

Interpretation as a Generator of Religious Law: A Comparative Perspective

Group Seminar Program

Date	Member	Subject
30.10	Berachyahu Lifshitz	Trying to Reveal the Plain Meaning of 'peshat' (פּשֶׁט) and 'derash' (דֶּרֶשׁ) .
6.11	Bernadette Brooten	A Precarious Life: Human Property and the Synod of Elvira
13.11	Adiel Shcremer	Legal Work: Destabilization, Innovative Interpretation, and Change in the Jewish Legal Tradition
20.11	Heeraman Tiwari	"Crisis of Conscience and the Burden of Ethics: Interpretation of Dharma in Sanskrit and Buddhist Religious Philosophy"
27.11	Vered Noam	Between Exegesis and Politics: More on the Red Heifer Dispute
4.12	Lutz Doering	Interpretation and Authority in an Early Christian Rule Book: The Case of the Didache
11.12	Rami Reiner	Between Interpretation and Legislation - Rabbenu Tam's Enactment for Returning the Dowry as a Case Study

Date	Time	Speaker	Seminar topic
Thursday 18.12	11:00	Michael Satlow Brown University	Josephus and Scripture: When, Where, and How.
Monday 22.12	14:30	Yair Lorberbaum Bar-Ilan University	On Transcending (Rejecting) the Rationale of the Commandments and the Halakhot - The Case of the Prohibition on Shaving the Beard and the Corners of the Head.
Thursday 1.1	11:00	Mira Balberg Northwestern University	"The Rabbinic Reinvention of Sacrifice: Between Interpretation, Preservation, and Revolution"
Thursday 8.1	13:00	Steven Wilf University of Connecticut	Towards a Legal History of the Imagination
Thursday 15.1	13:00	Yitzhak Melamed Johns Hopkins University	"Spinoza Against the Law (or Spinoza on Laws of Nature as Accidental Necessities),"
Thursday 22.1	13:00	Yifat Monnickendam Hebrew University of Jerusalem	The Hidden Christian Law: Creating a New Digital Corpus of Legal Traditions

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Thursday 29.1	--	vacation	--
Thursday 5.2	--	vacation	--
Thursday 12.2	13:30	Armin Lange University of Vienna	“Interpretation as a Creator of Religious Law in the Biblical Text?”
Thursday 19.2	evening	Public lectures related to Purim	Details will follow
Thursday 26.2	--	vacation	--
Thursday 5.3	--	(Purim Holiday)	--
Thursday 12.3	13:30	Iyad Zahalka Qadi of Jerusalem Sharia Court, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University	Legislation for Muslim Minorities and the Shari'a in the Modern Era
Thursday 19.3	13:30	Steven Fraade Yale University	“If a Case is Too Baffling for You to Decide...” (Deuteronomy 17: 8-13): Between Constraining and Expanding Judicial Autonomy in the Temple Scroll and Early Rabbinic Scriptural Interpretation”
Thursday 26.3	13:30	Tal Ilan Freie Universität, Berlin	The Babylonian Talmud on non-Kosher Birds