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The Novelties of The Books of Samuel

A Workshop on the Biblical Books of Samuel At Doshisha University

Co organized with Stanford University and Tel Aviv University
Tentative program- June 15, 2024

Sep. 14 (Sat.) 9:00-16:30

9:00-9:30 Opening greetings and some instructions
Ada Taggar Cohen, Vered Shemtov, Uri S. Cohen

Session 1: The Books of Samuel and World Literature Chair: Vered Shemtov

9:30 – 10:00 David Damrosch
“Samuel as World Literature”
10:00-10:30 Nancy Ruttenburg
“Faulkner’s *Absalom, Absalom*: The Antitypical Antitype”

Break 15 minutes

Session 2: Then and Now: New Perspectives on Social and Political Issues in the Books of Samuel Chair: Doron B. Cohen

10:45-11:15 Shira Stav
“Women in the Book of Samuel: Is There a Different Politics?” 11:15- 11:45 Uri S. Cohen
“Tamar my Brother’s Sister: Intimate and Public Implications of King and Court” 11:45-12:15 Chen Edelsburg
“He Made Himself Ill’: Illness and Consent From Amnon and Tamar to the #metoo Era”

12:15-13:30 Lunch break

Session 3: Origins and Impacts: David and Jonathan Chair: Yu Takeuchi

13:30-14:00 Kazuko Watanabe
“How the Relationship between Gilgamesh and Enkidu differs from the Relationship between David and Jonathan?”
14:00-14:30 Michael Gluzman
“More Wonderful than the Love of Women? David and Jonathan in Modern Hebrew Poetry”

Break 15 min

Session 4: The Construction of Characters: Future Visions Chair: Uri S. Cohen

14:45-15:15 Leora F. Batnistky
“Human Agency in the Book of Samuel” 15:15-15:45 Steven Weitzman
“David’s Messianic Secret”

7:00 Dinner (sponsored by Stanford)



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Session 6: The Book of Samuel in the Context of Other Ancient Literatures Chair: Kazuko Watanabe

10:00-10:30 Yu Takeuchi

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10:30-11:00 Ada Taggar Cohen

“Becoming a King in the Book of Samuel and the Hittite texts: The Story of David”

Break - 15 min

Session 7: Roundtable - Saul in Endor Chair: Ariel Horowitz

11:15-12:15 (reading material distributed, reading together to refresh the memory)

Ariel Horowitz will start us with 10 min intro and some background, and we will shift to discussing the story together

12:15-13:15 Lunch Break

Session 8: Aspects of the Novel in the Books of Samuel Chair: Ada Taggar Cohen

13:15-13:45 Marvin Sweeney

“The Book of Samuel: A Pre-Hellenistic Example of an Israelite/Judean Novel” 13:45-14:15 Soo Kim Sweeney:

“On the Verge of 'Another' Exile: David, the Ark, and a Metaleptic Reader of 2 Samuel 15:23-29”

14:15 Closing remarks

14:30

Trip on foot to the grounds of the Emperor Palace - Shinto Religion, the Buddhist Temple Shokoku-ji, and the Christian campus of Doshisha University – the uniqueness of religious proximity