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Friday, August 29:

15:00-15:30 *Registration (outside of 9A.0.01)*

15:30-16:15 *Opening Session @ Kierkegaard Auditorium (9A.0.01)*

16:15-16:30 *Break*

16:30-17:30 *Paper Session 1*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
More traces of Babylonian astronomy in the Blessing of Jacob **Presenter:** Pasi Schultz, *University of Eastern Finland/Åbo Akademi* **Chair:** Kacper Ziemba, *Københavns Universitet* **Respondent:** Frederik Poulsen, *Københavns Universitet*	Reflections on the First Chapter of the Book of Joshua **Presenter:** Elisabeth Behr, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen* **Chair:** Jutta Jokiranta, *University of Helsinki* **Respondent:** Susanne Rudnig-Zelt, *Christian-Albrechts-Universitât zu Kiel*	Evoking Shame, Honour, Desire, and Disgust through Sex Work Vocabulary in the Pentateuch, Hosea, and Ezekiel **Presenter:** Marika Pulkkinen, *University of Helsinki* **Chair:** Mikael Larsson, *Uppsala University* **Respondent:** Blaženka Scheuer, *Lund University*

17:30-17:45 *Break*

17:45-18:45 *Paper Session 2*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
Aphrahat's Reception of the Patriarch Jacob **Presenter:** Topias Tanskanen, *Åbo Akademi University* **Chair:** Ola Wikander, *Lund University* **Respondent:** Thilo Rudnig, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*	Literary growth of Hebrew Job versus the Old Greek translation of Job **Presenter:** Kristin Klaus, *University of Tartu* **Chair:** Jesper Høgenhaven, *Københavns Universitet* **Respondent:** Matthew Monger, *MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society*	Drunk, Devouring, Dead: Grotesque representations of mighty men **Presenter:** Sara Järlemyr, *Lund University* **Chair:** Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, *University of Oslo* **Respondent:** Alexiana Fry, *Københavns Universitet*

18:45 *Reception @ Faculty of Theology, Grundtvig Auditorium (8B.0.16)*

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Saturday, August 30:

09:00-10:00 *Paper Session 3*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
The Bible as Political Tool in the World's most Secularized Country **Presenter:** Hanna Liljefors, *Lund University* **Chair:** Topias Tanskanen, *Åbo Akademi University* **Respondent:** Frederik Poulsen, *Københavns Universitet*	The Jerusalem Temple and the Kethiv HW' for the Feminine Pronoun **Presenter:** Pedro Axelsson Goncalves, *Uppsala Universitet* **Chair:** Lucie Perez, *Københavns Universitet* **Respondent:** Jutta Jokiranta, *University of Helsinki*	Boundary-Crossers and Empire: Colonial Masculinity through the Eunuchs of Esther **Presenter:** Rae Fujimori, *University of Edinburgh* **Chair:** Blaženka Scheuer, *Lund University* **Respondent:** Mikael Larsson, *Uppsala University*

10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break @ Markedspladsen*

10:30-11:30 *Paper Session 4*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
The Early Jewish and Christian Reception of Isaiah 11:2–3a in Relation to Pneumatological Perceptions **Presenter:** Simon Johansson, *Åbo Akademi University* **Chair:** Richard Pleijel, *Uppsala and Stockholm University* **Respondent:** Corinna Körting, *Universität Hamburg*	The Literary Background Behind the Shared Verbatim Parallels of Hosea 8:13 and Jeremiah 14:10 **Presenter:** Nehara Meinemer, *University of Göttingen* **Chair:** Urmas Nõmmik, *University of Tartu* **Respondent:** Christoph Berner, *University of Kiel*	Making Sense through End Time Narratives (ETNs) with our Embodied Cognition **Presenter:** Melissa Sayyad Bach, *Københavns Universitet* **Chair:** Susanne Rudnig-Zelt, *Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel* **Respondent:** Lotta Valve, *Åbo Akademi University*

