Trauma and Traumatization

In and Beyond Biblical Literature

Research Units for Old and New Testament Studies
Department of Culture and Society
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Program

**Wednesday 6.6.**

13.00 – 14.30
Registration

14.30 – 17.15
**Session 1: The Stage of Debate and Towards New Insights (1)**
*Presiding: Else K. Holt*
Welcome: Anne Marie Pahuus, Vice-Dean for Research
Bjarke Paarup, Head of Dpt. of Culture and Society
Eve-Marie Becker, Organizing Committee
Raben Rosenberg, Aarhus:
*Trauma and mental disorders: theoretical and empirical approaches*
Coffee break
Armin Geertz, Aarhus:
*Religion and Violence as Cognitive Governance Techniques*

18.00 – 19.30
Dinner

19.30 – 20.30
**Session 2: The Stage of Debate and Towards New Insights (2)**
*Presiding: Else K. Holt*
Kathleen O’Connor, Decatur, GA:
*How Trauma Studies Can Deepen and Change Old Testament Interpretation*
Thursday 7.6.

9.00 – 12.30  
**Session 3 : Historical and Literary Aspects (1)**

*Presiding: Jan Dietrich*

Nadine Metzger, Erlangen-Nürnberg:
*Railway spine, shell shock and psychological trauma – The limits of retrospective diagnosis*

Eve-Marie Becker, Aarhus:
*Paul’s Traumata and the Shape of a Narrative Identity*

Coffee break

Jan Dochhorn, Aarhus:
*Nero-redivivus*

12.30 – 13.30  
**Lunch**

13.30 – 16.40  
**Session 4: The Stage of Debate and Towards New Insights (3)**

*Presiding: Erin J. Wright*

Dorthe Berntsen, Aarhus:
*Traumatic experiences in autobiographical memory*

Louis Stulman, Findlay, OH
*Prophetic Literature in the Hebrew Bible as the Art of Gaman*

Coffee break

Burkhard Meyer-Sickendiek, Berlin:
*Trauma and sarcasm in modern Austrian literature: Thomas Bernhards "extinction”*

17.00 – 18.30  
**Session 5: Short papers I + II**

**Session I: Presiding: Eve-Marie Becker**

Alexandra Eckert, Halle-Wittenberg:
*Sulla’s Proscriptions as a Traumatic Event in Roman History – Recollections from the Late Roman Republic to Late Antiquity*

Frank Ursin, Halle-Wittenberg:
*Handling traumatic events in Greek history: Plutarch’s Political Precepts as a struggle between memory and oblivion*

Nils Arne Pedersen, Aarhus:
*Traumatic Experiences behind Gnostic Mythology? Discussion of an Explanation in Modern Scholarship*

18.30 – 20.00  
**Dinner**

19.00 – 21.00  
**Session 6: Historical and Literary Aspects (2)**

*Presiding: Ole Davidsen*

Adele Reinhartz, Ottawa:
*The Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple as a Trauma for Proto-Christians*
Friday 8.6.
9.00 – 12.00  Session 7: Historical and Literary Aspects (3)
Presiding: Kasper Bro Larsen
Daniel Smith-Christopher, Los Angeles, CA:  Trauma and Old Testament: Some Problems and Prospects
Else K. Holt, Aarhus:  Daughter Zion: Trauma, Cultural Memory and Gender in OT Poetics
Coffee break
Moderator: Kasper Bro Larsen

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00  Session 8: Short papers III
Presiding: Erin J. Wright
Kirsten Nielsen, Aarhus:  Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and the Book of Job
Otto Mulder, Almelo:  Lists of traumatic experience: Ben Sira and his grandson in biblical context

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30  Session 9: Social and Cultural Aspects (1)
Presiding: Hans Jørgen Lundager Jensen
Roberto Castro, Mexico:  A traumatized society: Criminal violence in Mexico and the search for justice and hope
Jan Dietrich, Aarhus:  Cultural Traumata in the Ancient Near East

17.30 – 19.30 Cultural excursion, Den Gamle By (Old Town Museum)
19.30 Dinner in Den Gamle By (Old Town Museum)

Saturday 9.6.
9.00 – 10.30  Session 10: Social and Cultural Aspects (2)
Presiding: Ole Davidsen
Virginia Burrus, Drew University:  ‘Nec sanabatur vulnus illud meum’ (Conf. 6.15): Trauma, time, and narrative in Augustine’s Confessions
Eve-Maria Becker, Aarhus  Trauma and Bible: Where do we stand and where do we go?

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 General discussion
Moderator (and farewell note): Else Holt