OTSEM-II 2012 Oxford – *Programme*

Worcester College, Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HB

Monday 17 September

18:30 Reception *[note the change of time]*

19:30 Dinner

20:30 **Plenary lecture**: Professor Martti Nissinen (Linbury)
Relative Masculinities in the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament

Tuesday 18 September

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Morning prayer (Worcester Chapel)

09:30–10:30 **PhD Session 1**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Troy **Cudworth**, Oxford
Rehoboam's folly and the division of the kingdoms in Chronicles
RESPOND: Jan Dietrich, Aarhus
CHAIR: Göran Eidevall, Uppsala

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Jessi **Orpana**, Helsinki
Created together, covered separately: first man and woman in Jubilees
RESPOND: Søren Holst, København
CHAIR: Kåre Berge, Oslo (MF)

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Håkon Sunde **Pedersen**, Oslo (MF)
Yahweh's עזב*-complaint in Jer 2:13*
RESPOND: Else Holt, Aarhus
CHAIR: Anja Klein, Göttingen

VENUE: Linbury
Linnéa **Gradén**, Lund
A redaction critical reading of Leviticus 13–14
RESPOND: Gunnlaugur Jónsson, Reykjavik
CHAIR: Kevin Cathcart, Oxford

10:30 Coffee

11:15–12:15 **PhD Session 2**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Aly **Elrfaay**, Göttingen
The history of ancient Israel in the works of Julius Wellhausen (1844-1918) and Yehezkel Kaufmann (1889-1963)
RESPOND: John Barton, Oxford
CHAIR: Mikael Larsson, Uppsala

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Hans-Olav **Mørk**, Oslo (MF)
Problems and perspectives on Is 7,14 and the study of transformations in LXX Isaiah
RESPOND: Hans J.L. Jensen, Aarhus
CHAIR: Antti Laato, Åbo Akademi

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Katia **Kozlova**, Oxford
Rachel's Funerary Circumambulation – נקבה תסובב גבר (Jer. 31:22b)
RESPOND: Anne Katrine Gudme, København
CHAIR: Fredrik Lindström, Lund

VENUE: Linbury
Michael **Chan**, Helsinki
The city on a hill: a tradition-historical analysis of the wealth of nations tradition
RESPOND: Terje Stordalen, Oslo (Univ)
CHAIR: Hermann Spieckermann, Göttingen

12:30 Lunch

14:15-15:15 **PhD Session 3**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Tero **Alstola**, Helsinki
Tillers of the soil: the Judeans in Nippur region

RESPOND: Jonathan Stökl, Oxford
CHAIR: Gard Granerød, Oslo (MF)

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Ingunn **Aadland**, Oslo (MF)
A reading of 4Q185 - in light of the Hebrew Bible and Qumran context
RESPOND: Reinhard Kratz, Göttingen
CHAIR: Jan Dietrich, Aarhus

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Friederike **Neumann**, Göttingen
A scribal hymn: Psalm 146 and its intertextual references
RESPOND: Göran Eidevall, Uppsala
CHAIR: Else Holt, Aarhus

VENUE: Linbury
Line Søgaard **Christensen**, Aarhus
The Axial Age and Israelite religion

RESPOND: Karl William Weyde, Oslo (MF)
CHAIR: Hugh Williamson, Oxford

15:30 Tea

16:00-17:00 **PhD Session 4**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Nazik **Matty**, Oxford
A study of Sennacherib's third campaign against Judah within the context of his previous military activity
RESPOND: Martti Nissinen, Helsinki
CHAIR: Fredrik Lindström, Lund

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Christian **Schäfer**, Göttingen
The reconstruction by A. Rahlfs of the textual history of the Greek Psalter

RESPOND: Kristinn Ólason, Reykjavik
CHAIR: John Barton, Oxford

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Joanna **Töyräänvuori**, Helsinki
The biblical river ordeal in the context of ancient Mesopotamian and medieval European evidence
RESPOND: Kåre Berge, Oslo (MF)
CHAIR: Hans J.L. Jensen, Aarhus

VENUE: Linbury
David **Willgren**, Lund
'Seamingly' important psalms

RESPOND: Urmas Nõmmik, Tartu
CHAIR: Anne Katrine Gudme, København

18:05 Choral Evensong (Christ Church Cathedral)

19:30 Dinner

20:30 **Evening event** (Worcester Chapel):

