

CHRONICLES

AND THE PRIESTLY LITERATURE

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9:30 - 17:30

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Introduction

Recent progress of studies of Persian Yehud (late 6th – late 4th Century B.C.E.) has dynamically increased our knowledge of the period, which has often been regarded as a less known, “dark” period in the History of Israel. The studies have shown that the Judahite community in the Persian province of Yehud can be characterized by the existence of competing religio-political groups and social classes. These groups or classes had divergent religious ideas, economic and political interests, and different attitudes towards the Achaemenid authority. The biblical texts conceived in this period reflect such diverse ideas and interests, often resulting in conflicts and debates between different scribal circles.

This conference has been initiated from an inquiry, whether such scribal conflicts and debates may be primarily observed around the temple of Jerusalem in the Persian period, especially between the different clerical classes such as the Aaronite/Zadokite priests and the Levites. In the Ancient Near East scribal activities were traditionally linked to temples, along with royal courts; so a similar phenomenon could be at stake in regard to the temple of Jerusalem. If there were competing scribal circles in the temple, the debates between them are assumed to have been more intense than those between more distant groups. Some clues for such struggles may already be found in the so-called priestly literature. For instance, Ezekiel 44 and Numbers 16, harshly criticize the Levites for their claim for priesthood, which the authors of those texts reserve exclusively for the Aaronite/Zadokite priests. In the course of time, also the Levites seem to have engaged in scribal activity, as one may observe in a number of pro-Levitical passages in the Books of Chronicles and Ezra-Nehemiah as well as in the Psalms attributed to clans of Levitical singers. The so-called ‘Levitical passages’ especially in Chronicles endeavor to significantly advance the cause of the Levites in the temple service. Since, however, other priestly texts regulate and perpetuate the lower status of the Levites and often harshly denounce them (Number 3-4;8; 16; Ezekiel 44), the Levites’ scribal struggle for the higher status might have engaged themselves in debates with the priestly literature. The study of the Books of Chronicles, however, have focused mainly on its literary relationship to Historical Books such as Samuel and Kings and less attentions were payed to its possible relationships to the priestly literature.

Against this backdrop, the proposed conference aims to examine the literary and socio-historical relationship between the Books of Chronicles and the priestly literature (in the Pentateuch and Ezekiel). Since Chronicles and Pentateuch (P and also Ezekiel) have been regarded as two separated fields of study, we would like to invite experts from both fields and open a space for fruitful discussions with each other. Papers to be presented may deal with connections and interactions between specific texts, ideas, and socio-historical contexts of the two literary works as well as a broad observation of the relationship between them.

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Venue

All the lectures will take place
in Biophore's **Amphi n°2914**

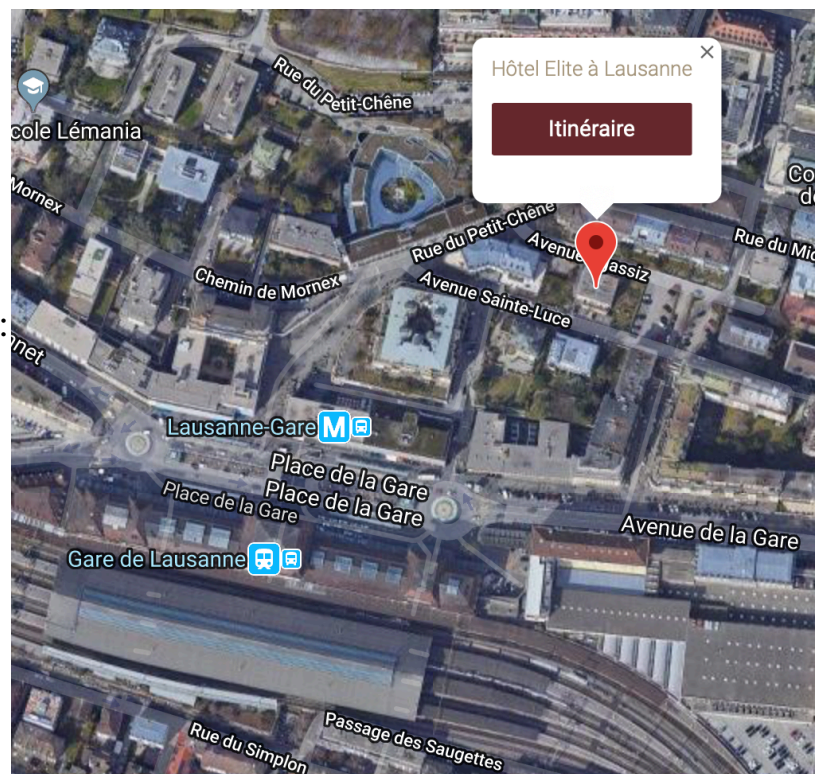


Accommodation

Those who will be accommodated in Lausanne will stay at :

