

# POLITISCHE THEORIE IM ALTEN UND NEUEN TESTAMENT UND IN IHRER UMWELT

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### ENTANGLED POLITICAL THOUGHT: REFLECTING IMPERIAL CONSTELLATIONS IN THE HEBREW BIBLE AND NEW TESTAMENT AND IN THEIR CULTURAL CONTEXTS

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- 9:00 *Joachim J. Krause (Bochum), Wolfgang Oswald (Tübingen), and Stefan Krauter (Zurich)*  
**Reflecting Imperial Constellations in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament and in their Cultural Contexts**
- 9:45 *Jessie DeGrado (Ann Arbor)*  
**Building Assyrian Political Thought**
- 11:15 *Konrad Schmid (Zurich)*  
**The Birth of an Imperial God: The Isaiah Tradition and the Assyrian Empire**
- 12:15 *Wolfgang Oswald (Tübingen)*  
**The Invisible Empire: Deuteronomy and the Great Powers**
- 15:00 *Christian Frevel (Bochum)*  
**Priestly Hierarchy as Rule in the Book of Numbers: Political Discourses and Narratives in the Persian Period**
- 16:00 *Zhaoyu Yan (Zurich)*  
**Educated in Foreign Courts: The Motif of “Foreign Knowledge” through Biblical Figures and Their Early Receptions**
- 17:30 *Joachim J. Krause and Sophia Johnson (Bochum)*  
**Reflecting Imperial Constellations: The Literary Figure of Rahab as Focal Point for Projections of Political Thought**

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- 9:00 *Rotem Avneri Meir (New Haven)*  
**Imperial Difference and Regimes of Distinction in the Hellenistic Levant**
- 10:00 *Markus Lau (Chur)*  
**“Die zu herrschen Scheinenden ...” (Mk 10,42) – oder: Politisches Denken im Markusevangelium? Anmerkungen zu Wahrnehmungen, Reflexionen und Inszenierungen politischer Konstellationen in der markinischen Erzählwelt**
- 11:30 *Christoph Heilig (Munich)*  
**Paul beyond Empire: Conceptualizing the Limits of Roman Rule in the Pauline Letters**
- 12:30 *Stefan Krauter (Zurich)*  
**Appropriation, Adaptation or Resistance? The Pastoral Epistles and the Roman Empire**
- 15:00 *Simon Lentzsch (Trier)*  
**Rome and the Empire in Early Imperial Thought: From Livy to Seneca**
- 16:00 *Matthias Morgenstern (Tübingen)*  
**Imperial Constellations in the Book of Genesis according to the Midrash Genesis Rabbah**
- 17:30 *Concluding Discussion*