

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR  
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Solomon in Story and History  
**New Perspectives**

2<sup>nd</sup> Berlin–Oxford Summer  
School in Biblical Studies  
4–8 September, 2017

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

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*Programme*

King Solomon is an ambiguous figure. The promised son of David, incarnation of wisdom, and builder of the Jerusalem temple, he is also remembered as a tyrant and worshiper of false gods. The historical background of this figure, the way it plays out in the text of 1 Kings 1–11, and the reception of the figure of Solomon in later writings are controversial topics that have recently attracted much attention. The Summer School will introduce graduate students from Europe and around the world to new perspectives on the Solomon Story. Five international specialists from four countries will discuss various aspects and issues.

*Monday, 4 September*

Jan Joosten – Textual criticism and textual history of 1 Kgs 3–11

*Tuesday, 5 September*

Hindy Najman – Solomonic Discourse and the legacy of Wisdom

*Wednesday, 6 September*

André Lemaire – An historical approach to Solomon and his kingdom

*Thursday, 7 September*

Frank Ueberschaer – Redaction history of 1 Kgs 3–11

*Friday, 8 September*

Bernd Schipper – Egyptian background of the Story of Solomon

*Lecturers*

**Jan Joosten** (ThD, Brussels; PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) is Regius Professor of Hebrew at the University of Oxford.

**André Lemaire** (PhD, Paris) is Director of Studies at the École Pratique des Hautes Études

**Hindy Najman** (PhD, Harvard University) is Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford.

**Bernd U. Schipper** (ThD, Bonn University; PhD, Hamburg University) is Professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Religion at the Humboldt University of Berlin.

**Frank Ueberschaer** (PhD Wuppertal) is Professor of Old Testament at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

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### *Language*

All seminar sessions during the Berlin—Oxford Summer School will be given in **English**.

### *Content*

Each day of the Summer School is guided by one of the lecturers, and usually follows the following format:

- state of research (10 a.m.–12 p.m.)
- lecture (1:30–3:00 p.m.)
- text-based seminar (3:30– 5:00 p.m.)

### *How to prepare*

Eight weeks before the Summer School each student will receive a **reader** with the literature and a list of the Hebrew texts which should be prepared for the seminars. Each participant will prepare a **15-minute paper**, summarizing a classical position of previous research, for one of the seminars on the current state of research.

### *Participation Fee*

The participation fee for the Berlin—Oxford Summer School is £250 GBP. This includes:

- lectures and seminar sessions
- course materials
- an attractive cultural programme
- lunch (from Monday to Friday)

The costs of travel to and from Oxford, breakfast, dinner, and housing will not be covered by the participation fee.

### *Housing*

Many of the historic colleges of Oxford offer B&B accommodations (single room plus breakfast) during the month of September. The Summer School organizers will be happy to assist students in finding reasonable accommodations within walking distance of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies.



### *Application Procedure*

The number of participants of the Berlin—Oxford Summer School is limited to 12.

Applications should be made before **30 April, 2017** to the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, attn. of Dr. John Screnock (john.screnock@orinst.ox.ac.uk). Applications should include a statement of personal motivation for participating in the Summer School, a curriculum vitae, and previous student records/transcripts.

Successful applicants will receive the binding authorisation to participate as well as detailed course information by **15 May, 2017**.

### *Directions*

The Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies is located in the heart of Oxford on Walton Street, within walking distance of the central bus and train stations.