Music by Madhavi Nevader (cellist) and Jonathan Arnold (baritone, & Worcester College chaplain)

Talk by Sue Gillingham on the iconography of the chapel

Wednesday 19 September

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Morning prayer (Worcester Chapel)

09:30–10:30 **PhD Session 5**

VENUE: Rose Garden

RESPOND:

CHAIR:

VENUE: Lecture Room B

Martin **Friis**, København

Josephus among friends… The rhetorics of self-presentation in the proem to the Antiquities

RESPOND: Karl William Weyde, Oslo (MF)

CHAIR: Urmas Nõmmik, Tartu

VENUE: Ruskin Lane

Judith **Krawelitzki**, Göttingen

God the Almighty? Observations in the Psalms

RESPOND: Antti Laato, Åbo Akademi

CHAIR: Knut Holter, Stavanger

VENUE: Linbury

Tina Dykesteen **Nilsen**, Stavanger

Text critical analysis of Deuteronomy 32:1-43

RESPOND: Mikael Larsson, Uppsala

CHAIR: Reinhard Kratz, Göttingen

10:30 Coffee

11:15-12:15 **PhD Session 6**

VENUE: Rose Garden

Urmas **Nõmmik**, Tartu [**Post-doc paper**]

Gilgamesh and the Biblical Patriarchs: A Test Case of the Motif Relationship

RESPOND: Hermann Spieckermann, Göttingen

CHAIR: Kristinn Ólason, Reykjavik

VENUE: Lecture Room B

Lotta **Valve**, Åbo Akademi

Methodological considerations for Rewritten Bible research

RESPOND: Corinna Körting, Oslo (MF)

CHAIR: Søren Holst, København

VENUE: Ruskin Lane

Stefanie **Schön**, Oslo (Univ)

The ongoing canonization of biblical texts. Canon and gender as driving concepts in historical (re)constructions

RESPOND: Fredrik Lindström, Lund

CHAIR: John Barton, Oxford

VENUE: Linbury

Ulf **Bergström**, Uppsala

Tense, aspect and the meaning of the Biblical Hebrew verb: qotel *and* qatal

RESPOND: Kevin Cathcart, Oxford

CHAIR: Terje Stordalen, Oslo (Univ)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Guided tour of **Ashmolean Museum**, Near Eastern collection, by Dr Paul Collins: two groups (at 14:00 and 15:00), meet in the Randolph Gallery of Roman sculpture (first left on entering Museum).

16:00 Tea

16:30-17:30 **PhD** meeting (Ruskin Lane) **Post-doc** meeting (Lecture Room B)

17:45-18:45 **OTSEM Co-ordinating Committee** meeting (Rose Garden)

19:30 Dinner and red rose ceremony

Evening free (college bar open)

Thursday 20 September

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Morning prayer (Worcester Chapel)

09:30–10:30 **PhD Session 7**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Roberto **Piani**, Göttingen
In search of Ezra

RESPOND: Hugh Williamson, Oxford
CHAIR: Kåre Berge, Oslo (MF)

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Lasse **Berndes**, Lund
The Sennacherib episode: detecting alien discourse
RESPOND: Anja Klein, Göttingen
CHAIR: Corinna Körting, Oslo (MF)

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Frederik **Poulsen**, København
Canon formation and authority in the biblical theologies of Childs and Hübner
RESPOND: Hermann Spieckermann, Göttingen
CHAIR: Martti Nissinen, Helsinki

10:30 Coffee

11:00-12:00 **Post-doc Session**

VENUE: Rose Garden
Kristin **Joachimsen**, Oslo (Univ)
The other Israel: boundaries in flux in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah
RESPOND: Reinhard Kratz, Göttingen
CHAIR: Jonathan Stökl, Oxford

VENUE: Lecture Room B
Ola **Wikander**, Lund
"Horse" and "to plough" in Hebrew and IndoEuropean
RESPOND: Kevin Cathcart, Oxford
CHAIR: Karl William Weyde, Oslo (MF)

VENUE: Ruskin Lane
Camilla **von Heijne**, Uppsala
Dreams in the Joseph narrative – early Jewish interpretations
RESPOND: Knut Holter, Stavanger
CHAIR: Gunnlaugur Jonnson, Reykjavik

12:30 Lunch

13:15 Final **OTSEM Business Meeting** for all participants (Ruskin Lane)