11:30-11:45 *Break*

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11:45-12:45 *Paper Session 5*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
Rebuilding Jerusalem's Temple: A Religious, Social, and Economic Analysis of Judean Activities Under Persian Rule **Presenter:** Daniele Soares de Silva, *University of Helsinki* **Chair:** Reinhard Kratz, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen* **Respondent**: Kacper Ziemba, *Københavns Universitet*	Language that binds: Hittite Subjugation Treaties in light of Cognitive Metaphor Theory and Cognitive Blending Theory **Presenter:** Julius Kankkunen, *University of Helsinki* **Chair:** Reinhard Müller, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen* **Respondent:** Ola Wikander, *Lund University*	Ezekiel in Action: Studying Ezekiel 5:1–4 as Literary Ritual Action **Presenter:** Lauri Aila, *University of Helsinki* **Chair:** Thilo Rudnig, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen* **Respondent:** Paul Joyce, *King's College London*

12:45-14:00 *Lunch @ Markedspladsen*

14:00-15:00 *Paper Session 6*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
Responding to Secularization: The Bible as Public Scripture in Late Postwar Sweden **Presenter:** Richard Pleijel, *Uppsala and Stockholm University* **Chair:** Lotta Valve, *Åbo Akademi University* **Respondent:** Kasper Siegismund, *Københavns Universitet*	Divine Kingship: an Examination of its various Literary Expressions in Psalm 47 **Presenter:** Ronja Berner, *Kiel University* **Chair:** Antti Laato, *Åbo Akademi University* **Respondent:** Reinhard Müller, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*	The Interconnections in Law and Narrative **Presenter:** Luis Quinones-Roman, *The University of Edinburgh* **Chair:** Hanna Liljefors, *Lund University* **Respondent:** Marika Pulkkinen, *University of Helsinki*

15:00 *Social Events*

18:30-21:00 *Dinner @ Riz Raz, Store Kannikestræde 19*

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Sunday, August 31:

08:30 *Optional Morning Prayer @ the Piano in Markedspladsen*

09:00-10:00 *Paper Session 7*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.05
Grief and Comfort in Lamentations 1 **Presenter:** Tessa Böhme, *Universitât Hamburg* **Chair:** Paul Joyce, *King's College London* **Respondent:** Antti Laato, *Åbo Akademi University*	Warfare Mutilation: Is There a Reason Beyond Humiliation? **Presenter:** John Tallefors, *Lund University* **Chair:** Marika Pulkkinen, *University of Helsinki* **Respondent:** Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, *Univeristy of Oslo*

10:00-10:15 *Coffee Break @ Markedspladsen*

10:15-11:15 *Paper Session 8*

Room 7C.1.19	Room 7C.1.17	Room 7C.1.05
The Performance of Complaint: A Performance Analysis of Psalm 3 **Presenter:** Johanna Rönnlund, *Uppsala University* **Chair:** Corinna Körting, *Universität Hamburg* **Respondent:** Urmas Nõmmik, *University of Tartu*	Capital Punishment in Biblical Law: A Critical Comparative Approach with Capital Punishment in Other Civilisations of the Ancient World **Presenter:** Alex-David Baldi, *King's College London* **Chair:** Matthew Monger, *MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society* **Respondent:** Reinhard Kratz, *Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*	The book of Job and focalization- a cognitive narrative approach **Presenter:** Sander Tulk, *University of Tartu* **Chair:** Christoph Berner, *University of Kiel* **Respondent:** Jesper Høgenhaven, *Københavns Universitet*

11:15-12:15 *PhD (7C.1.19)/Postdoc (7C.1.05) Meetings*

12:15-13:15 *Lunch @ Markedspladsen*

Coordinating Committee Meeting (7C.1.17)

13:15-14:00 *Business Meeting and Close @ Grundtvig Auditorium (8B.0.16)*