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**CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE IN
PENTATEUCHAL THEORY:
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NORTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE**

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**All lectures will take place at the Feldman Building, Room 130,
The Edmond J. Safra Campus, Givat Ram**

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Bernard M. Levinson (University of Minnesota)
Baruch J. Schwartz (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich)**

Program

Sunday, 3 Sivan 5773 / May 12, 2013

9:00–9:10 **Welcome: Michal Linial**, Director (Israel Institute of Advanced Studies)

9:10–10:00 **IDENTIFYING THE MAIN POINTS OF CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE IN PENTATEUCHAL THEORY**

Bernard M. Levinson (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and University of Minnesota)

Baruch J. Schwartz (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Konrad Schmid (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and University of Zurich)

Coffee Break

10:15–12:30 **EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE PENTATEUCH**

Chair: Jan Christian Gertz (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and Heidelberg University)

Intellectual Infrastructure and the Writing of the Pentateuch: Empirical Models from Iron Age Inscriptions

Christopher Rollston (George Washington University)

Strategic Issues and Texts for Ongoing Debate about the Formation of the Pentateuch

David Carr (Union Theological Seminary, New York)

Inner-Biblical Exegesis: The View from Beyond the Bible

Molly Zahn (University of Kansas)

Lunch Break

13:30–15:45 **CAN THE PENTATEUCH BE READ IN ITS PRESENT FORM?
IS IT COHERENT OR INCOHERENT?**

Chair: Konrad Schmid (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and University of Zurich)

Does the Pentateuch Tell of Its Redactional Genesis? The Characters of Yhwh and Moses as Agents of Fortschreibung in the Pentateuch's Narrated World

Jean-Pierre Sonnet (Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome)

Why is the Pentateuch Unreadable; or, Why Are We Doing This Anyway?

Joel Baden (Yale University, New Haven)

Pentateuchal Coherence and the Science of Reading

Jeffrey Stackert (University of Chicago)

Coffee Break

16:00–18:15 **HOW TO DATE BIBLICAL TEXTS?**

Chair: Benjamin D. Sommer (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and Jewish Theological Seminary)

Linguistic Dating of the Pentateuch: Limits and Possibilities
Jan Joosten (University of Strasbourg)

How to Date Pentateuchal Texts? Some Case Studies
Thomas Römer (University of Lausanne and Collège de France, Paris)

Go Figure! The Linguistic History of the Numeral “11” in Biblical Hebrew as a Case Study for Some Pitfalls of the Linguistic Dating of P
Noam Mizrahi (Tel Aviv University)

Monday, 4 Sivan 5773 / May 13, 2013

9:00–10:30 **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SECOND TEMPLE LITERATURE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE PENTATEUCH**

Chair: Bernard M. Levinson (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and University of Minnesota)

The Temple Scroll and the Formation of the Pentateuch
Reinhard G. Kratz (University of Göttingen)

The Dynamics of Rewriting the Pentateuch in Jewish Literature of the Second Temple Period
Michael Segal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Coffee Break

10:45–12:30 **EVIDENCE FOR REDACTIONAL ACTIVITY IN THE PENTATEUCH**

Chair: Baruch J. Schwartz (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Sources or Redactions? The Contribution of the LXX, of the Samaritan Pentateuch, and of Qumran
Jean Louis Ska (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)

Consideration of the Use of Source Material in Explanations of Compositional Complexity
David Wright (Brandeis University, Waltham)

Lunch Break

13:30–15:45 **WAS THE PENTATEUCH COMPILED OR REDACTED?**

Chair: Shimon Gesundheit (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Pentateuch: A Compilation by Redactors
Christoph Levin (University of Munich)

Empirical Models for Redaction of Legal Corpora: What Can They Teach Us about the Growth of the Pentateuch?
Cynthia Edenburg (The Open University of Israel)

There's No Master Key! The Literary Character of the Priestly Stratum and the Formation of the Pentateuch
Jakob Wöhrle (University of Münster)

Coffee Break

16:00–18:00 **RETHINKING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS**

Chair: Dalit Rom-Shiloni (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and Tel Aviv University)

Ezekiel's Torah
Christophe Nihan (University of Lausanne)

The Use of Genesis Sibling Rivalry Traditions in Zechariah 9-14
Mark J. Boda (McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton)

The Prophet Jeremiah, the Priest from Anathoth: Priestly Traditions in the Book of Jeremiah
Dalit Rom-Shiloni (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and Tel Aviv University)

18:15–19:00 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair: Sara Japhet (Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)