The Minerva Center for the Relations between Israel and Aram in Biblical Times

Research Colloquium

Jerusalem and the West. Perspectives from Archaeology, Biblical Studies and History

4–5 December 2019, Universität Leipzig, Campus Augustusplatz
Neues Seminargebäude, Room S 203

Wednesday, December 4th

13:30 Gathering, Coffee and Refreshments

14:00 Greetings and Introduction, Angelika Berlejung, Aren M. Maeir, Felix Hagemeyer

14:15 First Session: Jerusalem and the West in the Iron Age

Felix Hagemeyer, Universität Leipzig: Jerusalem and the West: Research desiderata and new perspectives

David Ben-Shlomo, Ariel University: Jerusalem, Judah and Philistia: Links during the Iron Age

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 First Session – Continuation

Aren M. Maeir, Bar-Ilan University: Jerusalem and the West, through Philistia

17:00 Second Session: Jerusalem’s Hinterland and the Shephelah

Gunnar Lehmann, Ben Gurion University of the Negev: The Shephelah between Jerusalem and Gath: The early Iron Age

Hermann Michael Niemann, Universität Rostock: Jerusalem and the West: Considerations on the western border of David’s reign

19:00 Dinner
**Thursday, December 5th**

**09:15 Gathering**

**09:30 Third Session: Biblical Perspectives on the West and the Southern Coastal Plain**

Manfred Oeming, Universität Heidelberg: *No ‘language of Ashdod’ in Jerusalem! Nehemiah’s aggressive policy against foreign ‘languages’ (Neh 13:23–31) as a necessary survival concept in the Persian-Hellenistic periods*

Benedikt Hensel, Universität Mainz: *The Ark Narrative(s) 1 Sam 4-6*/ 2 Sam 6* between Philistia, Jerusalem and Assur: *On their historical background and literary historical place*

**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Fourth Session: Jerusalem and its political and economic links to the South and East**

Erez Ben-Yosef, Tel Aviv University: *Jerusalem’s metal supply in the Iron Age: Current state of research*

Yuval Gadot, Tel Aviv University: *Jerusalem and the Assyrian world order: Jerusalem and its regional connections during the 7th century BCE*

**13:00 Concluding Discussion**

**13:30 Lunch**

**End of conference: 14:30**

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