryphal-texts-9783161539275?no_cache=1

4. Language courses for our Fellows

A few weeks ago, Tudor Sala ended his two-semester Coptic Course at our Faculty – with a very positive feedback of all participants. We are happy to announce that Dr. Sala will join our Centre as a Fellow in October and November 2019 and hope that another course will start soon.

At the same time we found that our Fellows' interest in further language courses is huge, so we are planning a course in Syriac (maybe even another one in Armenian) now.

5. Preparing your 2020 stay in Regensburg

As our July conference (and the arrival of more Fellows) is approaching, we are building up a small "infrastructure" for you: Emergency numbers, a family physician who is fluent in English, useful addresses in/around Regensburg, etc. We will happily provide you with the list on your arrival, hoping to make your start in Regensburg as comfortable as possible.

At the same time, we are already planning for the upcoming year. For those of you who are intending to visit us and **haven't got an accommodation** yet, please contact us within the next two months so we can find a nice place for you together with the wonderful ladies of our Welcome Center!

Best wishes,

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Ulrike Linder-Windbichler and Stephanie Hallinger

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