

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 Traumatized 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

Session II:

Presiding: Else K. Holt

Christopher Frechette, Boston, MA:

Destroying the Internalized Perpetrator: A Healing Function of the Violent Language Against Enemies in the Psalms

Elizabeth Boase, Adelaide:

The Traumatized Body: Communal Trauma and Somatisation in Lamentations

18.30 – 20.00

Dinner

20.00 – 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

General discussion

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-Marie 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