Hôtel Elite Lausanne

<http://www.elite-lausanne.ch>



Monday 18 November

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| 09:30-10:00 | Opening and welcoming : Simon Buttica (Director of IRSB, University of Lausanne) Introduction to the theme of the conference : Jaeyoung Jeon / Louis Jonker | Chair : Thomas Römer |
| 10:00-10:45 | <u>Lecture 1 :</u> Jean-Louis Ska (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome) <i>Pentateuch and Chronicles: History of Research</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Thomas Römer |
| 10:45-11:15 | Coffee break | |
| 11:15-12:00 | <u>Lecture 2 :</u> Lester Grabbe (University of Hull) <i>Scribes in the Post-Exilic Temple: A Social Perspective</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Louis Jonker |
| 12:00-12:45 | <u>Lecture 3 :</u> Joachim Schaper (University of Aberdeen) <i>Genealogy as Tool and Weapon: The Case of P and Chronicles</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Louis Jonker |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:45 | <u>Lecture 4 :</u> Graeme Auld (University of Edinburgh) <i>Many 'generations' in 1 Chr 1-9 but minimal 'life' (30')</i> Discussion (15') | Chair : Jürg Hutzli |
| 14:45-15:30 | <u>Lecture 5 :</u> Kristin Weingart (Ludwig-Maximiliansuniversität, München) <i>The Twelve Tribes of Israel in Chronicles and Ezekiel</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Jürg Hutzli |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break | |
| 16:00-16:45 | <u>Lecture 6 :</u> Reinhard Achenbach (University of Münster) <i>Proto-Chronistic Features in the Late Priestly Layers of Numbers and Their Reception in the Chronicles</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Christophe Nihan |
| 16:45-17:30 | <u>Lecture 7 :</u> Hans-Peter Mathys (University of Basel) <i>Numbers and Chronicles: Close Relatives</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Christophe Nihan |

Tuesday 19 November

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| 09:30-10:15 | <u>Lecture 8 :</u> Thomas Willi (University of Greifswald) <i>Israels altneuer Gottesdienst und was ihn nach Chr konstituiert: Traditionen, Texte, Applikationen</i> <i>sogenannt "priesterlicher" Provenienz (30')</i> Discussion (15') | Chair : Jean-Louis Ska |
| 10:15-11:00 | <u>Lecture 9 :</u> Jaeyoung Jeon (University of Lausanne) <i>Histories of the Levites and Zadokites : struggles for cultural capital (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Jean-Louis Ska |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break | |
| 11:30-12:15 | <u>Lecture 10 :</u> Esias E. Meyer (University of Pretoria) <i>Sacrifices in Chronicles: How Priestly were they? (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Hans-Peter Mathys |
| 12:15-13:00 | <u>Lecture 11 :</u> Lars Maskow (University of Münster / Evangelisch Lutherische Kirche in Oldenburg) <i>Priestly Implicatures in the Chronicle Books (2 Chron. 26:16-21) (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Hans-Peter Mathys |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:45 | <u>Lecture 12 :</u> Jürg Hutzli (University of Lausanne) <i>In the role of a second Moses : David's promulgation of the temple-model (30')</i> Discussion (15') | Chair : Jaeyoung Jeon |
| 14:45-15:30 | <u>Lecture 13 :</u> Louis Jonker (Stellenbosch University) <i>Pushing back against Levitical aspirations: Late Persian period literature in discourse with Chronicles (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Jaeyoung Jeon |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break | |
| 16:00-16:45 | <u>Lecture 14 :</u> Ehud Ben Zvi (University of Alberta) <i>Remembering Levites in the world/s of the past conjured by Chronicles. Some Considerations (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Reinhard Achenbach |
| 16:45-17:30 | <u>Lecture 15 :</u> Christine Mitchell (St. Andrew's College, University of Saskatchewan) <i>The righteousness of the Levites in Chronicles and Ezekiel (30'), Discussion (15')</i> | Chair : Reinhard Achenbach |

Wednesday 20 November

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| 09:30-10:15 | <u>Lecture 16 :</u> Christophe Nihan (University of Lausanne) <i>The High Priest in Chronicles and in the Priestly Traditions: Continuities and Discontinuities</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Thomas Römer |
| 10:15-11:00 | <u>Lecture 17 :</u> Benjamin D. Giffone (LCC International University) <i>No Day of Atonement During the Temple Dedication? Pentateuchal Ritual Calendars Presumed in Chronicles</i> (30') Discussion (15') | Chair : Thomas Römer |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break | |
| 11:30-12:30 | Open discussion (45') Publication ? (15') | Chair : Thomas Römer Louis Jonker Jaeyoung Jeon |

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