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Situating Israelites and Jews in Normative Discourses

FALL COLLOQUIUM: DECEMBER 15–16, 2021

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:15–11:30 am EST
WELCOME
Natalie Dohrmann, Katz Center Associate Director
Opening Remarks: Hanan Mazeh
Ben Gurion University of the Negev

11:30 am–1:00 pm EST
PANEL 1: IN THE HEBREW BIBLE
Chair & Moderator: Guy Darshan
Tel Aviv University

The So-Called Polygamous Man in Deuteronomy 21:15–17
Sara Milstein, University of British Columbia

From Prophetic Social Criticism to Divine Law: The Reception of Amos and Hosea in the Covenant Code
Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich

What Can We Learn from the Use of Source Material in Deuteronomic Legal Composition?
Jeffrey Stackert, University of Chicago

1:00–1:30 pm EST
BREAK

1:30–3:00 pm EST
PANEL 2: IN PALESTINE
Chair & Moderator: Yael Wilfand
Bar-Ilan University

Defining a Price: Pretium in Roman Emptio Venditio and the Jewish Acquisition of Movable
Merav Haklai, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

The Rabbinic Courtroom Oath in Its Roman Context
Tzvi Novick, University of Notre Dame

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 am–1:00 pm EST
PANEL 3: IN THE SASANIAN EMPIRE
Chair & Moderator: Simcha Gross
University of Pennsylvania

The Talmud and the Dēn: Comparing Rabbinic and Zoroastrian Textual Production
Shai Secunda, Bard College

Rabbis, Demons, and the Efficacy of Ancient Jewish Law
Avigail Manekin-Bamberger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Reading Manichaean and Rabbinic Literatures Together
Jae Han, Brown University

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PANEL 4: IN THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE
Chair & Moderator: Hamza Zafer
University of Washington

Contextualization, Interplay, and Comparison
Lena Salaymeh, Oxford University

The Case for Codes in the Qur’an
Joseph E. Lowry, University of Pennsylvania

Qur’anic Law in its Jewish, Christian, and Pagan Context
Holger M. Zellentin, University of Tübingen

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