



Commentaries on Psalms

Workshop des Arbeitskreises Rezeption des Alten Testaments (AKRAT)

Faculties of Catholic and Protestant Theology, Vienna University Monday, June 5th, 2023, 9.30-16.00, Schenkenstr. 8-10, A-1010 Vienna (+ Zoom)

The interdisciplinary workshop is dedicated to different conceptions of writing commentaries about the Psalms of the Hebrew Bible: Jewish and Christian, historic and contemporary. Inputs and discussion will deal with example texts, considering the following themes and questions:

- the relationship between the concepts of the Commentaries and realization in the concrete examples;
- explanations for the duplicity of Psalms;
- Is historic and literary research on the Psalm a "neutral" ground?
- How does the Jewish and Christian reception history influence the interpretation?
- What role does reflection on the interpreters' contexts play in their interpretations?
- Which new or critical perspectives can the reception history offer for today's interpretations?

Program:

9.30-11.30 Seminarraum 5, Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, 1st floor

Prof. Dr. Benjamin Sommer, Hebrew Bible, Jewish Theological Seminary New York: The new Commentary of the Jewish Publication Society (JPS). Psalm 14 as an example

Prof. Dr. Marianne Grohmann, Altes Testament, Universität Wien: International Commentary to the Old Testament (IECOT): Psalm 53 as an example

10.30 Prof. Dr. Marc Brettler, Hebrew Bible, Duke University (via Zoom from Jerusalem): Discussion about his article: "A Jewish Historical-Critical Commentary on Psalms. Psalm 114 as an Example," in: Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel 5/2016, 401-434

11.30-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-16.00 Hörsaal 1, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät, 5th floor

Constanza Cordoni and Gerhard Langer, Judaistik, Universität Wien: Rabbinic Exegesis to Psalm 14 and 53

Uta Heil, Kirchengeschichte, Universität Wien: Examples of Christian Commentaries on Psalms in Late Antiquity

15.00 Prof. Dr. Susan Gillingham, Biblical Studies, Oxford: Psalms 14 and 53: Similar Psalms, Different Receptions. Reception History Commentary to the Psalms, 2012-2022

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